

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL ~~13~~, 2017

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, April 13, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Sachse City Hall, 3815-B Sachse Road, Sachse, Texas. Those present were Mayor Mike Felix, Mayor Pro Tem Charlie Ross, Council Members Brett Franks, Paul Watkins, Bill Adams, Cullen King, and Jeff Bickerstaff. City Manager, Gina Nash; City Secretary, Michelle Lewis Sirianni; Community Development Director, Dusty McAfee; Community Services Manager, Mike Green; Parks and Recreation Director, Lance Whitworth; Finance Director, Teresa Savage; Human Resources Director, Melinda Walter; Director of Public Works and Engineering, Greg Peters; Fire Chief, Marty Wade, and Police Chief, Bryan Sylvester.

Mayor Felix opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO U.S. AND STATE FLAG: The invocation was offered by Councilman King and the pledges by Councilman Watkins.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be acted on by one motion, with no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member or citizen so requests.

17-3748 Approve the minutes of the March 20, 2017 workshop meeting.

17-3749 Approve the minutes of the March 20, 2017 regular meeting.

17-3751 Approve a resolution of the City of Sachse, Texas suspending the April 21, 2017, effective date of OnCor Electric Delivery Company's requested rate change to permit the City time to study the request and to establish reasonable rates; approving cooperation with the Steering Committee of Cities served by OnCor to hire legal and consulting services and to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel for the Steering Committee.

17-3752 Accept the Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Report for the period ending February 28, 2017.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to approve items 17-3748, 17-3749, 17-3751 and 17-3752 as submitted. Councilman King seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Councilman King stated that it is National Autism Awareness month and many are supporting by displaying a blue porch light. The Animal Shelter is looking for teen volunteers for the months of June, July and August and at least 16 years of age, and the Vietnam Moving Wall that is coming to Sachse has a Facebook page that citizens can log into and support the project and/or volunteer.

Mayor Pro Tem Ross stated that the Library is hosting the Hudson Middle School robotics on April 4 at 6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 11, the UTD Chemistry Department will present science experiments for all ages, crochet classes will take place on April 17 and April 24, and on April 29 at 2:00 p.m., the Perot Tech Truck will be at the Library. The Library will be closed on Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15 for Easter weekend.

Mayor Felix stated that on Saturday, April 8, Easter events will take place at Heritage Park and the Vietnam Moving Wall will be here Memorial Day weekend. Mayor Felix commented on the recent Arbor Day event and thanked staff and all the volunteers and those that took part. It was a great turnout and event.

CITIZENS INPUT:

Bobby Tillman, 6314 Ben Road, introduced his son Bryan Tillman who spoke regarding seeking assistance from the Police and Fire to do a motorcycle escort for the Vietnam Moving Wall on Memorial Day weekend.

Courtney Rhodaback, 2509 Rebecca Drive, is concerned with the speeding occurring on her street while there are children out playing.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

17-3754 Consider a resolution approving a contract with MetLife for group dental insurance and renewing an agreement with United Health Care and Avesis for group health insurance and benefits for the employees of the City of Sachse.

Mrs. Nash stated that this item will allow Council to vote to renew medical insurance with United Health Care and Avesis for vision as well as a resolution approving a contract with MetLife.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to approve a resolution approving a contract with MetLife for group dental insurance and renewing an agreement with United Health Care and Avesis for group health insurance and benefits for the employees of the City of Sachse. Councilman King seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

17-3747 Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 6 titled "Health and Sanitation" by removing Section 6-7 titled "Weeds, Brush, and Objectionable Vegetation" in its entirety

and replacing it with a new Section 6-7 titled "Nuisances and Vegetation" setting forth new regulations for nuisances and accumulated vegetation.

Mr. McAfee stated that City Council recently held a workshop meeting on this item on March 20. The proposed ordinance addresses and includes several nuisance types, provides definitions, notice requirements, and abatement and lien processes, which are all in compliance with state law. Staff is recommending approval of the proposed ordinance changes.

Councilman Franks stated any opportunity they have to clean up the City, he is in favor of supporting.

Councilman Watkins made a motion to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 6 titled "Health and Sanitation" by removing Section 6-7 titled "Weeds, Brush, and Objectionable Vegetation" in its entirety and replacing it with a new Section 6-7 titled "Nuisances and Vegetation" setting forth new regulations for nuisances and accumulated vegetation. Councilman King seconded that motion.

Kathy Cobb, 3820 6th Street, asked if organizing a volunteer group to help others would be beneficial, especially the residents who may not be able to keep up with items or needs help doing. Councilman King commented that there are several church groups that help in situations like these.

Mayor Felix stated that there is a motion and a second. Motion carries unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

17-3750 Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 9 titled "Traffic Regulations" by amending Section 9-7 titled "Abandoned and Junked Motor Vehicles" by setting forth new regulations.

Mrs. Nash stated that this item has no substance changes as written except for the one sticker rule and the grace period went from 45 days to 30 days. This ordinance has been on the books a very long time and with the state since 1971. This would be the first time the City would actively enforce.

Councilman King made a motion to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 9 titled "Traffic Regulations" by amending Section 9-7 titled "Abandoned and Junked Motor Vehicles" by setting forth new regulations. Mayor Pro Tem Ross seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

17-3753 Consider approval of a Project Specific Agreement by and between the City of Sachse and Dallas County to fund the construction of traffic and pedestrian improvements on Miles Road in front of Sachse High School.

Mrs. Nash stated that this is the final step needed with Dallas County in regards to the improvements that will be made in front of the high school. Council recently approved an agreement with Garland ISD that has partnered with the City as well to help fund this project.

Mr. Peters provided an overview of the project scope, partners, and funding with Garland ISD funding 25%, Dallas County 50%, and the City 25%. The project is anticipated to begin June 3,

and be completed before the first day of school for the 2017-2018 year. Staff recommends approval of the agreement.

Councilman King asked if they would be able to test the school zones before school starts and work with the ISD to get the word out regarding the improvements that will be done. Mr. Peters ensured that he will work with the ISD to make sure this happens.

Councilman Adams made a motion to approve a Project Specific Agreement by and between the City of Sachse and Dallas County to fund the construction of traffic and pedestrian improvements on Miles Road in front of Sachse High School. Councilman Franks seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

17-3755 Discuss the upcoming Street Maintenance Sales and Use Tax Election.

Mrs. Nash stated that Mr. Peters would be providing an update with this being the first renewal of the street maintenance tax.

Mr. Peters presented Council with an overview of the program, which is a method of funding street maintenance projects through the local sales tax. State law requires voters to approve the program through an election every four years. Since the program began in 2014, funds received have totaled \$932,037.89. Eligible projects can include any street in the City. However, the City chooses based on the PASER score and available funds. Projects are identified during the annual budget process. Mr. Peters identified projects that have been completed through this funding program. The re-authorization for this sales and use tax is on the May 6 ballot. If approved by the voters, the program will continue and if it is not approved, then there will no longer be funding for the street maintenance projects through sales tax.

Councilman Franks asked if this funding was used for panel replacements. Mr. Peters replied no and it is not used for sidewalks and/or alleys as well.

No further comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michelle Lewis Sirianni
Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary


MIKE J. FELIX, MAYOR

