

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 7, 2020

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, December 7, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. via virtual teleconference. Those present were Mayor Mike Felix, Mayor Pro Tem Michelle Howarth, Councilmembers Brett Franks, Frank Millsap, Chance Lindsey, Cullen King, and Jeff Bickerstaff; City Manager, Gina Nash; City Secretary, Michelle Lewis Sirianni; IT Manager, Danny Wheeler; Library Manager, Daniel Laney; Director of CIP and Public Works, Corey Nesbit; Finance Director, Teresa Savage; Development Services Director, Matt Robinson; Human Resources Director, Melinda Walter; Fire Chief, Marty Wade, and Police Chief, Bryan Sylvester. Councilman Paul Watkins was absent.

Mayor Felix opened the workshop meeting at 6:32 p.m.

SACHSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM BUILDING UPDATE: Receive a building update regarding the museum for the Sachse Historical Society.

Diana Smith and Tricia Lindsey with the Sachse Historical Society presented an update on the museum property. They gave a history of the property, along with various restoration and preservation projects, and repairs made at the museum. They noted their various media outlets, especially the newly redesigned website. Ms. Smith noted the amount of volunteer hours and stated the need for a larger space a few times of year for various events. She stated their future goal is to have a bigger building, for which she presented a concept plan. Their biggest concern is that moving forward has been problematic because they are not the owners of the property. They believe if this building was able to be built, it could be an anchor for the Old Town district.

Councilman King stated he supports the idea of expanding the museum, but would like more details on how the city would proceed.

Councilman Bickerstaff stated he would like the city to keep pursuing, but would also like more direction on how they would proceed.

Mayor Felix asked would the city want to invest and noted the idea of it being a destination spot.

Mayor Pro Tem Franks stated he supports the idea of the project.

Councilwoman Howarth stated she likes the idea, but would need to see some more specifics.

Councilman Lindsey asked if they ever considered rotating exhibits and appreciated all the efforts place into the caboose restoration.

Ms. Nash stated she will set up a meeting with Ms. Smith to discuss how to proceed.

No further comments or action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Section §551.074: Personnel - regarding the annual review of the City Manager.

At 7:17 p.m., the City Council recessed into Executive Session.

At 8:05 p.m., the City Council reconvened back into the workshop session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the workshop at 8:06 p.m.

Mayor Felix opened the regular meeting at 8:07 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO U.S. AND STATE FLAGS:

Councilman King offered the invocation and Councilman Bickerstaff led the pledges.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Administer the oath of office to newly elected Councilmembers and present their Certificate of Election.

Mayor Felix administered the oath of office to Frank Millsap, Councilmember Place 3.

Mayor Felix administered the oath of office to Chance Lindsey, Councilmember Place 4.

Recognize outgoing Councilmember Paul Watkins for his service to the City of Sachse.

Mayor Felix read a plaque to be presented to outgoing Councilmember Paul Watkins.

Mayor and City Council Announcements regarding special events, current activities, and local achievements.

Councilman Bickerstaff congratulated the Wylie band for performing well at the Area competition and earning their way to State. He also stated the Sachse High School band did well and had a great year. Lastly, he offered his condolences for the loss of John Robinson, Assistant Director of the Sachse band.

Councilman King also expressed his condolences for the loss of John Robinson, as well as congratulations to the Wylie band. He thanked outgoing Councilmember Paul Watkins for service and congratulated newly elect Frank Millsap. Councilman King reminded residents to tag and chip their animals and along with adopting from the shelter.

Mayor Felix thanked all the staff for the tree lighting and the drive-thru light display. He noted they had over 500 cars on the first night.

CITIZEN INPUT:

No comments were made.

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 City Councilmember or citizen so requests.

1. Approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020, combined meeting.
2. Approve canceling the January 4, 2021 City Council combined meeting.
3. Move the Monday, January 18, 2021 City Council combined meeting to Tuesday, January 19, 2021.
4. Accept the monthly revenue and expenditure report for the period ending October 31, 2020.
5. Approve a resolution amending the authorized representatives of the City of Sachse with the Texas Local Government Investment Pool ("Texpool/Texpool Prime").
6. Accept the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended on September 30, 2020.
7. Authorize the City Manager to renew the terms and conditions of the Wholesale Wastewater Contract, by and between the City of Sachse and the City of Garland for the treatment of wastewater.

Councilman King made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Councilman Bickerstaff seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

Take any action as a result of Executive Session.

No action was taken.

Consider appointment of a Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilman Bickerstaff stated he would like to nominate Councilman Franks as Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to appoint Councilman Franks as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman King seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Newly Mayor Pro Tem Franks accepted the appointment.

Discuss and consider the J.K. Sachse Park concepts presented by Kimley-Horn.

Lance Whitworth stated at the September 10, 2020, Parks and Recreation Board meeting, the board made a recommendation to City Council on the prioritization of amenities that should be included

in J.K. Sachse Park. Kimley-Horn and Associates took the Parks and Recreation Board recommendation and the Municipal Development District Board recommendation and created two concepts. These concepts were presented on November 12, 2020, to both the Municipal Development District and Parks and Recreation Boards. The Municipal Development District Board made a recommendation to City Council to approve Concept A for the conceptual plan for J.K. Sachse Park. The Parks and Recreation Board made a recommendation to City Council to approve Concept A with changes to take out the ping pong and corn hole and add outdoor exercise equipment in its place for J.K. Sachse Park. Mr. Whitworth stated staff is seeking the direction of which concept plan the City Council would like to proceed with for the park.

Leah Campbell with Kimley-Horn presented to the City Council Concept A and Concept B highlighting each area of the park and the differences of each. She also outlined the phasing plan of each and noting the approximate overall cost for each was \$2.7 million.

Councilman King stated he liked Concept A and asked how the funding would be addressed. Mr. Whitworth stated that the MDD Board will have \$1 million at the end of 2020 and collect \$400,000 annually. He noted the idea is to do phase one and to keep adding as able even if they cannot do a full phase in one year. Mr. Whitworth indicated that the boards wanted a unique park for the City and to do it right even if that meant it would take several years to complete.

Mayor Felix asked if the outdoor exercise equipment was fixed into place. Ms. Campbell replied yes, it is.

Mayor Pro Tem Franks stated he likes Concept A, but the playfield in Concept B. He noted he favored the curvature of Concept A versus the linear in Concept B.

Councilman Bickerstaff stated he likes Concept A and the uniqueness about it. Councilman Lindsey agreed.

Mayor Pro Tem Franks made a motion to approve Concept A in lieu of the outdoor ping pong and cornhole, and to add the outdoor exercise equipment in its place. Councilwoman Howarth seconded that motion.

The motion passes with a 6-0 vote. Councilman Millsap abstained.

Consider a resolution adopting the City of Sachse, Sachse Economic Development Corporation, Sachse Municipal Development District, President George Bush Turnpike Reinvestment Zone Tax Increment, and Reinvestment Zone Number Two Investment Policy ("Sachse Investment Policy").

Ms. Savage stated there are additional modifications this year that include: the addition of Reinvestment Zone Number Two, an additional Investment Officer, and updates to the authorized broker/dealer firms. Ms. Savage stated if the City Council approves, the remaining executive boards will approve during the upcoming year to get final signatures.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to approve a resolution adopting the City of Sachse, Sachse Economic Development Corporation, Sachse Municipal Development District, President George Bush Turnpike Reinvestment Zone Tax Increment, and Reinvestment Zone Number Two Investment Policy ("Sachse Investment Policy"). Councilman King seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Receive an update regarding actions taken by the City as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and any future measures that may be necessary including city operations and facilities, public safety, financial employee impact, and the CARES Act.

Ms. Nash provided the final update on the projects completed using CARES Act funding. The projects included the second-floor building modification, the contact tracing with the badge readers and interior cameras, and the 5 Loaves community project. Both counties have approved all timelines with the few delays in receiving some of the equipment, and have submitted all required documents.

Councilman Bickerstaff asked if there were any updates regarding the HERO's Act. Ms. Nash replied there has been no update, but expects possibly a hybrid of the Act to be approved by Congress.

No further comments or action taken.

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Mayor Felix stated Executive Session was completed during the workshop with no action being taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.




MIKE J. FELIX, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary