

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 7, 2016

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at Sachse City Hall, 3815-B Sachse Road, Sachse, Texas. Those present were Mayor Mike Felix, Council Members Brett Franks, Charlie Ross, Paul Watkins, Bill Adams, Cullen King, and Jeff Bickerstaff; City Manager, Gina Nash; City Secretary, Michelle Lewis Sirianni; City Attorney, Joe Gorfida; City Engineer, Greg Peters; Community Development Director, Dustin McAfee; Parks and Recreation Director, Lance Whitworth; Human Resources Director, Stacy Buckley; Interim Fire Chief, Martin Wade; Police Chief, Bryan Sylvester, and Finance Director, Teresa Savage.

Mayor Felix opened the meeting at 7:54 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 Ross.

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. **16-3244** Approve the minutes of the February 15, 2016 workshop meeting. **16-3246** Approve the minutes of the February 15, 2016 regular meeting. **16-3257** Approve the minutes of the February 29, 2016 special joint meeting. **16-3248** Consider an ordinance cancelling the May 7, 2016 General Election. **16-3254** Consider receiving the Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Report for the period ending January 31, 2016. **16-3258** Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Development Agreement with Sachse 95, LTD, a Texas Limited Partnership, for the development of Kensington Park.

Councilman Adams made a motion to approve items 16-3244, 16-3246, 16-3257, 16-3248, 16-3254 and 16-3258 as submitted. Councilman Bickerstaff seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS,

Councilman Adams congratulated Mayor Felix on the birth of his first grandchild, Hattie Suzanne.

Councilman King mentioned the Sachse Historical Society meeting that occurred over the weekend, along with thanking those involved with the Eagle Scout project at the Animal Shelter and for their efforts in putting up shelves and remodeling the play area for the cats. Councilman King acknowledged those from Troop 78 that were in the audience working on their badges.

Councilman Ross stated that on Tuesday, March 8 at noon the *Hunger Games* Marathon will begin. On Wednesday, March 9 at 2:00 p.m. the Library will show the movie *Goosebumps*. On Thursday, March 10 an intro to Photoshop workshop will take place at 2:00 p.m., and on Monday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m. join the Library for a hat making class.

Mayor Pro Tem Franks congratulated Mayor Felix, Cullen King and Jeff Bickerstaff for going unopposed in this year's Election. Mayor Pro Tem Franks announced the City's Easter Events. On Saturday, March 19 at Heritage Park, the City will host the Easer Egg Scramble at 10:00 a.m., the Doggie Bone Hunt at 7:30 p.m., and the Flashlight Egg Hunt at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor Felix stated that the City will host its annual citywide trash cleanup and Arbor Day Jubilee on April 8 and April 9. He also thanked Odie Hall for doing a great job at the Sachse Historical Society meeting held over the weekend.

CITIZENS INPUT:

Tiry Williams, 3116 Lance Lane, stated that the circus will be in town on March 23 and 24 at the First Baptist Church. There will be two shows a day at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. For more information you can visit the Chamber of Commerce website.

Martha Lloyd, 6605 Eastview Drive, Sachse, asked Council to reconsider the speed limit on Pleasant Valley Road as well as to do another traffic study. Ms. Lloyd submitted a petition of individuals in opposition to the 30 mph speed limit. Of the 190 signatures, 60 were from Sachse residents.

Linda Knight, 2960 Whitley Road, Wylie, stated that the 30 mph speed limit on Pleasant Valley is too low and asked Council to reconsider changing it back to 40 mph.

Chance Lindsey, 3715 Rock House Road, Sachse, stated that the speed limit on Pleasant Valley road is too low and asked Council to consider changing to 40 mph.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

16-3250 Consider receiving the City's Comprehensive Annual Finance Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015.

Anthony Cardiel, CPA with BrooksCardiel, PLLC provided financial highlights on the report including the City's revenues and expenditures. Mr. Cardiel stated the firm has issued an unmodified or "clean" opinion with an emphasis-of-a-matter paragraph to highlight the adoption of new accounting pronouncements.

Councilman Ross made a motion to approve the Comprehensive Annual Finance Report. Councilman Watkins seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

16-3260 Discuss and receive direction from the City Council regarding retail energy supply services for the City of Sachse and move forward with the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power, Inc. (TCAP) or negotiating services with a retail energy broker.

Mrs. Nash introduced this item stating that the City can only purchase power directly from a Retail Electric Provider, which under Texas law exists to give the impressions of a competitive market. The City has relied on TCAP for analysis of the market and guidance, but that is not the only option available. The City is free to obtain individual pricing on its own or by utilizing a retail energy broker. While these brokers are offering potential additional savings, these lower rates are not guaranteed until the City selects a Retail Energy Provider directly or signs a contract with a retail energy broker to negotiate electric rates. TCAP has provided a resolution for consideration on the next agenda item with NextEra, the designated supplier for deliveries of electricity for five years beginning January 1, 2018. It sets the rate per kWh at a not to exceed price of 4.1 cents. Mrs. Nash is asking for direction from Council on the following options: (1) Sign the TCAP resolution and direct staff to enter into the contract with TCAP with a "not to exceed threshold" or (2) Direct staff to select an energy broker to obtain competitive quotes for purchasing electricity beginning in January 2018.

The Council discussed both options and the advantages and disadvantages of both, the current market rate(s), as well as what their threshold rate.

Councilman Adams made a motion to direct the City Manager to move forward with TCAP. Councilman Ross seconded that motion. The motion passes with a 6-1 vote. Mayor Pro Tem Franks opposed.

16-3255 Consider a resolution authorizing the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power, Inc. (TCAP) to negotiate an electric supply agreement for five years for deliveries of electricity effective January 1, 2018.

Mrs. Nash stated that the City's current charge per kWh is 7.44 cents. The resolution provided sets the rate per kWh at a not-to-exceed price of 3.9 cents. Mrs. Nash asked Council within their consideration that if they choose to approve the resolution, the Council is not bound to enter into a contract with TCAP, but if they do enter a contract the Council needs to authorize herself or the Mayor to execute the agreement as well as consider their threshold rate.

Jay Doegey, Executive Director of TCAP, noted the latest trends in the pricing that he has seen as well as noted rates within the other Zones. The Zones are set geographically. The City is in the North Zone and the rate will be finalized in a conference call on March 8.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the TCAP to negotiate an electric supply agreement for five years for deliveries of electricity effective January 1, 2018 with a rate not to exceed 3.6 cents per kWh as well as authorize the City Manager or the Mayor to execute said agreement. Councilman King seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

16-3259 Discuss and consider approval of a contract for Professional Services with Gateway Planning Group, Inc. and authorize the City Manager to execute for the same.

Mr. McAfee provided a timeline overview and review of the final scope for the Comprehensive Plan update. Mr. McAfee stated the City will fund the Comprehensive Plan components and the EDC will fund the EDC related components. Staff is recommending approval of a contract with Gateway Planning Group, Inc., and to authorize the City Manager to execute said agreement.

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

16-3253 Consider an ordinance authorizing certain budget amendments pertaining to the fiscal year 2015-2016 budget; and providing an effective date.

Mrs. Nash stated the budget amendment is to approve the funding for the Comprehensive Plan update and the funds have been earmarked until the Council decides to move forward with the project.

Councilman King made a motion to approve an ordinance authorizing budget amendments pertaining to fiscal year 2015-2016 budget. Mayor Pro Tem Franks seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

16-3229 Consider and authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the lease agreement with the Sachse Chamber of Commerce to lease a portion of the former municipal building at 5560 S.H. 78.

Mrs. Nash stated that the Chamber of Commerce staff and City staff have discussed the renewal of the lease agreement. Although the lease agreement had lapsed, the Chamber of Commerce wanted comfort in knowing where they'd be in the next few years. This amendment to the lease agreement would propose a one year lease with the option for one additional one year renewal by the City of Sachse, providing written notice within 30 days prior to the end of the term.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to approve an amendment to the lease agreement with the Sachse Chamber of Commerce. Councilman Watkins seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

16-3247 Consider and act on a Preliminary Plat application for Kensington Park from JBI Partners, generally located north of the intersection of Ben Road and Pleasant Valley Estates, within city limits.

Mr. McAfee introduced this item stating that the proposed Preliminary Plat is approximately 95 acres with 65 residential lots and three HOA lots. The proposed plat is in compliance with the zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations. At the February 8, 2016 Planning and Zoning meeting, the Commission unanimously recommended approval of the proposed plat. Staff recommends approval.

Councilman Adams made a motion to approve a Preliminary Plat application for Kensington Park. Councilman Watkins seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

16-3241 Discuss sidewalk maintenance policies.

Mr. Peters introduced this item providing an overview of the City's current sidewalk policy and repair/replacement methods, sidewalk condition types, status of Sachse sidewalks, and repairs that have been made in the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Mr. Peters discussed current challenges and policies in other cities including construction cost information. Staff is recommending Council to define trip hazard, structural failure, and cosmetic damage including the eligibility and prioritization of each repair/replacement based on these definitions. Staff is also seeking feedback on the sidewalk policy items including: minimum requirements for replacement, construction method, and funding.

The Council discussed the funding, the prioritization, the proposed sidewalk schedule, and the time it takes to complete such repairs/replacements. The Council was supportive of the proposed funding mechanisms based on the condition, the levels of prioritization, and how projects would be selected based on staff's recommendations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

16-3245 The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Section §551.074: Personnel: regarding the six month review of the City Secretary.

At 10:26 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Adams to recess into Executive Session. Councilman Watkins seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

At 10:51 p.m., City Council reconvened back into regular session.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 10:52 p.m. Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting.


MIKE J. FELIX, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary

