

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 6, 2017

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, March 6, 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; Parks and Recreation Director, Lance Whitworth; Finance Director, Teresa Savage; Finance Manager, Berna Fitzpatrick; Economic Development Director, Leslyn Blake; Fire Chief, Marty Wade; and Police Officer, Michael Hunter and City Attorney, Joe Gorfida.

Mayor Felix opened the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

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

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.

17-3702 Accept the Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Report for the period ending January 31, 2017.

17-3709 Approve the minutes of the February 20, 2017 workshop meeting.

17-3710 Approve the minutes of the February 20, 2017 regular meeting.

17-3713 Approve a preliminary plat application for Trepex Senior Housing from Trepex Construction, generally located east of Miles Road and south of Sewell Elementary, within City limits.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to approve items 17-3702, 17-3709, 17-3710, and 17-3713 as submitted. Councilman Adams seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Councilman Franks stated the Veterans Moving Wall will be on display Memorial Day weekend; Friday, May 26 to Monday, May 29.

Councilman King stated the Historical Society held their annual meeting over the weekend along with the dedication to the caboose.

Mayor Pro Tem Ross stated on Tuesday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m. the Library will host a party for Dr. Seuss; on Tuesday, March 14 at 1:30 p.m., the Library will host a bike rodeo. Helmets are required. On Thursday, March 16, miniature horses return at 11:00 a.m., Monday, March 20 at 6:00 p.m., the Library will have a crochet class, and on Tuesday, March 21 a digital photography class at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Felix stated on Saturday, March 25 the Sachse Baseball Association will hold their annual parade. On Saturday, April 1 the annual Arbor Day Jubilee / Team Up & Clean Up event will take place at City Hall and on Saturday, April 8 the Parks and Recreation Department will hold their annual Easter events including the Easter Egg Scramble, Doggie Bone Hunt, and Flashlight Egg Hunt.

CITIZENS INPUT:

Bobby Tillman, 6314 Ben Road, stated the Sachse Historical Society held their annual meeting on Sunday, March 5 along with a caboose ceremony unveiling the new historical marker. The Historical Society will host free tours of the caboose. Mr. Tillman thanked the City for restoring the caboose and for all their support.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session conducted in the March 6, 2017 workshop session.

17-3696 Consider an ordinance granting to Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division, a franchise to furnish, transport and supply gas to the general public in the City of Sachse, Dallas County, Texas for the transporting, delivery, sale, and distribution of gas in, out of, and through said municipality for all purposes; providing for the payment of a fee or charge for the use of public rights-of-way; repealing all previous Atmos Energy Gas ordinances; providing that it shall be in lieu of other fees and charges, excepting Ad Valorem Taxes; prescribing the terms, conditions, obligations, and limitations under which such franchise shall be exercised.

Mayor Felix stated that no action will be taken this evening and is only a first reading.

Mrs. Nash commented that Council will have the option to approve this item at their next meeting. The only change is payments will be received quarterly versus annually.

17-3706 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.

Mr. McAfee introduced this item stating Council recently discussed this item in a workshop session. The ordinance will provide for clean-up of the procedural language as well as one of the items identified in the Comprehensive Plan update to provide for better curb appeal. Mr. McAfee noted that as directed by Council, the sticker expiration must be more than thirty days before it's considered a violation. Staff recommends approval of the proposed revisions to the ordinance.

Councilman King asked how staff would address permitting hobby vehicles and how they would be classified.

Mayor Felix opened up comments to the public.

Frank Millsap, 3904 Miles Road, expressed his concerns regarding the ordinance including enforcement, motor vehicle inspections, and a person who may be refurbishing/restoring vehicles as a hobby.

Scott Everett, 5205 Miles Road, expressed his concern on how the ordinance would be enforced and where such vehicles could be parked.

Greg Wilson, 5414 Heritage Circle, stated he is in the process of restoring a vehicle and would like to see a provision within the ordinance that would have no time limit for those restoring vehicles.

Councilman King made a motion to table this item until the next meeting.

Council discussed having staff review items of concern and bring back at a later date.

Councilman King amended his motion to withdraw this item at this time. Councilman Bickerstaff seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

17-3714 Consider a resolution awarding the bid for the construction of the turn bay and traffic signal installations at the intersections of Miles Road and Hunters Ridge Drive and Miles Road and Haverhill Lane project.

Mrs. Nash presented this item providing an overview of the project, the project scope, construction plan, overview of the bid process, funding including project partners, and proposed timeline. Staff recommends approval to award bid for construction of the turn bay and traffic signal installation at the intersections of Miles Road and Hunters Ridge Drive and Miles Road and Haverhill Lane.

Councilman Adams commended staff for the work on the project and working with GISD and Dallas County on the improvements.

Councilman King made a motion to approve a resolution awarding the bid for the construction of the turn bay and traffic signal installations at the intersections of Miles Road and Hunters Ridge Drive and Miles Road and Haverhill Lane project. Councilman Bickerstaff seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

17-3715 Consider an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement; by and between the City of Sachse, Texas and Garland Independent School District, Texas, for public transportation improvements along Miles Road in the vicinity of Sachse High School.

Mrs. Nash stated that agreement was approved by the Garland ISD at their meeting held on February 28. Council may now consider approving the ILA with Garland for the improvements along Miles Road.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City and Garland ISD for public transportation improvements along Miles Road. Councilman Adams seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

17-3716 Consider a resolution approving the terms and conditions of an Economic Development Agreement by and between the Sachse Economic Corporation and Sachse Rod Shop.

Ms. Blake introduced this item by providing an overview and specifics of the agreement, and the return on investment. Ms. Blake stated the EDC Corporation approved the agreement at their meeting held on February 16.

Scott Everett, 5205 Miles Road, stated he would like to see the monies put to better use. I.e. the sewer line along the PGBT.

Councilman King made a motion to approve a resolution approving the terms and conditions of an Economic Development Agreement by and between the Sachse Economic Corporation and Sachse Rod Shop. Councilman Adams seconded that motion. Item approved with a 6-1 vote. Mayor Pro Tem Ross opposed.

17-3717 Consider a resolution approving the terms and conditions of an Economic Development Agreement by and between the Sachse Economic Development Corporation and the Sachse Historical Society.

Ms. Blake introduced this item would help fund the Veterans Moving Wall Exhibition. The EDC agreed to repay upon a payment request in amount not to exceed \$10,000. The grant would fund actual costs incurred for materials and supplies, excluding taxes and permit fees, and less any donations or contributions for the project. The EDC Corporation approved the agreement at their meeting held on February 16.

Councilman King made a motion to approve a resolution approving the terms and conditions of an Economic Development Agreement by and between the Sachse Economic Development Corporation and the Sachse Historical Society. Councilman Bickerstaff seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

17-3712 Conduct a public hearing on the 2017 City of Sachse Comprehensive Plan and consider a Resolution approving the 2017 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Sachse to provide for a comprehensive planning program, vision, and official policy for the future of the City.

Mrs. Berry, consultant with Catalyst, presented Council with an overview and update of the progress of the Comprehensive Plan. Mrs. Berry reviewed community engagement and what've they heard through the process, reviewed the three catalytic areas and key sites for new development and redevelopment. Mrs. Berry emphasized that all the plans and images are conceptual and possible scenarios of what could happen. The three sites included Industrial Park/Ranch Road, Old town, and the PGBT area. Recommendations for implementation were given for each area along with the Future Land Use Plan. Mr. Claunch, consultant with Catalyst, provided the fiscal impact assessment including an overview of the components used to analyze each scenario. Mrs. Berry concluded the presentation with highlighting the implementation recommendations, touching on the Master Thoroughfare Plan (MTP), Parks, Trails, and Open Space Plan, and the Future Land Use Plan (FLUP).

Mayor Felix opened the public hearing.

Liz Tobler, 3345 7th Street, commented on the pedestrian crossings at Alexander and Billingsly, the road improvements projected on 5th Street, and open spaces within Salmon Estates.

Greg Wilson, 5414 Heritage Circle, is in opposition to mixed use housing and stated that public transit options are needed for the Merritt and George Bush location.

Bobby Tillman, 6314 Ben Road, stated he is in favor of moving forward with the plan. He would like consideration made when zoning occurs to ensure established businesses are not affected.

Kathy Cobb, 3820 6th Street, stated that she would like the plan accessible with copies at the Library, City Hall, etc. She would like to see SH 78 pedestrian friendly, and asked about the signage and sidewalks on the 5th Street road improvements.

Richard Simpson, 4416 Merritt Road, stated he is against multi-family apartments.

Judy Gouge, 6408 Ben Road, stated her concern is where the multi-family is being built and is against apartments.

Scott Everett, 5205 Miles Road, stated he is in favor of the Comprehensive Plan and would like to see the focus be on the PGBT area with the EDC assisting with improvements on the sewer line improvements that are needed for this area.

Lyndsey Rhode, 3423 Glenhaven Drive, stated as a member of the EDC and Chamber, she supports the plan.

Jim Campbell, 4126 Merritt Road, is opposed to multi-family apartments.

Tricia Lindsey, 3718 Rock House Road, stated that on behalf of Mrs. Palmer, she would like to see a rec center in Sachse along with more businesses. Mrs. Lindsey stated that she was part of the CPAC committee and feels that the plan offers good options for Sachse.

Marcia Harris-Daniel, 5612 Creek Crossing Lane, stated as a member of the EDC she would encourage a beautification plan along SH 78 and is in favor of the plan.

Jessica Fruggiero, 3704 Arbordale Lane, stated her concern is the multi-family apartments, the long term plan for Old Town, and the access on 5th Street.

David Marten, 4908 Maple Shade Ave., would like to see Sachse a destination location and is in favor of the plan.

Maria Holland, 4523 Maple Shade, is opposed to multi-family apartments and being Section 8.

Jeanie Marten, 4908 Maple Shade, stated she is in favor of the plan.

Mike VanBuskirk, 7517 Forest Ridge Trail, stated as a member of the EDC, he believes the plan is a vital tool provides vision to the City. He is in favor of the plan.

Debra Morrison, 7804 Vista Creek, stated she is opposed to multi-family housing at the 190 corridor, but would like to see retail and restaurants in this location.

Tiry Williams, 3116 Lance Lane, stated as the representative from the Chamber, they support the plan and as an individual, is also in favor of the plan.

Jackie Eickelberger, 7121 Bailey, stated she has been part of the plan process and supports the plan.

Norman Hall, 2421 Highridge Drive, stated he was a part of the CPAC committee and supports the plan.

Diana Smith, 4802 Sachse Road, stated she was a part of the CPAC committee and highly supports the plan.

Cyndi Mitchell, 3128 Welch Lane, stated she supports the plan. The City needs the diversity in housing to support the community and would like to see a 'Cityline' like project on the PGBT.

Mayor Felix closed the public hearing.

Councilman Adams stated the plan is a "vision". He would prefer to see commercial/medical in the PGBT with a transition zone.

Councilman Bickerstaff stated he supports the plan and believes it provides quality guidelines and standards for the City.

Councilman Watkins also believes the plan is a "vision" and fully supports the plan.

Council Franks stated that the updating of the City's building standards, code, and updates to the Future Land Use Plan will attract and make Sachse a destination location with the commercial and retail attractions that many are wanting. Mr. Franks commented that the plan will allow the City to plan for the future and will allow for several options and diversity within the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Ross stated that he commends the community engagement received throughout this process. He noted that the plan encompasses concepts, which does not set anything in stone. Mayor Pro Tem Ross is in favor of the plan.

Mayor Felix stated he wants to keep the quality of life to the citizens and values all the input received.

Councilman King made a motion to approve the 2017 Comprehensive Plan. Councilman Bickerstaff seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting at 10:26 p.m.


MIKE J FELIX, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary

