

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 5, 2018

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers. Those present were Mayor Mike Felix, Mayor Pro Tem Paul Watkins, Council Members Brett Franks, Charlie Ross, Bill Adams, and Jeff Bickerstaff. City Manager, Gina Nash; City Secretary, Michelle Lewis Sirianni; Assistant to the City Manager, Lauren Rose; Human Resources Director, Melinda Walter; Development Services Director, Dusty McAfee; Director of Public Works and Engineering, Greg Peters; Economic Development Director, Leslyn Blake; Marketing Specialist, Bradley Weber; Finance Director, Teresa Savage; Finance Manager, Berna Fitzpatrick; Parks and Recreation Director, Lance Whitworth; Fire Chief, Marty Wade, and Assistant Police Chief, Steven Baxter. Councilman Cullen King was absent.

Mayor Felix opened the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

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

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.

18-4163 - Approve the minutes of the February 19, 2018 workshop meeting.

18-4164 – Approve the minutes of the February 19, 2018 regular meeting.

18-4166 – Approve the minutes of the February 24, 2018 workshop meeting.

18-4162 – Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a drainage easement to the City of Wylie, Texas.

18-4167 – Accept the monthly revenue and expenditure report for the period ending January 31, 2018.

18-4169 – Accept the quarterly Budget and Investment reports for the quarter ending December 31, 2017.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to approve items on the consent agenda items as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Watkins seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Councilman Ross stated on Tuesday, March 6 the Library will host a DIY Teen art event at 6:00 p.m. that will involve lots of duct tape. On Thursday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m. there will be classic games and button making. On Saturday, March 10, the movie Thor Ragnarok will be shown at 12:30 p.m. The movie Coco will play at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 12 and Tuesday, March 13 is family game night at 6:00 p.m. Citizens can drop off their stuffed animals on Wednesday, March 14 for Stuffie Sleep Away until Friday, March 16. Lastly, on Tuesday, March 20 at 11:00 kid's yoga with the theme 'Frozen'.

Councilman Bickerstaff congratulated the Sachse High School girls' basketball team for a great season.

Mayor Felix stated that on March 24 the Easter Egg events will take place and on April 7, the Great American Cleanup/Arbor Day Event.

CITIZENS INPUT:

Terry Smith, 5011 Brook Hollow, stated his concerns and frustrations regarding recent and previous occurrences at his residence.

Tricia Lyndsey, 3718 Rock House Road, asked Council for an update on the Sachse Road widening project. Mrs. Nash commented that it will go out to bid in May with a fall construction start time.

Kristen Eleazer, 5007 Eureka Lane, offered her thanks to the City for responding to water issues on her street. Mrs. Eleazer stated that Mr. Peters responded to her email and addressed their concerns with the drainage on their street.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

18-4165 Receive a presentation regarding audio-visual upgrades in the Council Chambers.

Mrs. Rose stated that we are currently facing equipment challenges in the Council Chambers. Recently, the audio-visual equipment has caused disruptions during meetings. Much of the equipment is original to when Sachse City Hall was completed. Many of the platforms, are either outdated with limited functionality or are no longer serviceable, and the City does not have staff with expertise with this technology. Staff has been identifying the issues and begun to seek a long-term solution. These solutions include ways to improve the quality of the meetings, enhance video streaming services, the audio and video quality, as well as integration with the meeting agenda. Mrs. Rose outlined how the franchise fees collected from cable operations can be used and their limitations.

Mrs. Nash stated staff is seeking feedback on the services outlined and if there are any other items staff should consider. If Council chooses to move forward, staff will bring back an option for Council to review and approve in April.

Mayor Pro Tem Watkins asked if there is the ability to broadcast the Planning and Zoning meetings. Mrs. Nash stated that there are different packages offered based on a certain number of meetings, but Council would have that opportunity to consider including them.

Councilman Ross stated that the recent upgrades have been good additions and believes staff should cover the fundamentals first, which includes microphones, content that is displayed, and the overall conducting of the meeting. Councilman Ross also asked what the ultimate cost would be. Mrs. Nash stated that the service providers being explored will be able to evaluate what we are currently using and determine what will be needed to move forward. They will do all the services and would be an all in one solution, and staff would have built-in consultations.

Councilman Franks stated that the video, the sound quality, and the backup of the meetings all needs resolved. Councilman Franks asked if any of the recent enhancements would have to be replaced, as well as if the current cameras would remain or be replaced. Mrs. Rose replied that although the current cameras are sufficient, they would be replaced to improve the overall viewing quality of the meeting.

Councilman Adams expressed the importance of staying transparent.

Councilman Bickerstaff expressed that he would like the system to be convenient for citizens. He noted his liking of the agenda integration and the ability to go to specific items. Councilman Bickerstaff also asked about the funding source and what the City is currently paying in monthly service fees. Mrs. Nash commented that staff is comparing services and options and those will be included when the item is brought back to Council.

Mayor Felix stated that all of the equipment needs to be completely replaced.

Council consensus was to bring the item back in April for consideration.

Jim Mathis, 7002 Burning Bush, stated that he likes the audio upgrades and is in favor of this item.

18-4171 Consider a resolution approving a Project Specific Agreement with Dallas County, Texas for Sachse Road maintenance.

Mr. Peters stated that this item is separate from the Sachse Road widening project. This project is for two segments of Sachse Road, which include SH 78 to 5th Street and from the Public Works to the northeast City limit. The project is for maintenance only and the City will manage the project, but will partner with Dallas County for funding. Mr. Peters presented a timeline for the project with it be completed by December 1, 2018. Staff is recommending approval.

Councilman Ross asked if both segments would be worked on concurrently and would the west side section overlap with the 5th Street widening. Mr. Peters responded that the segments would be worked on at the same time and that he will be working with the contractor and the County in regards to the traffic patterns. Typically, flaggers are used to control traffic flow and workers will not be present during rush hour traffic.

Councilman Franks asked if there is a way to keep construction trucks off the road due to avoid quicker deterioration of the road. Councilman Adams stated he would prefer to see it done in concrete since it lasts longer.

Councilman Adams asked if there were plans on road rehab on Sachse Road from SH 78 to 5th Street where it is cut off at 5th Street. Mr. Peters explained how the road will be blended in when the widening occurs and the roundabout is constructed.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to approve a Project Specific Agreement with Dallas County, Texas for Sachse Road maintenance. Mayor Pro Tem Watkins seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Economic Development* shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Section §551.087: Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations: Discussion of SEDC providing and sponsoring a Special Event.

At 8:52 p.m., City Council recessed into Executive Session.

At 9:31 p.m., City Council reconvened back into Regular Session.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to authorize the Sachse Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) to promote a Food Truck event at 3324 5th Street, Sachse, Texas for the period of April 1, 2018 through November 30, 2018, subject to the SEDC and the applicable vendors obtaining the necessary permits for the event. Councilman Adams seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

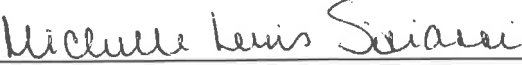
*Scribner's error. Should read 'City Council'.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.


MIKE J FELIX, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary

