

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 20, 2017

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, February 20, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Sachse City Hall, 3815-B Sachse Road, Sachse, Texas. Those present were Mayor Pro Tem 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 Manager, Berna Fitzpatrick; Director of Public Works and Engineering, Greg Peters; Economic Development Director, Leslyn Blake; Fire Chief, Marty Wade; and Police Chief, Bryan Sylvester.

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 King 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.

17-3680 Accept the Quarterly Budget and Investment Reports for the quarter ended December 31, 2016.

17-3693 Approve the minutes of the February 6, 2017 workshop meeting.

17-3694 Approve the minutes of the February 6, 2017 regular meeting.

Councilman Adams made a motion to approve items 17-3680, 17-3693, and 17-3694 as submitted. Councilman Bickerstaff seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Councilman Franks stated that the Daddy/Daughter event had a great turn out with approximately 150 persons. Councilman Franks thanked staff for putting on such a great event.

Mayor Pro Tem Ross stated that tax forms are still available at the Library while supplies last. The Library will be hosting Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas on March 6 at 1:30 p.m. Also on March 6 at 7:00 p.m. the Library will host Star Gazing with Max Corneau. On Tuesday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m. will be a party for Dr. Seuss, and on Tuesday, March 14 at 1:30 p.m., the Library will host a bike rodeo. Helmets are required. Mayor Pro Tem Ross commented that on a different note, he

recently attended a CERT Training Course and highly recommends anyone to attend. It provides useful information in what to do in a major disaster.

Mayor Felix stated on May 26-29, the Veterans Moving Wall will be here. 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.

17-3643 Recognize employees for their service to the City of Sachse.

Mayor Felix recognized the following employees:

- James Marple for 15 years of service.
- Katie Munson for employee of the quarter.
- Robert Beauchamp for employee of the year for 2016.

17-3644 Recognize Luke Keefer and Gavin Portillo for being named to the USA National Football Team.

Mayor Felix recognized Luke Keefer and Gavin Portillo, seventh graders at Hudson Middle School for being names to the USA National Football Team. Luke and Gavin were selected to represent the US to play in the International Bowl, which is an official international competition. All games were played at AT&T stadium with more than 500 top U.S. high school and junior high athletes.

CITIZENS INPUT:

Bobby Tillman, 6314 Ben Road, stated the Sachse Historical Society is having their annual meeting on Sunday, March 5 at Charles Smith Funeral Home at 2:00 p.m. There will also be a short caboose ceremony unveiling the new historical marker.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

17-3692 Discuss the Council Chambers audio visual equipment.

Mrs. Lewis Sirianni presented this item to Council stating that there has been several concerns raised regarding the quality of Council meeting footage being shown on the PEG channel. This item will address lighting, the cameras and projector, the City Secretary's computer, and funding. Mrs. Lewis Sirianni stated that the lighting appears dark, making it difficult to see faces while viewing on the PEG channel. The Council could install additional lighting to improve the display. The display on the PEG channel is also being compressed through the camera's making it difficult to see view. A higher aspect ratio is need on the cameras. Staff is researching where this is occurring through the encoding process. The projector display was initially supposed to have a screen paint applied to the wall. This did not occur. Council could apply screen paint, purchase

new projector and/or projector screen that would be mounted and controlled electronically. The City Secretary computer is currently out of date and needs updated. Staff has been researching compatible of the current software to ensure a smooth transition. Also due to the amount of meetings held monthly, staff would need to ensure an allowable time to perform upgrade. Mrs. Lewis Sirianni stated that the City currently receives PEG funds through the cable franchise fees. These funds are specifically allocated to be used for maintenance or repairs to equipment for the broadcasting of meetings. There are currently sufficient funds to cover these repairs/updates.

The Council discussed the items presented with the consensus to move forward and update the City Secretary's computer and requested to move forward on receiving quotes on lighting including LED lighting, a dropdown projector screen, a new projector, and checking sound quality.

17-3697 Receive an update on the proposed traffic signal and pedestrian crossing improvements on Miles Road at Sachse High School.

Mrs. Nash introduced this item stating that staff will be attending the Garland ISD meeting on February 28 where the ISD will be able to vote on the ILA agreement that will grant 25% funding towards this project. Staff is hopeful that it will be approved.

Mr. Peters presented Council with an overview of the current traffic patterns along Miles Road including the traffic study that was done in 2014. The study included Miles Road, Hunters Ridge Drive, Haverhill Lane, and the entry and exit drives for Sachse High School. Mr. Peters displayed the current campus traffic circulation, observations, traffic study findings, recommended improvements, and the engineering design and construction process. The City advertised the project for bid. The apparent low bid was received from McMahon Contractors. The project partners include Garland ISD (25% funding) and Dallas County (50% funding) along with the City (25% funding). Mr. Peters stated that the goal is to do the project during the summer and completed prior to school starting. The Council will receive in upcoming meetings Interlocal Agreements with Dallas County and Garland ISD for consideration along with awarding the construction contract.

The Council discussed the timeline of the project and the construction process and how it may affect traffic. Mr. Peters commented that it may cause some delays, but staff will do their best to work with the contractor to ensure that it is less disruptive during peak times.

17-3699 Receive an update from the Sachse Historical Society regarding the progress made on planning for the Veterans Moving Wall.

Jim Mathis with the Sachse Historical Society gave an update regarding the progress on the planning for the Veterans Moving Wall. The progress update included where they are on donations, sponsorships, and fundraising as well as working with local groups to help with the landscaping (Garden Club) and other details. He added that they are still searching for a speaker, but have created advertising materials which will include some media print and coverage by Channel 11. Mr. Mathis stated that they continue to meet and work with staff regarding the upcoming event to ensure needs are met.

17-3698 Discuss and consider a proposal from the Friends of Sachse Parks and Recreation to construct a temporary dog park on city property in front of the Sachse Animal Shelter.

Mrs. Nash introduced this item stating that Council will receive two presentations. One from staff and one from the Friends of Sachse Parks and Recreation. Staff is seeking direction from Council on proposed changes.

Mr. Whitworth presented with a review of the March 7, 2016 Council workshop which included the proposed items for the temporary dog park. Staff recently met with representatives from the Friends group. In that meeting, they proposed several changes to the original dog park plan. Mr. Whitworth stated that they will present a request for approval to make these changes.

Chance Lindsey, 3718 Rock House Road, with the Friends of Sachse Parks and Recreation reiterated the initial request from the March 7, 2016 workshop meeting including the proposed layout design of the temporary park using the Sachse Animal Shelter space, the type of fencing, signage, maintenance, parking, operating hours, etc. The outcome of that workshop was that as long as there was no additional cost(s) or staffing to the City, the Friends could pursue fundraising efforts to raise the money needed. Mr. Lindsey stated that Friends group have achieved and surpassed their fundraising goal. The group recently met with staff to discuss concerns and proposed a new alternative layout of the temporary dog park. Mr. Lindsey stated they are asking Council to consider the location, entrance, operating hours, and trial period duration.

Council discussed the items presented for consideration. Concerns from Council included parking, the front entrance location, and irrigation if any of temporary dog park, how it will be monitored, and if successful if there is another location suitable for a permanent location. Council would also like to re-evaluate after four months of opening and determine how it is doing.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to approve the original agreement presented with temporary period beginning April 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017 with an evaluation done in August, 2017, and operating hours being weekends and holiday. Councilman Adams seconded that motion. The motion passed with a 6-1 vote. Councilman King opposed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Section §551.072: Deliberation of the purchase, sale, and license of real property generally located in mid-west part of the City of Sachse.

At 9:51 p.m., City Council recessed into Executive Session.

At 10:21 p.m., City Council reconvened back into regular session.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting at 10:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michelle Lewis Sirianni
Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary

Mike J. Felix
MIKE J. FELIX, MAYOR

