

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 21, 2020

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Sachse City Hall, 3815 Sachse Road, Building B, Sachse, Texas. Those present were Mayor Mike Felix, Mayor Pro Tem Michelle Howarth, Councilmembers Brett Franks, Paul Watkins, Cullen King, and Jeff Bickerstaff; City Manager, Gina Nash; City Secretary, Michelle Lewis Sirianni; Strategic Services Manager, Lauren Rose; Finance Director, Teresa Savage; IT Manager, Danny Wheeler; Parks and Recreation Director, Lance Whitworth; Public Works and CIP Director, Corey Nesbit; Development Services Director, Matt Robinson; Fire Chief, Marty Wade; Deputy Fire Chief, Lee Richardson; and Police Chief, Bryan Sylvester.

Mayor Felix opened the regular City Council meeting at 7:06 p.m.

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

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

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Howarth announced upcoming Library events.

Councilman Franks announced the upcoming Daddy/Daughter Dance on Friday, February 21, 2020 at the Michael J. Felix Community Center.

Mayor Felix invited everyone to the Michael J. Felix Community Center Grand Opening on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

CITIZENS 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 December 16, 2019, combined meeting.**
- 2. Approve the minutes of the January 10, 2020, special meeting.**

3. Accept the monthly revenue and expenditure report for the period ending November 30, 2019.

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:

Receive a briefing and consider a resolution to join a coalition of non-member customer entities of the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD).

Mrs. Nash stated the City received a request from the City of Rowlett inviting the 14 customer cities and 20 special utility districts to join a coalition of non-member customer entities of the NTMWD. The City of Rowlett also requested that each of the non-member entities approve a resolution expressing an interest in the formation of a coalition. Mrs. Nash reviewed the structure of the NTMWD, covering member cities, customer cities, and special utility districts. The City of Sachse is a customer city. As a customer city, the City of Sachse has no representation on the NTMWD Board of Directors, is not invited to attend general member meetings, and has a water rate that is five cents higher than member cities. Mrs. Nash stated the City of Rowlett has asked that each entity present this information to their respective legislative bodies for direction regarding the formation of a non-member customer entity coalition. The City of Rowlett is planning on holding its next meeting on February 28.

Councilman Bickerstaff asked if the NTMWD has to recognize the coalition and if they received any feedback from NTMWD. Mrs. Nash replied that NTMWD does not have to recognize the coalition and indicated that the District has not commented on the formation of the coalition. Councilman Bickerstaff stated that he would like to pursue the coalition on a preliminary basis, but wants to ensure that it does not lead to an adversarial relationship with the NTMWD.

Councilman King agreed with Councilman Bickerstaff. He stated there is no harm in starting a conversation with the non-member customer entities. He also encouraged the City to keep communications open with NTMWD.

Councilman Franks stated he has an interest in the formation of a coalition and would like to see the City have more of a voice relative to NTMWD matters.

Councilman Watkins agreed with Councilman Franks. He also asked if they know what the coalition hopes to accomplish and if the Public Utility Commission (PUC) is involved in the approval of NTMWD's rates. He indicated that he would like to see the City lobby for better rates. Mrs. Nash noted that the PUC does not approve NTMWD's rates.

Mayor Pro Tem Howarth agreed with the other comments regarding the formation of a coalition. She believes it would be beneficial in order for other non-member entities to see different view points in order to create positive change.

Councilman King asked who would be the City's representative. Mrs. Nash indicated that initial representation would involve mayors and city managers.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to approve a resolution to join a coalition non-member customer entities of the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD). Councilman King seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Discuss and consider authorizing the Fire Chief to execute a Medical Director Agreement for emergency medical services between Sachse Fire-Rescue and Beacon Emergency Services Team (BEST EMS) in the amount of \$7,875.00 for the time period February 15, 2020 through September 30, 2020.

Mrs. Nash stated that although this item is within her approval level, she wanted Chief Wade to provide an overview of the Medical Director position.

Chief Wade outlined the Medical Director position and the services they provide. The City's current Medical Director, CareFlite, is exiting the Fire-based EMS medical direction business, so a new provider needs to be selected. The City's EMS Committee developed a list of requirements and issued a request for presentations to eight provider/physician groups. Of those eight contacted, five responded. The EMS Committee evaluated each of the presentations based on a set of criteria and recommended BEST EMS to serve as the provider. BEST EMS has agreed to provide Medical Direction from February 15 to September 30, 2020 for a pro-rated amount of \$7,875.00 to bridge the remainder of this fiscal year. This pro-rated amount allows the City to remain cost neutral this fiscal year. Chief Wade noted that the educational component will be handled in-house for the remainder of fiscal year 2019-2020 and will be evaluated as part of the new contract with BEST EMS for fiscal year 2020-2021.

Councilman King asked about some specifics of the program including patient follow ups and continuous quality improvement (CQI).

Councilman Franks inquired about the continued education training and the resuscitation academy referenced in the presentation.

Dr. Northeim with BEST EMS was in attendance to answer questions regarding their procedures and services.

Councilman King made a motion to authorize the Fire Chief to execute a Medical Director Agreement for emergency medical services between Sachse Fire-Rescue and Beacon Emergency Services Team (BEST EMS) in the amount of \$7,875.00 for the time period February 15, 2020 through September 30, 2020. Councilman Franks seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Consider a resolution casting its vote for the fourth member of the Board of Directors of the Dallas Central Appraisal District (DCAD).

Mrs. Lewis Sirianni stated that the City Council previously nominated and voted for Councilman Brett Franks for the DCAD Board of Directors. The City was notified in mid-December that the election process required a run-off election. The tally of votes indicated Michael Hurtt of Desoto received 12 votes, Brett Franks received 3 votes, Mona Dixon of Lancaster received 3 votes, Diane Cartwright of Irving received 1 vote, and Steve Nichols of Hutchins received 1 vote. Since no candidate received 16 votes (a majority of the 30 eligible), a run-off election is necessary. On December 30, 2019, a coin toss was done between Brett Franks and Mona Dixon, who shared the second highest number of votes, which resulted in Mona Dixon securing a place on the ballot. The City Council will have the option to cast its vote in the run-off election for either Michael Hurtt of Desoto or Mona Dixon of Lancaster.

Councilman Watkins made a motion to cast its vote to Mona Dixon for the fourth member of the Board of Directors of the Dallas Central Appraisal District (DCAD). Councilman Bickerstaff seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.


MIKE J. FELIX, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary

