

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE SEPTEMBER 3, 2024, MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 6:30 PM at Sachse City Hall, 3815-B Sachse Road. Those present were: Mayor Jeff Bickerstaff, Mayor Pro Tem Brett Franks, Councilmember Michelle Howarth, Councilmember Frank Millsap, Councilmember Chance Lindsey, Councilmember Lindsay Buhler, Councilmember Matt Prestenberg.

Those absent were: None.

A. Meeting Opening

1. Call to Order: The City Council of the City of Sachse will hold a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 6:30 PM to consider the following items of business:

Mayor Bickerstaff called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

2. Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance.

Councilmember Prestenberg offered the invocation and Councilmember Buhler led the pledges.

B. Public Comment

The public is invited to address Council regarding any topic not already on the agenda for action or public hearing. **Comments regarding the Consent Agenda or any discussion-only items on the agenda may be addressed during this Public Comment section.** The time limit is three minutes per speaker. A Public Comment Card should be presented to the City Secretary prior to the meeting. According to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Council is prohibited from discussing any item not posted on the agenda but will take comments under advisement.

Sachse Resident, Matthew Holboke, addressed the council regarding the cost of wrought iron fencing.

C. Council/Staff Reports and Updates

1. Mayor and City Council announcements regarding special events, current activities, and local achievements.

Mayor Pro Tem Franks announced the Mother and Son Jurassic Journey on September 14 at the Michael J. Felix Community Center. Councilmember Millsap commented that the Library continues to have story time. Babies under 18 months old are on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Toddlers between 18 months and three years old are on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Pre-K between three and five years are on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Families of all ages are there on Thursdays at 6 p.m.

Mayor Bickerstaff made the following announcements:

- The City Secretary is accepting applications for Board and Commission appointments through September. The application is on the City's website, and you may also contact Ms. Granger with any questions.

- The Sachse Animal Shelter is participating in the National Clear the Shelters Campaign that started on August 10, and will run through September 10. Adoption fees will be waived for dogs and cats and also vaccinations.
- City Hall closes at 4:30 p.m. on September 4, to accommodate staging for Sachse High school. The community center, library, senior and activity center and public safety building will remain open during normal business hours.
- Heritage Park is nearing completion. The City is working with the contractor to finish the final items. He asked residents not to step on the grass as it is still growing.
- The Grand Opening of Heritage Park is scheduled for October 5, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be more details about that event as the date gets closer.
- The next X-treme Green Event will be on Saturday, September 7, at the City Municipal Complex. This is a semi-annual event for residents only.
- The next Farmers Market in Sachse will be held on Saturday, September 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the 5th Street District. The market is hosted on the second Saturday through the end of the year.
- Open houses for the Comprehensive Plan will be held at the Michael J. Felix Community Center on September 17 and 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. and then September 18 and 24, from 4 to 6 p.m.

D. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda items are routine or administrative in nature, have been discussed previously at a Council meeting, and/or do not warrant discussion. Council will act upon these items with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests the item be removed from the consent agenda. **If you have comments related to items on the Consent Agenda, please address them in the Public Comment section of the meeting.**

1. Approve the August 19, 2024, meeting minutes.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute Change Order No. 1 for the Maxwell Creek Pump Station project (W-14-01) with Red River Construction, Inc. in the amount of One Hundred Eighty-One Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighty-Seven and 65/100 Dollars (\$181,887.65).
3. Accept the Quarterly Budget and Investment Reports for the quarter ending June 30, 2024.
4. Accept the monthly revenue and expenditure report for the period ending July 31, 2024.
5. Approve and adopt a resolution amending the Master Fee Schedule adopted by Resolution 4115 by amending engineering, health and sanitation, park facility rental fees, building permits and development services fees, refuse services fees, water rate schedule, water service connection fees, and wastewater rate schedule, franchise fees and providing an effective date.
6. Approve a resolution approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee ("ACSC") and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the company's 2024 rate review mechanism filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement; finding the rates to be set by the attached settlement tariffs to be just and reasonable and in the public interest; approving an attachment establishing a benchmark for pensions and retiree medical benefits; requiring the company to reimburse ACSC's reasonable ratemaking expenses; determining that this Resolution was passed in

accordance with the requirements of the Texas open meetings act; adopting a savings clause; declaring an effective date; and requiring delivery of this Resolution to the company and the ACSC's legal counsel.

7. Approve a resolution approving Amendment No. 2 to the Household Hazardous Waste Interlocal Agreement between Dallas County and the City of Sachse, for household hazardous waste disposal services for fiscal year 2024-2025; and providing an effective date.

Councilmember Lindsey made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Howarth seconded the motion, and it carried 7 - 0. None voted against.

E. Action Items

Action items are for Council discussion and consideration for action. **The presiding officer will invite comments before the Council votes.** A Public Comment Card should be given to the City Secretary prior to the start of the meeting.

1. Consider approval of a Project Funding Agreement between the Sachse Economic Development Corporation and the City of Sachse for infrastructure to support the 5th Street District Development, or other qualified infrastructure project within the city.

Mr. Potts gave an overview of how the City and the Economic Development Corporation Board (EDC) work together to carry out the goals of the City. He explained that both parties have contributed to the 5th Street District and made significant investments. The proposal before Council is to utilize EDC funds to reimburse the City for a portion of these expenses. He noted that this item was unanimously approved by the EDC Board.

Matthew Holboke, Sachse resident, addressed the Council regarding procedures and repayment schedule of the EDC.

Mayor Pro Tem Franks asked clarifying questions related to the expenditures. Ms. Nash said that the EDC is paying the City \$600,000 in support of the infrastructure for Fifth Street or other qualified infrastructure projects. Councilmember Millsap asked clarifying questions related to qualified projects. Ms. Nash noted that there are two categories under the law for which EDC funds may be used. Councilmember Millsap expressed his concerns about the 5th Street Development. Councilmember Prestenberg clarified that the EDC is allocating \$600,000 back to the City for expenses that have already been paid. No other funds are being requested to be spent. Ms. Nash agreed this understanding is correct.

Councilmember Prestenberg made a motion to approve item as presented. Councilmember Howarth seconded the motion, and it carried 6 - 1. Councilmember Millsap voted against.

2. Conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2024-2025 fiscal year budget.

Ms. Nash noted that the public hearing is an opportunity for the public to speak about the budget. The proposed budget was delivered on August 15. The document is available for the public's viewing at www.cityofsachse.com/budget, in the City Secretary's office and the Sachse Public Library. As discussed at previous meetings, there is no change to the property tax rate. She then explained the process and statutory requirement for a public hearing for the 2024-2025 budget.

Mayor Bickerstaff opened the public hearing at 7:00 PM. Matthew Holboke, Sachse resident, addressed the Council regarding city taxes, the budget, and employment. The public hearing was closed at 7:04 PM.

Mayor Bickstaff made a reminder that there will be another opportunity on September 16, to adopt the budget. Mr. Baldwin clarified that the City Council must set a date to adopt the budget.

Councilmember Howarth made a motion to set a date of September 16 to adopt the budget. Councilmember Prestenberg seconded the motion, and it carried 7 - 0. None voted against.

F. Discussion Items

These items are for Council and staff to discuss as needed. **Comments on Discussion Items should be addressed in the Public Comment Section of this meeting.**

1. Receive a briefing on the upcoming 89th Legislative Session and provide input on the City's draft legislative priorities.

Mr. Thatcher, Assistant to the City Manager, gave a presentation on the 89th Legislative Session priorities. Input provided by Council will help staff to prepare the legislative agenda for Sachse. The two biggest topics for discussion include protecting against state legislation that limits the Council's ability to govern locally and advocating for legislation that will help the City operate more effectively. The City partners with the Texas Municipal League to work towards accomplishing these goals. Mr. Thatcher reviewed the City's legislative priorities in 2023. Mayor Bickerstaff explained about the importance of good relationships and communication between the City of Sachse and its state representatives.

G. Adjournment

Mayor Bickerstaff adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.



Jeff Bickerstaff, Mayor

ATTEST:



Leah K Granger, City Secretary

