

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE OCTOBER 21, 2024, MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, October 21, 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.

A. Meeting Opening

1. Call to Order: The City Council of the City of Sachse will hold a regular meeting on Monday, October 21, 2024, at 6:30 PM to consider the following items of business:

Mayor Bickerstaff called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

2. Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance.

Councilmember Howarth offered the invocation and Councilmember Lindsey led the pledges.

B. Recognition

1. Present a proclamation recognizing October 2024 as National Code Compliance Month.

Mayor Bickerstaff presented a proclamation to the Neighborhood Services Department to recognize October as 2024 National Code Compliance Month.

2. Recognize the Development Services Department for receiving the 2024 Richard R. Lillie, FAICP Planning Excellence Achievement Award.

Mayor Bickerstaff recognized the Development Services Department for being awarded the 2024 Richard R. Lillie, FAICP Planning Excellence Achievement Award.

C. 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, Jayne Reed, addressed Council regarding various budgetary items.
Sachse resident, Chris Raynor, addressed Council regarding the commercial trash and recycling contract for Sachse businesses.

D. Council/Staff Reports and Updates

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

Councilmember Buhler thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for hosting a great

event with the inaugural Fall-O-Ween. Councilmember Millsap welcomed new Library Manager Randall Cross. Mayor Pro Tem Franks noted highlights of the Fall-O-Ween event and commended the Parks and Recreation Departments for putting on a great event. Councilmember Howarth mentioned that she received a lot of comments that the event was so much fun, and people loved the park expansion.

Mayor Bickerstaff's announcements:

- The November General Election is underway. Early voting will run from October 21 through November 1, and Election Day is November 5. Dallas County residents may vote at any Dallas County Vote Center which includes Sachse City Hall Courtroom. Collin County residents may vote at any Collin County Vote Center, which includes Michael J. Felix Community Center Rooms A/B. Check the City website for more details.
 - Dallas County has had a high turnout causing some longer than expected wait times. As this is a Presidential election, this may continue throughout the process. He encouraged voters to utilize the map tools on both counties' websites that includes wait times at each of the vote centers. Please contact City Secretary Leah Granger with any questions.
- The new Sachse Animal Shelter grand opening is Saturday, October 26. This is the first completed project of the Bond 2021.
- The next Farmers Market will be held on Saturday, November 9, from 10 AM to 2 PM in the 5th Street District. The market is hosted on the second Saturday through the end of the year. There will be some great vendors there to help shoppers prepare for the holidays.
- City offices will be closed on November 11 in observance of Veterans Day.
- Recently, the City was recognized as a Bronze Scenic City in Texas. This is a rigorous program dedicated to the beautification of the environment and recognition for Texas municipalities that implement high-quality scenic standards for public spaces. This is a five-year certification based on review of the City's ordinances and code language.
- Lastly, the City of Sachse has been honored with the 2024 Municipal Excellence Award from the Texas Municipal League (TML). Sachse was honored for Management Innovations for cities over 25,000 in population. The award recognized the City for its employee Culture Committee, which is a program geared toward fostering a positive work environment and investment in the City staff. A commitment to these ideals helps staff better serve Sachse residents.

Ms. Nash welcomed several employees to the City:

- Isela Reynoso – Library Assistant
- Arturo Ramirez – Parks and Recreation Maintenance Technician I
- Dustin Dickey – Wastewater Maintenance Technician I
- Tracey Cusson – School Crossing Guard
- Hana Miric – Part-time Library Assistant
- Deborah Lohr – Public Safety Dispatcher
- Kimberly Burton – Human Resources Analyst
- London Edwards – Public Safety Dispatcher
- Brenda McIntosh – Senior Neighborhood Services Specialist
- Katherine Chamberlain – Utility Billing Supervisor
- Randall Cross – Library Services Manager

- Angelo Valdivia – Streets Maintenance Technician I
- Elizabeth (Becky) Scothorn – School Crossing Guard

E. 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 September 3, 2024, meeting minutes.
2. Approve the September 16, 2024, meeting minutes.

Councilmember Millsap requested that item number two be removed from the Consent Agenda.

3. Accept the monthly revenue and expenditure report for the period ending August 31, 2024.
4. Approve a resolution authorizing participation in the U.S. Fixed Income Trust Investment Pools and designating authorized representatives; and providing for an effective date.
5. Authorize the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement for the design of the Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update between the City of Sachse and Birkhoff, Hendricks and Carter, LLP in the amount of Two Hundred Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$205,000.00).
6. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and enter into a contract with NO-DIGTEC for pipe bursting improvements for the Ponderosa/Bonanza Sewer Main Replacement (SS-25-09) through The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) program (Contract# 20110401) in the amount not to exceed Four Hundred Fifty Thousand and 0/100 Dollars (\$450,000.00).
7. Authorize the purchase of one 2024 John Deere 324G Skid Steer from RDO Equipment Company through the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing program (#011723-JDC) not to exceed Seventy-Seven Thousand, Three Hundred Thirty-Four and No/100 Dollars (\$77,334.00).
8. Approve the purchase of a new Chevrolet Tahoe Command Vehicle and associated equipment for the Fire Department in the amount not to exceed Ninety-Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred Twenty-Eight and 00/100 Dollars (\$97,828.00).
9. Approve the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and associated equipment for the Fire Department in the amount not to exceed One Hundred and Six Thousand, One Hundred Sixty-Four and 00/100 Dollars (\$106,164.00).

Councilmember Howarth made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda minus item number two. Mayor Pro Tem Franks seconded the motion, and it carried 7 - 0. None voted against.

2. Approve the September 16, 2024, meeting minutes.

Councilmember Millsap noted a typo on item number nine from the September 16 meeting. City Attorney, Joe Gorfida, stated staff would need to research the information to provide the correct contract amount.

Councilmember Howarth made a motion to postpone approval of the September 16 minutes to the November 4 Council meeting. 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 an introduction and update from Medical City Sachse.

Ben Coogan, CEO of Medical City Sachse, presented an update to the Council regarding broader services provided at the hospital. Mayor Bickerstaff welcomed the Medical City Sachse staff to the community and thanked them for choosing Sachse.

2. Receive an update from the Neighborhood Services Division.

Neighborhood Services Manager Ray Mendez provided an overview of the Neighborhood Services Department metrics and services as well as program highlights over the last year. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions. After some discussion, Mayor Bickerstaff mentioned that code enforcement and other services provided by the department are not easy and commended staff.

G. Action Items

Action items are for Council discussion and consideration for action. **The Mayor 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. Discuss and consider a resolution awarding a bid to United Healthcare for group medical insurance; Aetna for group dental insurance, Surency for administration of COBRA, retiree billing, flexible spending, health savings, and health reimbursement accounts; Alliance Work Partners for the employee assistance program; NY Life for group life and disability insurance; Legal Shield for voluntary prepaid legal services; AFLAC for voluntary group accident, critical illness, and medical supplemental insurance; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the terms and conditions of the various group agreements, by and between the City of Sachse and said parties for said coverages; providing a repealing clause; and providing for an effective date.

HUB International Vice President Monica Blakely provided an overview of the healthcare options for the City of Sachse staff. Aetna quoted a large increase in rates, so HUB recommends switching employee medical insurance coverage to United Healthcare, with a nine percent increase over current premium rates. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions and discussed the matter. Councilmember Howarth specified that the actual final premium cost cannot be known until everyone has completed the enrollment process and plans are selected. The plan that each employee selects affects the final premium cost from the City. Ms. Nash concurred and noted that the HSA and Surest plans will be encouraged, and staff will be

educated about their options as they make their decisions. The goal is to lower premiums while helping employees find the plan that will work for their family.

Sachse resident Matthew Holboke addressed council regarding insurance budgeting.
Sachse resident Jayne Reed addressed Council regarding insurance costs.

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

H. Executive Session

1. The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section §551.087 Economic Development Deliberations: Consider economic development incentives for BH Invesco, LLC for a project generally located along Bunker Hill Road and Miles Road, Sachse, Texas.

Mayor Bickerstaff adjourned the Council to Executive Session at 8:17 PM
The Council returned to Regular Session at 9:01 PM

I. Action Resulting from Executive Session

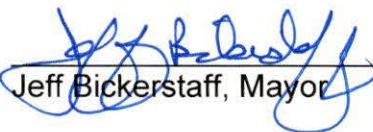
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1. Take any action as a result of Executive Session - deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive for BH Invesco, LLC.

Councilmember Lindsey made a motion to approve the amendment to the existing Economic Development Agreement between the Sachse Economic Development Corporation and BH Invesco, LLC substantially in the form as presented, and authorize the Executive Director of the Sachse Economic Development Corporation to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Sachse and the Sachse Economic Development Corporation, and any amendments thereto. Councilmember Millsap seconded the motion, and it carried 5 - 2. Mayor Pro Tem Franks and Councilmember Millsap voted against the item.

J. Adjournment

Mayor Bickerstaff adjourned the meeting at 9:03 PM


Jeff Bickerstaff, Mayor

ATTEST:


Leah K Granger, City Secretary

