

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 18, 2019

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a workshop and regular meeting on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 3815 Sachse Road, 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; Neighborhood Services Supervisor, William Gerry; Finance Director, Teresa Savage; IT Manager, Danny Wheeler; Parks and Recreation Director, Lance Whitworth; Recreation Manager, Cynthia Wiseman; Public Works and CIP Director, Corey Nesbit; Development Services Director, Matt Robinson; Human Resources Director, Melinda Walter; Fire Chief, Marty Wade; Deputy Fire Chief, Lee Richardson; and Police Chief, Bryan Sylvester.

Mayor Felix opened the workshop meeting at 6:30 p.m.

WATER/SEWER RATE UPDATE: Receive and discuss six-month update on water and sewer rates and revenues.

Mrs. Savage reviewed the 2019 adopted rate plan, a tentative five-year rate plan, and projected revenues and expenditures in the water and sewer operations. Mrs. Savage stated that 66.4% of the City's water operating costs go to the North Texas Municipal Water District and 60.4% of the City's sewer operating costs go to the City of Garland. She noted that the average monthly residential consumption is 7,565 gallons. Staff is recommending no change to the water and sewer rates adopted in April 2019 at this time. Staff will review revenue performance as a part of the FY 2021 budget process, and will continue to educate residents with Water My Yard program and My Water Advisor application in the interim.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES: Receive a briefing on the City's Neighborhood Services Division.

Mrs. Rose presented an overview of the history of the Code Compliance division within the City, reviewed common code violations, outlined a neighborhood virtuous cycle, and explained that the Comprehensive Plan contemplates neighborhood vitality programming. Mrs. Rose stated the Code Compliance division is changing to Neighborhood Services, which will focus on proactive code enforcement, fostering productive relationships, educating residents about property maintenance, assisting neighborhoods to establish networks, and collaborating with other City departments based on needs. Staff is currently working on reporting platforms, developing an interactive trash

collection map with CWD, onboarding new staff, and updating ordinances. Staff is seeking feedback from Council on any specific projects.

Councilman King asked how they were addressing bulk collection. He indicated his interest in programs and educational flyers.

Mayor Pro Tem Howarth asked when the CWD map would be active and indicated that she would like to see programs for neighborhoods without an HOA. Mrs. Rose indicated that she anticipates that the map would be ready in early 2020.

Councilman Bickerstaff asked what has improved the most and why with code compliance. Mr. Gerry responded that communications have been improved greatly.

Councilman Watkins indicated that he likes the CWD map and that he is interested in programs for neighborhoods without HOAs, as well as the possibility of grant funding opportunities.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the workshop at 7:13 p.m.

Mayor Felix opened the regular meeting at 7:39 p.m.

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

Councilman Franks offered the invocation and Councilman Bickerstaff led the pledges.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Councilman Franks thanked everyone for attending the Veterans Day event.

Mayor Pro Tem Howarth announced upcoming Library events.

Councilman King encouraged residents to get to know the candidates who have filed for the Special Election.

Mayor Felix announced the upcoming Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day at Sachse High School, the Christmas Extravaganza on December 4 at City Hall, and Pancakes with Santa on December 7.

Administer Oaths of Office to recently appointed board and commission members.

Mayor Felix administered the oath of office to recently appointed members of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Economic Development Corporation, Board of Adjustments, Library Board, Parks and Recreation Board, and the TIF Board.

Recognize Bill Adams for his years of service to the City of Sachse.

Mayor Felix presented a plaque and gifts to Mr. Adams for his years of service to the City. A small reception followed the recognition.

CITIZENS INPUT:

Jeanie Marten, 4908 Maple Shade, thanked everyone including public safety, CERT, Mayor Pro Tem Howarth, and Councilman King for all their help and support for Fallfest.

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 November 4, 2019, combined meeting.**
- 2. Approve a resolution authorizing Collin County Elections Department to provide election services and to use approved voting system equipment for elections held by the City.**
- 3. Approve an ordinance abandoning a 20' alley section consisting of approximately 0.041 acres of land situated in the Isaac Ramsey Survey, Abstract No. 1248, Dallas County, Texas, generally located between SH 78 and Billingsley Street and northeast of Third Street.**
- 4. Authorize the purchase of one (1) 2020 Freightliner Pipehunter Hydroexcavator from Houston Freightliner Inc. through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGACBuy) purchasing program, in an amount not to exceed three-hundred thousand dollars and zero cents (\$300,000.00) for the City of Sachse Public Works Department.**

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:

Discuss and consider a resolution authorizing the award of bids for various employee insurance coverage policies to United Healthcare; Avesis; and Cigna; and authorizing the City Manager to execute such agreements for coverage.

Andrew Weeger with HUB International presented the City Council with an update on the City's healthcare programming including the City's loss ratio, claims, health risk management, and the recommendations for the various employee coverage policies from the RFP process. Mr. Weeger stated they are recommending the City use United Healthcare for Group Employee/Dependent Medical and Dental Insurance; Avesis for Group Employee/Dependent Vision Insurance; and

Cigna for Group Long-term Disability, Basic Life and Accidental Death/Dismemberment, and Voluntary Group Life and Accidental Death Dismemberment insurance.

The City Council discussed the tobacco surcharge, claims history, the loss ratio, wellness programs, and the rising cost of healthcare over next few years.

Councilman Watkins made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the award of bids for various employee insurance coverage policies to United Healthcare; Avesis; and Cigna; and authorizing the City Manager to execute such agreements for coverage. Councilman Franks seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Consider and select the outdoor furnishings and indoor benches for the Michael J. Felix Community Center.

Mr. Whitworth reviewed the original pricing presented at the October 7, 2019, City Council meeting and presented several alternatives for the outdoor and indoor furnishings. He explained that the key differences between the products were durability and warranties.

Councilman Watkins thanked Mr. Whitworth for researching and bringing the item back.

Councilman Watkins made a motion to approve the desired options as presented. Councilman King seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Discuss and consider the policies and procedures for the Michael J. Felix Community Center and the facility rental policies for the Community Center, Library, and Senior Center.

Mrs. Wiseman stated staff presented the item a second time to the Parks and Recreation Board at its October 10, 2019, meeting with changes from the City Council workshop meeting. The Parks and Recreation Board made one additional recommended change to consider a veteran rate for an entire family. Staff added designated hours for strollers, as requested, and combined the rental policies to include the Senior Center and Library, so there is a consistent rental policy across City facilities. Staff is recommending to accept the policies and procedures as presented.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to approve the policies and procedures for the Michael J. Felix Community Center and the facility rental policies for the Community Center, Library, and Senior Center as presented. Councilman King seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Consider a resolution authorizing Dallas County Appraisal District ("DCAD") to reappraise property located within the city that was affected by the tornado outbreak that occurred across Dallas County on October 20, 2019.

Mrs. Savage stated Section 23.02 of the Tax Code provides that a taxing entity may authorize the local appraisal district to reappraise all property located within the jurisdiction affected by the

disaster. Current year tax calculations will be prorated to the date of the disaster, and damaged properties will maintain the damaged value for all of 2020 unless major repairs are completed by January 1, 2020. Section 23.02 of the Tax Code states that a taxing unit that authorizes a reappraisal under this section must pay the appraisal district all the costs of making the reappraisal; however, DCAD is choosing not to charge the taxing unit(s) the cost of making the reappraisal for damage related to the October 20, 2019 tornado. Dallas County has authorized such reappraisal, and Garland ISD has indicated they will also be authorizing reappraisal of affected properties. Staff is recommending approval.

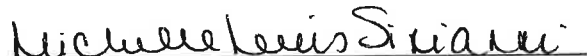
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ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the regular meeting at 9:13 p.m.


MIKE J. FELIX, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary

