Tuesday, May 13, 2025
City Council Meeting

City Council Chambers
3815-B Sachse Road
6:00 PM

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The City of Sachse reserves the right to reconvene, recess, or realign the meeting, called Executive Session, or order of business at any time prior to adjournment.

As authorized by Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code, these meetings may be convened into closed Executive Session at any time during the meeting for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item listed herein.

A. Meeting Opening

1. Call to Order: The City Council of the City of Sachse will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 6:00 PM to consider the following items of business:

B. 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. Consider an ordinance canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the General Election held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, Councilmember Place 5, and Councilmember Place 6; providing for an effective date.

2. Consider an ordinance canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, for the purpose of reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the City of Sachse, Texas, for street maintenance at the rate of one-fourth of one percent to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets; providing for an effective date.

C. Adjournment

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this notice of a public meeting was posted in accordance with the regulations of the Texas Open Meetings Act and was posted on the bulletin board, an accessible location at Sachse City Hall, on May 9, 2025, by 5 PM.

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Leah K Granger, TRMC, City Secretary Date removed

Accommodation requests for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours prior to the meeting by contacting Logan Thatcher, ADA Coordinator, via phone at 972-495-1212, via email at lthatcher@cityofsachse.com, or by appointment at 3815 Sachse Road, Building B, Sachse, Texas 75048.

B. Action Items

Subject:	**1. Consider an ordinance canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the General Election held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, Councilmember Place 5, and Councilmember Place 6; providing for an effective date.**
Meeting	May 13, 2025 - City Council Meeting
Access	Public
Type	Action
Fiscal Impact	None
Recommended Action	Approve the ordinance canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the General Election held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, Councilmember Place 5, and Councilmember Place 6.
Goals	Provide excellent government services to Sachse citizens. Provide a high quality of life environment for families; individuals; businesses; and other organizations in Sachse.

BACKGROUND

At its February 3 meeting, the City Council ordered a General Election for the purpose of electing a Mayor, Councilmember Place 5, and Councilmember Place 6. They received two candidate applications for Mayor, two applications for Place 5, and two applications for Place 6. The City contracted with Dallas County and Collin County to hold an election on Saturday, May 3, 2025.

In order to declare the results official, the City Council must canvass the results. The proposed ordinance will declare the results for Mayor, Councilmember Place 5, and Councilmember Place 6 with their terms expiring at the end of May 2028.

**The ordinance may be updated to include any qualified mail and provisional ballots when the counties have completed their count.*

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The City Charter specifies that the returns of every election shall be made in accordance with the Texas Election Code, and that the City Council shall canvass the votes and declare the results of such election.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the ordinance canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the General Election held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, Councilmember Place 5, and Councilmember Place 6.

File Attachments
1. Ordinance Canvassing May 3, 2025, General Election

ORDINANCE NO. O-2025-___

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE, TEXAS, CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBER PLACE 5, AND COUNCILMEMBER PLACE 6; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it is hereby found and determined that the notice of the election was duly given in the form, manner and time required by law, and said election was in all respects legally held and conducted in accordance with applicable laws of the State of Texas and the proceedings calling and governing the holding of such election; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to consider the returns of the election held on May 3, 2025, for the purpose of electing the hereinafter named officials; and

WHEREAS, the returns of said election have been duly and legally made and submitted to the City Council for canvassing, and a tabulation of the returns for the polling place and for early voting, as canvassed and tabulated by this governing body for the election of Mayor, Councilmember Place 5, and Councilmember Place 6, are as follows:

Mayor						
	Early Voting In-Person	Early Voting Mail	Election Day In-Person	Early Voting Provisional	**Total**	Vote %
Jeff Bickerstaff	**974**	**2**	**488**	**0**	**1,464**	**61.49%**
Matthew D. Holboke	574	3	340	0	917	38.51%
Totals	**1,548**	**5**	**828**	**0**	**2,381**	100.00%
Overvotes	0	0	0	0	**0**	
Undervotes	115	1	76	0	**192**	

It appearing that Jeff Bickerstaff received a majority of all votes cast for the Office of Mayor, he is hereby declared to be elected to the Office of Mayor to serve a term that shall expire May 2028, after qualifying.

Councilmember Place 5						
	Early Voting In-Person	Early Voting Mail	Election Day In-Person	Early Voting Provisional	**Total**	Vote %
Lindsay Buhler	**1,155**	**3**	**565**	**0**	**1,723**	**69.67%**
Rafay Sheikh	443	2	305	0	750	30.33%
Totals	**1,598**	**5**	**870**	**0**	**2,473**	100.00%
Overvotes	0	0	0	0	**0**	
Undervotes	65	1	34	0	**100**	

It appearing that Lindsay Buhler received a majority of all votes cast for the Office of City Councilmember Place Five, she is hereby declared to be elected to the Office of City Councilmember Place Five to serve a term that shall expire May 2028, after qualifying.

Councilmember Place 6						
	Early Voting In-Person	Early Voting Mail	Election Day In-Person	Early Voting Provisional	**Total**	Vote %
Matthew Prestenberg	**1,062**	**3**	**503**	**0**	**1,568**	**62.64%**
Gurvinder Singh	562	2	371	0	935	37.36%
Totals	**1,624**	**5**	**874**	**0**	**2,503**	100.00%
Overvotes	0	0	0	0	**0**	
Undervotes	39	1	30	0	**70**	

It appearing that Matt Prestenberg received a majority of all votes cast for the Office of City Councilmember Place Six, he is hereby declared to be elected to the Office of City Councilmember Place Six to serve a term that shall expire May 2028, after qualifying.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. Said election was duly called, that notice of said election was given in accordance with the law, and that said election was held in accordance with the law, and that Jeff Bickerstaff was duly elected as Mayor. Jeff Bickerstaff is hereby declared duly elected to the City Council as Mayor, subject to taking his oath as provided by the laws of the State of Texas.

SECTION 2. Said election was duly called, that notice of said election was given in accordance with the law, and that said election was held in accordance with the law, and that Lindsay Buhler was duly elected as Councilmember Place 5. Lindsay Buhler is hereby declared duly elected to the City Council as Councilmember Place 5, subject to taking her oath as provided by the laws of the State of Texas.

SECTION 3. Said election was duly called, that notice of said election was given in accordance with the law, and that said election was held in accordance with the law, and that Matt Prestenberg was duly elected as Councilmember Place 6. Matt Prestenberg is hereby declared duly elected to the City Council as Councilmember Place 6, subject to taking his oath as provided by the laws of the State of Texas.

SECTION 4. It is further found and determined that in accordance with the order of this governing body, the City Secretary posted written notice of the date, place, and subject of this meeting on the bulletin board located at City Hall, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public, and said notice having been so posted and remaining posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall become effective immediately from and after its passage.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Sachse, Texas on the 13th day of May 2025.

APPROVED**:**

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Jeff Bickerstaff, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Leah K Granger, TRMC, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Joseph J. Gorfida Jr., City Attorney

B. Action Items

Subject:	**2. Consider an ordinance canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, for the purpose of reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the City of Sachse, Texas, for street maintenance at the rate of one-fourth of one percent to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets; providing for an effective date.**
Meeting	May 13, 2025 - City Council Meeting
Access	Public
Type	Action
Fiscal Impact	None
Recommended Action	Approve the ordinance canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, for the purpose of reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the City of Sachse, Texas, for street maintenance at the rate of one-fourth of one percent to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets.
Goals	Provide excellent government services to Sachse citizens. Strategically invest in the City's existing and future infrastructure. Provide a high quality of life environment for families; individuals; businesses; and other organizations in Sachse.

BACKGROUND

The Street Maintenance Tax was first approved by the City of Sachse voters in May 2013, reauthorized in 2017 and again in 2021. This local sales and use tax is a method of funding street maintenance projects. State law requires that the sales and use tax be reauthorized by voters in an election every four years prior to its expiration. The City Council ordered a special election on February 3, 2025, for the purpose of reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the City of Sachse, Texas, for street maintenance at the rate of one-fourth of one percent to continue providing revenue for the maintenance and repair of municipal streets. The City contracted with Dallas County and Collin County to hold an election on Saturday, May 3, 2025.

In order to declare the results official, the City Council must canvass the results. The proposed ordinance will declare the results for Proposition A: Reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the City of Sachse, Texas, at the rate of one-fourth (1/4) of one percent to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets. The street maintenance tax will expire in October 2029 unless reauthorized by voters at that time.

**The ordinance may be updated to include any qualified mail and provisional ballots when the Counties have completed their count.*

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The City Charter specifies that the returns of every election shall be made in accordance with the Texas Election Code, and that the City Council shall canvass the votes and declare the results of such election.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the ordinance canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, for the purpose of reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the City of Sachse, Texas, for street maintenance at the rate of one-fourth of one percent to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets.

File Attachments
1. Ordinance Canvassing May 3, 2025, Special Election

ORDINANCE NO. O-2025-___

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE, TEXAS, CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REAUTHORIZATION OF THE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX IN THE CITY OF SACHSE, TEXAS, FOR STREET MAINTENANCE AT THE RATE OF ONE-FOURTH OF ONE PERCENT TO CONTINUE PROVIDING REVENUE FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF MUNICIPAL STREETS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it is hereby found and determined that the notice of the election was duly given in the form, manner, and time required by law, and said election was in all respects legally held and conducted in accordance with applicable laws of the State of Texas and the proceedings calling and governing the holding of such election; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to consider the returns of the election held on May 3, 2025, for the reauthorization of the local sales and use tax at the rate of one-fourth of one percent to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets in accordance with Chapter 327 of the Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the returns of said election have been duly and legally made and submitted to the City Council for canvassing, and a tabulation of the returns for the polling place and for early voting, as canvassed and tabulated by this governing body as follows:

Proposition A: Reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the City of Sachse, Texas, at the rate of one-fourth (1/4) of one percent to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets.

Proposition A: Street Maintenance Tax Reauthorization						
	Early Voting In-Person	Early Voting Mail	Election Day In-Person	Early Voting Provisional	Total	Vote %
For	**1,244**	**3**	**670**	**0**	**1,917**	**81.19%**
Against	284	3	157	0	444	18.81%
Totals	**1,528**	**6**	**827**	**0**	**2,361**	**100.00%**
Overvotes	0	0	0	0	0	
Undervotes	135	0	77	0	212	

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. Said election was duly called, that notice of said election was given in accordance with the law, and that said election was held in accordance with the law.

SECTION 2. It is determined that Proposition A reauthorizing the local sales and use tax in the City of Sachse, Texas, at a rate of one-fourth (1/4) of one percent to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets in accordance with Chapter 327 of the Local Government Code was approved by the majority of all votes cast for said proposition.

SECTION 3. It is further found and determined that in accordance with the order of this governing body, the City Secretary posted written notice of the date, place, and subject of this meeting on the bulletin board located at City Hall, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public, and said notice having been so posted and remaining posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall become effective immediately from and after its passage.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Sachse, Texas on the 13th day of May 2025.

APPROVED**:**

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Jeff Bickerstaff, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Leah K Granger, TRMC, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Joseph J. Gorfida Jr., City Attorney