

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE
MAY 5, 2025, MEETING MINUTES**

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, May 5, 2025, 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, May 5, 2025, at 6:30 PM to consider the following items of business

Mayor Bickerstaff introduced the Junior Mayor for the Day, Rhys Willis. Mr. Willis 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. Recognition

1. Present a proclamation declaring Rhys Willis as Junior Mayor for the Day in Sachse.

Mayor Bickerstaff presented a proclamation to Rhys Willis recognizing him as the Junior Mayor for the Day in Sachse.

2. Present a proclamation recognizing National Building Safety Month.

Mayor Bickerstaff presented a proclamation to the Development Services Department and representatives from Sachse Fire-Rescue in recognition of National Building Safety Month.

3. Present a proclamation recognizing Economic Development Week.

Mayor Bickerstaff presented a proclamation to Economic Development Director Jerod Potts and Coordinator Denise Lewis to recognize Economic Development Week.

4. Present a proclamation recognizing National Public Service Recognition week.

Mayor Bickerstaff presented a proclamation to representatives from the City of Sachse Culture Committee on behalf of all City employees in recognition of National Public Service Recognition Week.

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, Tracy Brooks, addressed the Council regarding Muslim ideology and influence in the area.

D. Council/Staff Reports and Updates

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

Councilmember Millsap announced activities coming up at the Sachse Public Library, including teen craft night and bad art night. He also noted that the new ebook and audiobook platform, Libby, is up and running. Councilmember Prestenberg announced an upcoming vaccination clinic and that the previous featured pet, Josh, had been adopted! The new featured pet, Olive, was introduced and he encouraged adoptions. Mayor Pro Tem Franks noted that the Summer Concert Series scheduled for May 2 was rained out and the next one will be held June 6. Applications for the Red, White, and Blue Blast vendors are now being accepted, as are applications for summer camps. He invited teens to participate in the teen nights and events coming up. Additionally, a flag-lowering ceremony will take place on Memorial Day, May 26, from 11:30 AM to 12 PM. Councilmember Howarth touted the new Taste of Sachse program underway until June 1.

City Manager Gina Nash welcomed new Neighborhood Services Manager Christina Raemhild to the team and congratulated Michael Sizemore for being elected to serve on the Region 10 Board of Directors for the International Code Council, which is quite an honor. Mayor Bickerstaff expressed gratitude for the higher-than-average turnout at the May 3 election. Unofficial results are posted and will be canvassed at the special Council meeting on Tuesday, May 13. He invited residents to participate in the X-treme Green event on May 17 from 8 AM to 1 PM at the Sachse Municipal Complex. The Farmers Market is scheduled for the second Saturday of each month. He congratulated City Secretary Leah Granger for being voted the "Best Municipal Employee" by readers of the Sachse News, and he thanked mothers for all that they do in recognition of Mother's Day.

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 April 21, 2025, meeting minutes.
3. Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement for Food Establishment Inspection and Environmental Health Services between Dallas County, on behalf of Dallas County Health and Human Services, and the City of Sachse; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Pro Tem Franks made a motion to approve items one and three as presented. 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.**

2. Accept the monthly revenue and expenditure report for the period ending March 31, 2025.

Councilmember Prestenberg requested this item be removed from the consent agenda. He noted that the sales tax report indicates that revenues are roughly eight percent behind projections and asked if there was any concern that the difference would not be made up. Ms. Nash responded that she does not have concerns and thinks revenues will catch up by the end of the year.

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

1. Receive a briefing on the recent adoption and ongoing implementation of core values for City of Sachse employees.

Human Resources Director Jana Ventura presented the recently adopted core values, which she compared to the DNA of an organization or how staff approaches their work. It is not just words on paper, but it actually shapes decisions. Covid spurred the creation of the internal culture committee to bridge the gap between leadership and staff. They have helped influence policy updates, boost morale, and increase employee retention. Communications Strategist Esther Weaver noted that the core values concept was pitched to the committee in 2024. Feedback from all staff was collected and the resulting core values are intended to provide accountability and aspiration. In particular, the value of "Neighborly" really stood out to many. Ms. Ventura summarized the roll-out considerations and process, including incorporating the new core values into performance evaluations. Ms. Weaver noted ways that staff is already promoting these core values and that there may be future community engagement opportunities. The Council liked the incorporation of the new values.

2. Receive the 2024 Fire-Rescue Year in Review.

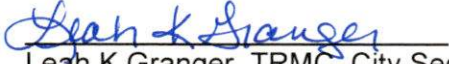
Fire-Rescue Chief Marty Wade thanked Council for their support over the years and reviewed operational statistics. He highlighted that the Fire-Rescue staff is highly credentialed and they are a Health & Human Services continuing education credit provider. He discussed prevention and community outreach. Chief Wade summarized major achievements and looked forward to what is next for the department. The Council thanked the group for their dedication to excellence and the community.

G. Adjournment

Mayor Bickerstaff adjourned the meeting at 7:39 PM.


Jeff Bickerstaff, Mayor

ATTEST:


Leah K Granger, TRMC, City Secretary

