

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE AUGUST 4, 2025, MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, August 4, 2025, at 6:10 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.

Those absent were: 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, August 4, 2025, at 6:10 PM to consider the following items of business:

Mayor Bickerstaff called the meeting to order at 6:11 PM.

2. Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Franks 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 budget concerns, taxes, and streets.
- Sachse resident, Jayne Reed, addressed the Council regarding the increasing cost of streets and curbs, Cornwall Lane, and ADA compliance at City Hall.
- Forney resident, Jason Eddington, addressed Council regarding his campaign for State Senate District 2 seat and encouraged the public to vote in local elections.
- Sachse resident, James Kennedy, addressed Council regarding roadway and infrastructure improvements.
- Sachse resident, Bob Couch, addressed Council regarding a situation with CWD as well as code enforcement.
- Sachse resident, Scott Boswell, addressed Council regarding the impact of Bailey Road construction.
- Sachse resident, Steven Peters, addressed Council regarding notices for zone changes and new businesses in Sachse.

C. Council/Staff Reports and Updates

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

Councilmember Buhler invited mothers and sons to attend a space-themed adventure on September 6; register online. National Pickleball Day will be celebrated on August 8. She

thanked the Leisure Services team and other staff members for making the last Summer Nights Concert and the Red, White, and Blue Blast a great success for the thousands in attendance. Councilmember Buhler also invited the public to mark their calendars for October 18 to celebrate Fall-O-Ween with the City. Councilmember Millsap encouraged residents to check out the recurring programs at the Sachse Public Library. The Book Talk for adults will discuss *Migrations* by Charlotte McConaghy on August 27 at 6 PM and local author, Deonna Kay, a finalist for the 2024 Somerset Award, will be available to discuss her writing process and thoughts on creating her latest novel, *The Measure of Enough*, on August 28 at 6 PM.

Ms. Nash welcomed new employees:

- Brady Davis: Parks Maintenance Technician I
- Aiden Phillips: Water Maintenance Technician I
- Henry Doncaster: Police Recruit
- Luis Olivares: Parks Maintenance Technician I
- Jimmy Grandberry: Streets Maintenance Technician II
- Jeff Sun: Finance & Purchasing Manager
- Alayna Gutierrez: Animal Services Officer
- Hugo Espinoza: Animal Services Manager

She congratulated Robert Jung for his promotion from Police Recruit to Police Officer and Mark Samano who was transferred from Parks Maintenance team to Police Recruit. Ms. Nash highlighted the core value of "service" and thanked employees that helped at the Animal Shelter while it was understaffed and new hires were sought. Jill Hernandez, Belinda Decker, Kelly Dennis, Michelle Mattice, James Burns, Victoria Aldrete, and Brenda McIntosh provided critical assistance in a time of need. Also, she described the deployment of Fire Chief Marty Wade and Communications Strategist Esther Weaver during the flood recovery effort in the Hill Country as exemplifying the core value of "neighborly". They provided expertise and assistance in a time of crisis in central Texas.

Mayor Bickerstaff announced that the featured pet, Sammy, is still in need of a good home. He also noted that pet adoptions are still free in hopes people will open their hearts and homes to a new family friend and make room for new animals in need. He encouraged residents to recycle more this August to provide additional relief to the Texas Hill Country from the devastating flood in July. For every ton of material recycled at the curb in August, CWD will donate \$10 to the Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country. Mayor Bickerstaff will be hosting a casual discussion on the budget at a come-and-go event at Cane Rosso titled Budgets and Bevs on August 7. He also shared the complimentary video produced summarizing the Red, White, and Blue Blast.

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 June 16, 2025, meeting minutes.
2. Accept the monthly revenue and expenditure report for the period ending May 31, 2025.
3. Accept the monthly revenue and expenditure report for the period ending June 30, 2025.

4. Accept the 2025 certified tax rolls as approved by the Dallas County Appraisal District and the Collin County Appraisal District.
5. Approve a resolution suspending the August 4, 2025, effective date of Oncor Electric Delivery Company's requested rate change to permit the City time to study the request and to establish reasonable rates; approving cooperation with the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor to hire legal and consulting services and to negotiate with the Company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the Company and legal counsel for the Steering Committee.
6. Accept the submission of the 2025 no-new-revenue tax rate of \$0.657453 per \$100 taxable value and the voter-approval tax rate of \$0.793341 per \$100 taxable value.

Councilmember Lindsey made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilmember Buhler seconded the motion, and it carried 6 - 0. None voted against.

E. 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 the quarterly 2021 Bond update.

Ms. Nash provided an update on the 2021 Bond projects.

2. Receive an update on the 89th Regular Legislative Session and the 89th (1) Special Legislative Session.

Assistant to the City Manager Logan Thatcher reviewed actions of the 89th State Legislature and the impact of some of the bills on the City. He will update the Council again after the special session concludes.

F. Executive Session

1. The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Section 551.072 Deliberation of Real Property: deliberation regarding the purchase, sale, lease, exchange, or value of real property in the northwest part of the city.
2. The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Section §551.074 Personnel Matters: Regarding the appointment, employment, and evaluation of the City Manager, City Secretary, and City Attorney.

Mayor Bickerstaff adjourned the Council to Executive Session at 7:06 PM.
The Council returned to Regular Session at 7:44 PM.

G. Action Resulting from Executive Session

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. Take any action as a result of Executive Session regarding the deliberation of real property.

No action was taken.

2. Take any action as a result of Executive Session regarding personnel matters.

Mayor Pro Tem Franks made a motion to approve a sixth amended and restated agreement with City Manager Gina Nash and a second amended and restated agreement with City Secretary Leah Granger. Councilmember Howarth seconded the motion, and it carried 6 - 0. None voted against.

H. Adjournment

Mayor Bickerstaff adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.


Jeff Bickerstaff, Mayor

ATTEST:


Leah K Granger, TRMC, City Secretary

