

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE SEPTEMBER 2, 2025, MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 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 Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 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

Mayor Pro Tem Franks offered the invocation and Councilmember Buhler led the pledges

B. Recognition

- 1 Present a proclamation to the North Texas Food Bank recognizing September as Hunger Action Month and the City's participation in the Peanut Butter Drive

Mayor Bickerstaff presented a proclamation to Kathryn Cope of the North Texas Food Bank in honor of Hunger Action Month

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 comments made at a previous meeting

D. Council/Staff Reports and Updates

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

Councilmember Buhler announced that the fall and winter Guide to Fun is available, which highlights classes, programs, activities, and seasonal special events She noted that the second annual Fall-O-Ween Drones & Bones event will be October 18 from 4 to 8 PM, featuring a cornhole tournament, live performances, a costume contest, a trick-or-treat market, and more Councilmember Millsap invited new adults aged 18 to 25 to partake in the book box program at the Sachse Public Library The fall theme is "Cozy & Comfort" Sign up on the City website while supplies last The Make & Mingle Fall Craft Night for adults 18 and up will be September 17 They will be making fall signs inspired by Scrabble pieces Councilmember Prestenberg was excited to announce that Sammy has finally been adopted from the Animal

Shelter after five months of residency. He introduced Rocky and Lucy, who were rescued together after being abandoned. They are in foster care and are both ready for new homes. Please call the Sachse Animal Shelter at 972-675-9662 to schedule an appointment to meet these sweet dogs.

Ms. Nash welcomed Betty Thomas as the newest School Crossing Guard and was happy to report that there are currently no vacancies in the Police Department. She congratulated Alayna Gutierrez for successfully completing her Basic Animal Control Training and passing the state exam to become a certified Animal Control Officer. She also congratulated Michael Hughes for graduating summa cum laude with his associates degree in Fire Science. Ms. Nash also highlighted the core value of innovation, noting that three Sachse team members, Kyle Potraza, Logan Thatcher, and Corey Nesbit, have completed the Lean Six Sigma Green Belt program. This is a nationally recognized method that helps organizations streamline processes, reduce waste, and deliver better results. They joined program members from other cities to apply these principles and identify improvements in City services. This training was offered at no cost by the City of Garland, and the achievement reflects their innovative spirit and dedication to continuous improvement. Their projects will have a positive impact on how we serve our community.

Mayor Bickerstaff commented that progress on the J K Sachse Park is coming along and being funded through Municipal Development District sales tax dollars. He thanked the public for their purchases within the city because it directly supports community improvements like this one. He also invited everyone to participate in the North Texas Food Bank's annual Peanut Butter Drive this September to help fight food insecurity in our region. Donation bins will be at City Hall, the Library, the Community Center, and the Senior Center through September 30. He noted that Sachse has a friendly rivalry with the City of Lavon in this challenge, so please donate!

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 August 18, 2025, meeting minutes
2. Accept the monthly revenue and expenditure report for the period ending July 31, 2025
3. Accept the quarterly budget and investment reports for the quarter ending June 30, 2025
4. Approve and adopt a resolution amending the Master Fee Schedule adopted by Resolution R-2024-17 by amending public safety fees, facility room rental deposit/fees, library, Laurie Schwenk Senior Activity Center, Michael J. Felix Community Center, building permits and development services fees, refuse services fees, water rate schedule, water service connection fees, wastewater rate schedule, and municipal drainage utility system fee, and providing an effective date
5. Approve a resolution approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee ("ACSC") and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the company's 2025 rate review mechanism filing, declaring existing rates to be unreasonable, adopting tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement, finding the rates to be set by the attached settlement tariffs to be just and

reasonable and in the public interest; approving an attachment establishing a benchmark for pensions and retiree medical benefits; requiring the company to reimburse ACSC's reasonable ratemaking expenses; determining that this Resolution was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas open meetings act; adopting a savings clause; declaring an effective date; and requiring delivery of this Resolution to the company and the ACSC's legal counsel.

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

F. 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. Conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2025-2026 fiscal year budget and set a date for budget adoption.

Assistant Finance Director Ryan Bredehoeft reviewed the budget process and advised Council to open the public hearing and take action to set a date for the adoption of the budget.

The public hearing opened at 6:58 PM. Sachse resident, Jayne Reed, addressed Council regarding the budget. The public hearing closed at 7:02 PM.

Councilmember Howarth made a motion to set the date for the budget adoption at the September 15 Council meeting. Councilmember Prestenberg seconded the motion, and it carried 7 - 0. None voted against.

G. Discussion Items

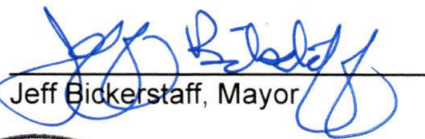
These items are for Council and staff to discuss as needed. **Comments on Discussion Items should be addressed in the Public Comment Section of this meeting.**

1. Discuss and provide feedback on the fiscal year 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Plan.

Director of Public Works and CIP, Corey Nesbit, provided an overview of the Capital Improvement Plan in the City of Sachse. He noted that generally, projects cannot be completed on a pay-as-you-go basis since it takes a long time to build up the funds. Mr. Nesbit reviewed projects related to the plan. Council provided some feedback. The FY 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Plan will be presented with the budget for approval at the September 15 Council meeting.

H. Adjournment

Mayor Bickerstaff adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.


Jeff Bickerstaff, Mayor

ATTEST:


Leah K Granger, TRMC, City Secretary

