

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE
FEBRUARY 2, 2026, MEETING MINUTES**

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, February 2, 2026, 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, February 2, 2026, 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 Bickerstaff 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 shall 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 item C2 on the agenda. Sachse resident, Jayne Reed, addressed the Council regarding the Flock camera grant and locations.

C. Council/Staff Reports and Updates

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

Councilmember Buhler announced that the Daddy Daughter Dance will be held on February 20. Registration is full, but families are encouraged to use the waitlist. Councilmember Millsap invited the public to enjoy the events at the Library, such as Chocolate & Cozy Coloring on February 9, Blind Date with a Book running from February 9 - 14, and the Lunar New Year Celebration on February 12. Councilmember Lindsey encouraged those interested in learning more about helping their neighbors and being self-sufficient for 72 hours should check out Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) at SachseCERT.org and register for the training on February 28 and March 7. Participants are required to attend both sessions. SachseCERT.org. Councilmember Prestenberg expressed appreciation for the compassion and generosity of those who helped foster shelter pets temporarily during the ice storm. In total, 15 Sachse residents opened their homes. Two of those pets were adopted and four more are adoptions are pending. He also introduced the Featured Pet, Roxy, a house-trained cuddler who is ready for a new home. Contact the Sachse Animal Shelter at 972-675-9662 to meet this sweet dog.

Ms. Nash recognized City staff, especially the Police Department, Fire Department, and Public

Works, who supported operations during the recent winter storm. These groups worked around the clock to keep residents safe and ensure essential City services continued. Their efforts exemplify the Core Values of Excellence, Service, and Neighborly and demonstrate how so many roles play a part in keeping Sachse running during challenging conditions. She also noted that a pedestrian safety study is being conducted in The Station by Lee Engineering. They will take a comprehensive look at how vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists move through the area and identify opportunities to improve safety, comfort, and overall traffic flow as the area continues to grow. Staff will bring the findings and any recommended steps for improvement to the City Council.

Mayor Bickerstaff thanked staff for their work during hazardous conditions. He reminded high school seniors that the Sachse scholarship is open, and applications must be delivered or post marked by March 25, 2026. Information can be found at cityofsachse.com/scholarship. Mayor Bickerstaff also mentioned that filing to be a candidate for City Council Places 3 and 4 is open until 5 PM on February 13. Details and additional information can be found at cityofsachse.com/elections.

2. Report on Public Comment from the January 20, 2026, City Council meeting.

Mayor Bickerstaff read the following statement:

"I want to take a few moments and address the comments made by Mr. Holboke at our last meeting. At the last Council meeting, Mr. Holboke stood at the podium and waxed poetic about a so-called "Bickerstaff Slush Fund." I assume that Mr. Holboke is referring to the contract with CWD that the City Council approved on March 18, 2024. It appears that Mr. Holboke has a basic misunderstanding of the contract. The CWD contract that Council approved confirmed, among other things, that CWD would be the City's exclusive commercial trash provider. This contract allowed Council to lower the residential trash rate by almost \$3. In short, any commercial revenue CWD earns is between them and their commercial clients. This is not City money, and the City does not control, manage, or distribute it. I repeat, this is not City money, and the City does not control, manage, or distribute it.

I would also note that Texas law allows cities to award exclusive commercial solid-waste contracts and also states that certain vendor proprietary information, such as internal revenue projections or competitive business data, is protected from public disclosure. That protection comes from state law, not from this Council. Thus, Mr. Holboke's statements that "nobody knows how much money is involved or nobody's saying" and "when are the reports coming out or the audit" and "when is the audit coming out on the Bickerstaff Slush Fund." These statements are laughable, and not an accurate description of how this contract works. Mr. Holboke's baseless claims of a so-called "Prestenberg Slush Fund," a "Buhler Slush Fund" and now a "Prestenberg/Buhler Slush Fund" are beyond the pale and cowardly. Especially from someone who was a former candidate for public office.

Now, regarding other questions and comments from Mr. Holboke at the last meeting, Mr. Holboke asked about the status of Bailey Road and wondered if it would be ready by "Labor Day." I'm happy to report that the updated completion date is spring 2026, subject to the weather of course.

Mr. Holboke asks, "Where's my \$500,000 that was supposed to be saved and be done in November? Who's accountable around here? Nobody ever says." Our residents hold the Council accountable every May, and the Council holds the City Manager accountable every

day. Accountability is being judged on your performance and delivering results. The fact that Ms. Nash recently received a raise tells you all you need to know.

Mr. Holboke also asked, "How many speed bumps on Highridge alley? If you need help counting, just let me know." I can assure you we do not need Mr. Holboke's help counting. We have one speed hump on Highridge alley. Hopefully, this puts this question to bed. It is comforting to know, however, that Mr. Holboke has never made a mistake when answering a question.

Mr. Holboke stated, "We have the highest tax rate in North Texas." This statement is false and has been false every time Mr. Holboke has stated it. According to the Dallas Central Appraisal District, Sachse has the 11th highest tax rate per \$100 of assessed value out of 31 tax entities in Dallas County. In other words, there are 10 other cities in Dallas County that have a higher tax rate than Sachse. If you include tax entities in Collin County as reported by the Collin Central Appraisal District, we have the 12th highest.

Lastly, Mr. Holboke stated, "It will be a fun budget year. I'm looking forward to April." Finally, something we can agree on.

In closing, I don't normally justify responding to comments that are grounded in complete nonsense, but it's important that our residents understand the difference between fact and fiction."

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 January 20, 2026, meeting minutes.
2. Approve an ordinance ordering a General Election to be held on the 2nd day of May 2026 in the City of Sachse for the purpose of electing a Councilmember Place 3 and a Councilmember Place 4; designating location of polling place; ordering Notice of Election to be given as prescribed by law in connection with such election; authorizing joint election agreements with Dallas County and Collin County; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.

Councilmember Howarth made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilmember Prestenberg seconded the motion, and it carried 7 - 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 Police Department 2025 end of year review.

Police Chief Sylvester provided a review of Police Department activities for 2025. He provided statistics related to Part I crimes (crimes that affect the sense of safety of residents) and Part II crimes (less violent crimes) and how they relate to Texas and national rates. Assistant Chief Baxter discussed accomplishments including implementing the Flock Cameras, the Texas Blue

Chip program that assists officers in need, and community outreach activities. Chief Sylvester rounded out the presentation with Department goals for 2026. Council thanked the Department for their service to the community.

F. Adjournment

Mayor Bickerstaff adjourned the meeting at 7:36 PM.



Jeff Bickerstaff, Mayor

ATTEST:



Leah K Granger, TRMC, City Secretary

