

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE
APRIL 6, 2026, MEETING MINUTES**

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, April 6, 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, April 6, 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.

Councilmember Howarth offered the invocation and Councilmember Buhler led the pledges.

B. Recognition

1. Present a proclamation to recognize Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week.

Mayor Bickerstaff presented a proclamation to the Animal Services staff to recognize Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week.

2. Present a proclamation recognizing the months of March, April, and May 2026 as North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge months in the City of Sachse.

Mayor Bickerstaff read a proclamation to recognize the Texas Community Cleanup Challenge in March, April, and May 2026.

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 shall 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.

Mayor Bickerstaff acknowledged a comment received from Sachse resident, Carmen Bradley, and Councilmembers received a copy of the comment.

D. Council/Staff Reports and Updates

1. Report on Public Comment from the March 2, 2026, City Council meeting.

Mayor Bickerstaff addressed comments from the March 2, 2026, City Council meeting.

"I'll start with Jayne Reed, Ms. Reed had some questions and her response to her questions

regarding the railroad easement and mowing questions along State Highway 78. Staff met with the railroad last fall to discuss expectations and coordination related to the maintenance of the railroad easement and to ensure a more proactive approach for the upcoming growing season. Regarding the pour-in-place surface used at the Heritage Park playground, it is designed and tested to withstand temperatures in the range of approximately 140–160 degrees, which is consistent with industry standards for this type of recreational surfacing. The dark blue color was intentionally chosen to match the pour-in-place surfacing on the upper level of the playground as well as the existing playground equipment, helping maintain a consistent design throughout the play area.

The next comments were from Mr. Tim Brooks and Ms. Tracy Brooks regarding the City to evaluate street naming standards. I have asked staff to review these standards as part of a larger review of the City's subdivision ordinance. It is anticipated that the initial review will first be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission and then subsequently to the City Council.

Lastly, the comments from Mr. Holbolke. The Bailey Road Project. At the time, Mr. Holbolke stated, "You spent over \$900,000 to design it. You had 16 months to do it, and your contract management and procedures were so good that you had to let it twice, and then you had to overpay \$500,000." Mr. Holbolke continues a pattern of misrepresenting the facts. Mr. Holbolke's claim that the City "overpaid" ignores what actually happened in the procurement process. The first round of bids was rejected because the submissions were incomplete and raised significant concerns. That is not poor management, that is responsible management. The City then moved to a best qualified procurement approach, so staff could evaluate not just price, but also experience, staffing, schedule, and past performance to help ensure the best result for our residents. Rejecting questionable bids and rebidding a project under a better evaluation method is not a failure. It is exactly what good contract management looks like, something Mr. Holbolke should know as a registered professional civil engineer.

Mr. Holbolke then stated, "Well, in 2025, we had normal precipitation, wasn't a big rain year, big amount of rain early, some rain at the lake and a big dry period during peak construction season." That statement is also not supported by the facts. Based on data from several personal weather stations in Sachse, one of which is a NWS co-op station, including one on Bailey Road, Sachse received nearly 11 inches more rain than normal in 2025, with nearly 5 inches above normal during the critical April through October construction window. So, to describe 2025 in Sachse as a "normal" or "dry" year during peak construction season is pure fantasy.

Then Mr. Holbolke stated, "Jeff, I never said the project was gonna be done by Memorial Day or Labor Day or whatever came out of your lying mouth. I said, if it's gonna ice for a week and you can have no rain, it very well could be that far. But I didn't say it was, and you knew I didn't. But you're a coward, and you like to talk last, and you hide behind things." Despite Mr. Holbolke's insults and denials, the record speaks for itself. During the January 20, 2026, meeting, Mr. Holbolke stated: "Bailey Road. It rained last week. So does that mean it's going to be ready around Labor Day now?" The video and transcript of Mr. Holbolke's comments are on the City's website for everybody to see. When Mr. Holbolke's own statements are read back into the record, Mr. Holbolke pivots to insults, hostility, and personal attacks.

Let me be clear: Sachse welcomes disagreement, questions, and scrutiny. What I am not going to do is allow Mr. Holbolke to distort the facts, attack staff, and then hide behind semantics when the facts prove inconvenient. If Mr. Holbolke continues to misrepresent the

record, then I will correct that record publicly and clearly every single time."

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

Councilmember Buhler thanked everyone who supported the Easter Egg Hunts on March 28 and helped make it a success. She announced the next Pop-Up Park event on April 18 and the Arbor Day Jubilee and Great American Cleanup on April 25. Volunteers will gather at the Michael J. Felix Community Center at 9 AM for the opportunity to give back to the community. Free gift-trees will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Register your family or group on the City's website. Councilmember Prestenberg introduced Atlas, the featured pet. This sweet, two-year-old Husky-mix male is ready for a family. Please contact the Sachse Animal Shelter at 972-675-9662. Councilmember Millsap announced events at the Library including a community-wide food drive through April 13, Button Making Try a Hobby on April 8, and the Make & Mingle: Sequin Eggs on April 15.

Ms. Nash welcomed new employees Nick Rivas as Animal Services Shelter Attendant and Miguel Quintero as Senior Neighborhood Services Specialist. She recognized Neighborhood Services Manager Christina Raemhild for her creative problem-solving and initiative related to the X-Treme Green event. Ms. Raemhild reflected the City's core value, Innovative.

Mayor Bickerstaff suggested residents mark their calendars for the X-Treme Green event on May 16 from 8 AM to 1 PM. The event will move to Heritage Park at 4408 Hudson Drive this year. Read more about this event on the City's website. He encouraged residents to sign up for emergency Nixle alerts by texting "75048" to 888777. The City is also giving away 10 weather radios this week. Check out the City's social media channels and the Sachse Scene newsletter for details on how to enter. He also noted that the splash pads at J.K. Sachse Park and Heritage Park are now open from 9 AM to 9 PM through October 31.

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 February 21, 2026, special meeting minutes.
2. Approve the March 2, 2026, meeting minutes.
3. Accept the monthly revenue and expenditure report for the period ending January 31, 2026.
4. Accept the monthly revenue and expenditure report for the period ending February 28, 2026.
5. Approve a resolution amending the Master Fee Schedule adopted by Resolution R-2026-02 by amending donation bin fees; and providing an effective date.

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

F. Discussion Items

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

1. Discuss and provide direction for the proposed infrastructure and software updates to the Garland, Mesquite, Rowlett, Sachse (GMRS) radio system.

Councilmember Franks arrived at 6:56 PM.

Police Chief Sylvester provided an overview of the Garland, Mesquite, Rowlett, Sachse (GMRS) radio system. The dispatch consoles and other critical hardware are approaching the end of support in 2028. Motorola presented an option to receive equipment in FY 26/27 and defer payment until FY 27/28. Chief Sylvester recommends the deferred payment option rather than the alternative of delaying purchase of new consoles. The delayed purchase increases the risk of failure of the current consoles as well as increased costs. Ms. Nash included that the presentation and discussion are intended to give Council an opportunity to provide direction for the budget preparation. Council provided feedback and asked clarifying questions. The general direction was to proceed with the deferred payment option.

G. Executive Session

1. The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Section §551.074 Personnel Matters: Regarding the annual review of the Municipal Judge.
2. The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section §551.087 Economic Development Deliberations: Deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive relating to the development of Project Yellow Jacket.

Mayor Bickerstaff adjourned the Council to Executive Session at 7:19 PM.
The Council returned to Regular Session at 7:56 PM.

H. 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 shall 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 annual review of the Municipal Judge.

No action was taken.

2. Take any action as a result of Executive Session regarding Project Yellow Jacket.

Sachse resident, Fred Burlbaw, addressed Council regarding the details of the project.

Councilmember Buhler made a motion to authorize the Executive Director of the Sachse Economic Development Corporation to negotiate and execute an incentive agreement for Project Yellow Jacket and any amendments and instruments related thereto. Councilmember Prestenberg seconded the motion, and it carried 7 - 0. None voted against.

I. Adjournment

Mayor Bickerstaff adjourned the meeting at 7:59 PM.



Jeff Bickerstaff, Mayor

ATTEST:



Leah K Granger, TRMC, City Secretary

