

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE  
MAY 4, 2026, MEETING MINUTES**

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, May 4, 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**

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1. Call to Order: The City Council of the City of Sachse will hold a regular meeting on Monday, May 4, 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 Pro Tem Franks offered the invocation and Councilmember Lindsey led the pledges.

**B. Recognition**

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

Mayor Bickerstaff presented a proclamation to representatives from the City of Sachse Culture Committee in honor of National Public Service Recognition.

2. Present a proclamation recognizing Economic Development Week.

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

3. Present a proclamation recognizing Municipal Clerk's Week.

Mayor Bickerstaff presented a proclamation to City Secretary Leah Granger in honor of Municipal Clerk's Week.

4. Recognize Addison "Reese" Bryant, recipient of the 2026 City of Sachse Scholarship.

Mayor Bickerstaff recognized Addison "Reese" Bryant as the 2026 Sachse Scholarship recipient.

**C. Public Comment**

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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.

Sachse resident, Matthew Holboke, addressed the Council regarding taxes, Fifth Street District, and transparency.

## **D. Council/Staff Reports and Updates**

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1. Report on Public Comment from the April 20, 2026, City Council meeting.

Mayor Bickerstaff addressed the question posed by Lola Smith during the Public Comment section of the April 20, 2026, City Council meeting.

"Regarding the proposed Agape Baptist Church development at 1540 Blackburn Road, City staff has confirmed that this project is currently still under review in the civil engineering and amending plat review stage, and no approvals have been granted at this time. Ms. Smith also raised concerns about deed restrictions and whether the property should have reverted to the original owner's family or to the City for park space. City Staff did not find language in the deed stating that the property would revert to the original owner's family or to the City of Sachse. Private deed restrictions are generally private legal matters between the parties involved and are not enforced by the City. The proposed use as a place of worship is permitted by right under the City's zoning regulations, and staff will continue to review this project carefully within the authority the City has."

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

Councilmember Buhler thanked those that participated in the Arbor Day cleanup on April 25. She announced that the first performance for the Summer Nights Concert series was postponed to May 15. Councilmember Prestenberg noted that the microchipping event to kick off the Safe Paws Program was a success. He also introduced Bruce, the featured pet, and encouraged people to schedule a meet-and-greet to consider adopting him. Councilmember Millsap invited everyone to attend events at the Sachse Library, such as Try a New Hobby on May 6 and the Summer Reading Kickoff event on May 29.

Ms. Nash welcomed new employees to the team: Julius Trieu, Neighborhood Services Specialist, and Taylor Yarbrough, Police Department Administrative Coordinator. She also recognized Hugo Espinoza and Brian Le for exemplifying the core value "Innovative" in their work bringing the Sachse Safe Paws program to life.

Mayor Bickerstaff announced the Farmers Market on May 9, and the second Saturday of each month, and the X-Treme Green event on May 16. The recycling and household waste collection event is moving to a new location - Heritage Park at 4408 Hudson Drive - and will be held from 8 AM to 1 PM. Check the website for details.

## **E. Consent Agenda**

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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 20, 2026, meeting minutes.
2. Accept the monthly revenue and expenditure report for the period ending March 31, 2026.
4. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and enter into a contract with NO-DIGTEC, LLC,

for pipe bursting improvements for the West Creek Lane Pipe Bursting Project, BP-21-B02, in the amount of Six Hundred Eighty-One Thousand, Six Hundred Thirteen and No/100 Dollars (\$681,613.00).

Councilmember Prestenberg requested item number three be removed for discussion.

Councilmember Prestenberg made a motion to approve items one, two and four of the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Buhler seconded the motion, and it carried 6 - 0. None voted against.

## **F. Action Items**

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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.

3. Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Alman Construction Services, LP, for an amount not to exceed Two Hundred and Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fourteen and No/100 Dollars (\$209,814.00) to provide the replacement of the Fire Station 1 building generator.

Councilmember Prestenberg requested this item be removed from the Consent Agenda for a couple questions.

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

1. Consider approving a resolution of the City Council of the City of Sachse, Texas, adopting the 2026 Strategic Plan; and providing for an effective date.

Paul Hoffman, The Berkley Group, presented the 2026 Strategic Plan that reflects the workshops and discussions over the last year and a half. He noted significant overlap between the goal areas, which is a good sign that departments will be engaged with each other to carry them out.

*Michelle Howarth arrived at 7:13 p.m.*

Mr. Hoffman focused on the establishment of cross-functional teams, interest in data-driven decision-making, and ensuring budget decisions are aligned with what the Council wants to accomplish. He encouraged staff to use the strategic plan to tell the City's story and help the public understand the planning process.

Councilmember Howarth made a motion to approve the Strategic Plan as presented. Councilmember Buhler seconded the motion, and it carried 6 - 1. Councilmember Millsap voted against the adoption.

2. Consider approving an ordinance of the City of Sachse, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 7 "Personnel" by amending Section 7-2 "Park and Recreation Commission"; by amending 7-2(E)(1)(g) and by amending 7-2(E)(2)(c); providing for a repealing clause; providing for a severability clause; providing a savings clause; providing for a penalty of fine not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00); and providing for an effective date.

Mr. Whitworth provided an overview of the proposed amendments to the Ordinance related to personnel and lighting at the parks. He explained some security concerns have been identified due to several large gatherings by teens and young adults at J.K. Sachse Park. Staff recommends changing the hours of operation and adding security enhancements.

Council requested some wording be changed allowing any City staff or designated contractors be allowed in the parks after hours rather than only law enforcement and Parks and Recreation personnel. The penalty fine should also be five hundred dollars to be in line with similar ordinances.

Mayor Pro Tem Franks made a motion to approve the Ordinance with the amendments noted. Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion, and it carried 7 - 0. None voted against.

3. Consider authorizing the City Manager to utilize Contingency Funds in an amount not to exceed Sixty-Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$60,000.00) for the purchase and installation of lighting and security cameras to address safety concerns related to large gatherings at J.K. Sachse Park and outdoor areas around the Community Center.

This item was discussed along with the previous item.

Mayor Pro Tem Franks made a motion to approve the funding as presented. Councilmember Buhler seconded the motion, and it carried 7 - 0. None voted against.

#### **G. Discussion Items**

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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. Receive a briefing on the Enterprise Fleet Management program.

Ms. Rose presented an overview of how the Sachse fleet is maintained and the prospect of partnering with Enterprise Fleet Management. The goal is to reduce maintenance costs and improve cost savings. She outlined the responsibilities of the City and of Enterprise under the proposal. After discussion and clarifications, Council was interested in a formal proposal/contract be brought forward for later consideration.

2. Discuss Police Department body-worn and in-car camera options and provide direction for a future contract.

Assistant Police Chief Baxter gave an overview of a proposal to upgrade body-worn and in-car cameras and other items. Significant improvements would include GPS tracking for officers as they leave their vehicles and streamlining the redaction process for public records. He emphasized the sizable incentives the current vendor had proposed. Council was pleased to hear cost-saving measures for future budgets and increased safety for the City's officers. Staff will work with the vendor to finalize a contract and include funding in the FY 2026/2027 proposed budget.

3. Receive a briefing on the Taste of Sachse event.

Economic Director Jerod Potts presented the 2026 Taste of Sachse event that runs from May 4 through June 1. The program encourages people to shop and dine locally using a digital passport for the 19 participating businesses. Participants scan the unique QR code to "check-in" at the local shops. After patronizing and checking-in at four different participating

businesses, that person will be entered into a drawing to win prizes. Mr. Potts encouraged people to drop an email to [economicdevelopment@cityofsachse.com](mailto:economicdevelopment@cityofsachse.com) noting completion of four check-ins. The first five people to post to social media using #TasteofSachse26 will also score Sachse merchandise. Check the website for additional details.  
<https://sachseeconomicdevelopment.com/what-we-do/taste-of-sachse/>.

4. Discuss and receive an update on the Merritt Road project.

Director of Public Works and CIP Corey Nesbit provided an update on the Merritt Road project. Right-of-way acquisition, archeological documentation, and final plans with the first round of comments are all complete. The City is awaiting completion of franchise relocation and approval from TxDOT. The final cost of the project cannot be determined until actual bid numbers are submitted. Mr. Nesbit reviewed the updated timeline with an advertisement for construction bids anticipated in fall 2026.

#### **H. Adjournment**

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Mayor Bickerstaff adjourned the meeting at 8:57 PM.

  
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Jeff Bickerstaff, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Leah K Granger, TRMC, City Secretary

