

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE
MAY 18, 2026, MEETING MINUTES**

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, May 18, 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, May 18, 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 Mayor Pro Tem Franks led the pledges.

3. Administer the Oath of Office to the recently elected official.

Ms. Granger administered the Oath of Office to Frank Millsap for City Council Place 3.

4. Consider approving the May 12, 2026, special meeting minutes.

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

B. Recognition

1. Present a proclamation recognizing Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week.

Mayor Bickerstaff presented a proclamation to Fire-Rescue Chief Marty Wade and the on-duty crew to celebrate EMS Week.

2. Present a proclamation recognizing National Public Works Week.

Mayor Bickerstaff presented a proclamation to Public Works staff in honor of National Public Works Week.

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.

- Sachse resident, Matthew Holboke, addressed the Council regarding transparency, Bailey Road, Highridge Road alley, Service Center, and the solid waste contract.

- Sachse resident, Robert Harris, addressed the Council regarding a permit for his property, code enforcement, and the Texas Regulatory Consistency Act.

D. Council/Staff Reports and Updates

1. Report on Public Comment from the May 4, 2026, City Council meetings.

Mayor Bickerstaff addressed comments made by Mr. Holboke at the May 4, 2026, Council meeting.

Taxes. Mr. Holboke stated, *“And no, Mr. Franks, you set my tax rate, not the Dallas Appraisal District. So y’all are responsible for the check I write y’all.”* This statement suggests that this Council alone is responsible for the check that Mr. Holboke writes. The City of Sachse is just one of several taxing entities that make up a resident’s total property tax bill. Mr. Holboke’s tax bill also includes tax rates set by Dallas County, Garland ISD, Parkland Hospital, and Dallas College. So no, the check Mr. Holboke writes is not simply a check to “y’all,” and claims otherwise is nothing more than a lazy talking point.

The Fifth Street District. Mr. Holboke stated, *“You spent over \$10 million dollars up there with absolutely nothing to show for it.”* To claim we have 'nothing to show for it' ignores the basic principles of economic development and asset appreciation. The City and EDC have purchased nearly seven acres in the district, now appraised at \$3.54 million, on property acquired for about \$2.2 million. We have also built real public improvements: streets, utilities, drainage, and parking. That is not “nothing.” Those are real assets and real improvements already on the ground. Fifth Street is a long-term redevelopment effort. The City has made strategic public investments up front, so private development can follow, values can continue to rise, and future tax revenues can grow.

And if anyone wants an example of why this matters, look no further than The Station. Under the guiding vision and leadership of Ms. Nash, Sachse made a strategic investment, and today it has produced substantial new taxable value, retail activity, and recurring revenue that did not exist before. That is what return on investment looks like in local government, giving our residents more choices than they have ever had before, with more to come.

Mr. Holboke also stated, *“How many roads would that fix? How many sidewalks would that fix?”* This argument presents a false choice that ignores Texas law. Sachse already has dedicated funding streams for roadway improvements, including the voter-approved street maintenance tax. By law, EDC funds are not a generic pot of money the City can just redirect to roads. A well-governed city does not choose between infrastructure and economic growth. It balances both. Mr. Holboke has it completely backward. Projects like Fifth Street are the solution, not the problem. Expanding our commercial property and sales tax base is exactly how we reduce the property tax burden off the shoulders of our residents.

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

Councilmember Buhler commented that the first Summer Nights Concert Series, featuring The Lonely Hearts Club, was a memorable evening and thanked staff for their hard work. She also noted that the next concert would feature The Brad Thompson Band performing classic rock

hits. The fun begins at 7 PM on June 5 at J.K. Sachse Park. Councilmember Millsap invited the public to join the Library Summer Reading program, themed "Unearth a Story," and the kickoff party on May 29. This is a free come-and-go event for families. Check out www.cityofsachse.com/SummerReading. Councilmember Prestenberg introduced Bruce, the featured pet, and invited people to come meet him at the Animal Shelter.

Ms. Nash welcomed Terry Nguyen, Wastewater Maintenance Technician, to the team. She also thanked the outgoing Culture Committee and recognized their service to the organization. She noted that each of the City's core values have been represented by this group.

Mayor Bickerstaff announced that early voting had begun for the May 26 Primary Runoff election, and that there are no local candidates on this ballot. The recent local election resulted in a June 13 runoff for Councilmember Place 4. Candidates Gurvinder Singh and Tim Legh-Page will be on the ballot for the June 13 Runoff Election. Early voting runs from June 1 - June 9. Dallas County residents may vote at the City Hall Courtroom and Collin County residents may vote at the Michael J. Felix Community Center. Mayor Bickerstaff also encouraged everyone to come out to Fifth Street on June 13 from 9 AM to 1 PM for the next Farmers Market. He also said that the X-Treme Green recycling event, in partnership with CWD, went well and thanked participants and workers for helping keep Sachse clean and green.

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 May 4, 2026, meeting minutes.
2. Approve a master lease agreement, a maintenance agreement, and other instruments related thereto with Enterprise Fleet Management Trust/Enterprise Fleet Management Inc. for fleet management services for the City of Sachse.
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute and award the construction contract for Old Ben Davis Road (R-25-02) to Vlex Construction, LLC, in the amount not to exceed Three Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand, One Hundred Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$378,150.00).

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 shall be given to the City Secretary prior to the start of the meeting.

1. Conduct a public hearing to consider approval of a sign variance request to allow three attached wall signs with a height greater than six feet for the GISD Multi-Program Activity Center located at 3901 Miles Road, within Sachse city limits.

Development Services Director Mr. Robinson introduced a sign variance request submitted by Garland ISD. Their intent is to make signs consistent across all activity centers. Sachse is one

of seven centers under construction. He described the details of the proposed signs.

The public hearing opened at 7:14 PM. As there were no comments from the public, the public hearing closed at 7:14 PM.

Councilmember Lindsey made a motion to approve the item as presented. 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 shall be addressed in the Public Comment Section of this meeting.**

1. Receive an update from the Neighborhood Services Division.

Neighborhood Services Manager Christina Raemhild provided an overview of the activities of the department over the last year. She reviewed core services, performance measures, accomplishments, challenges, and strategic initiatives.

2. Discuss and provide direction on proposed ordinance revisions for Neighborhood Services.

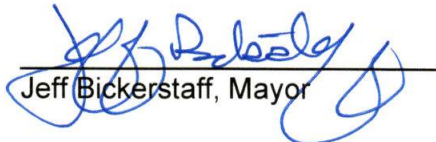
Ms. Raemhild explained proposed ordinance revisions related to overgrown vegetation and parking on unimproved surfaces. The Council discussed the options and ramifications of making the changes. Ms. Nash specified that the item is intended for Councilmembers to provide direction to staff to draft ordinance amendments and bring them back to Council for discussion and possible action.

3. Receive the 2025 Fire-Rescue Year in Review.


Before the report, Council applauded Fire-Rescue Chief Marty Wade's 10 years with the City. Chief Wade presented an update on the activities of the department over the last year. He focused on staffing, statistics, training, and achievements. In 2025, 69% of calls were EMS related and there were fewer fire incidents than the previous year. He commended Kyle Potraza for his work as the Emergency Management Coordinator. He commented that the many volunteers that work with Fire-Rescue are very active and helpful, such as Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES), and Fire and Med Corp, which consists of Sachse Citizens Fire Academy alumni. Council thanked Chief Wade and the Fire-Rescue team for their work keeping the community safe.

H. Adjournment

Mayor Bickerstaff adjourned the meeting at 8:21 PM.


Jeff Bickerstaff, Mayor

ATTEST:


Leah K Granger, TRMC, City Secretary

