



**Wednesday, June 24, 2026
City Council Meeting**

**City Council Chambers
3815-B Sachse Road
6:00 PM**

City Council meetings are available live and on-demand (<https://sachsetx.swagit.com/live>).

The City of Sachse reserves the right to reconvene, recess, or realign the meeting, called Executive Session, or order of business at any time prior to adjournment.

As authorized by Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code, these meetings may be convened into closed Executive Session at any time during the meeting for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item listed herein.

A. Meeting Opening

1. Call to Order: The City Council of the City of Sachse will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 6:00 PM to consider the following items of business:
2. Administer the Oath of Office to the recently elected official.
3. Consider approving the June 23, 2026, special meeting minutes.

B. 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. Consider electing the Mayor Pro Tem for 2026-2027.
2. Consider appointments of Council liaisons to the City's boards and commissions.
3. Consider authorizing the City Manager to utilize contingency funds in an amount not to exceed Forty-Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$40,000.00) for the mowing and vegetation management of the CPKC railroad right-of-way areas along SH 78 in Sachse.

C. 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. Offer the first caption reading of an ordinance granting to Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC, it's successors and assigns, an electric power franchise to use the present and future streets, alleys, highways, public utility easements, public ways, and public property of the City of Sachse, Texas, providing for compensation therefor, providing for an effective date and a term of said franchise, providing for written acceptance of this franchise, providing for the repeal of all existing franchise ordinances to Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC, it's predecessors and assigns, and finding that the meeting at which this Ordinance is passed is open to the public. (FIRST READING)

D. Executive Session

1. The City Council will convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code for the purpose of seeking legal consultation with the City Attorney regarding Section 363.112(a) of the Texas Health and Safety Code and City Ordinance No. 3980 prohibiting the processing or disposal of solid waste.

E. 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 Section 363.112(a) of the Texas Health and Safety Code and City Ordinance No. 3980 prohibiting the processing or disposal of solid waste.

F. Adjournment

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this notice of a public meeting was posted in accordance with the regulations of the Texas Open Meetings Act and was posted on the bulletin board, an accessible location at Sachse City Hall, on June 17, 2026, by 6 PM.

Leah K Granger, TRMC, City Secretary

Date removed

Accommodation requests for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours prior to the meeting by contacting Logan Thatcher, ADA Coordinator, via phone at 972-495-1212, via email at lthatcher@cityofsachse.com, or by appointment at 3815 Sachse Road, Building B, Sachse, Texas 75048.

A. Meeting Opening

Subject: 2. Administer the Oath of Office to the recently elected official.

Meeting June 24, 2026 - City Council Special Meeting
Access Public
Type Procedural
Fiscal Impact None
Recommended Action Administer the Oath of Office to the recently elected official.
Goals Provide excellent government services to Sachse citizens.

BACKGROUND

The City held a General Election on Saturday, May 2, 2026, to elect a Councilmember Place 3 and Councilmember Place 4. Since no candidate for City Council Place 4 received more than 50% of the vote, that race advanced to a runoff election. The City held a Runoff Election on Saturday, June 13, 2026, to elect a Councilmember Place 4. The results were canvassed at the June 23 Council special meeting. The Oath of Office is to be administered to those duly elected: Councilmember Place 4 — Tim Legh-Page.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Per the City Charter and Election Code, newly elected officials shall be inducted into office at the first regular or specially called City Council meeting following the meeting in which the election is canvassed and certified.

RECOMMENDATION

Administer the Oath of Office to the recently elected official.

File Attachments None

A. Meeting Opening

Subject: 3. Consider approving the June 23, 2026, special meeting minutes.

Meeting June 24, 2026 - City Council Special Meeting

Access Public

Type Procedural, Action, Minutes

Fiscal Impact None

Recommended Action Approve the minutes as presented.

Goals Provide excellent government services to Sachse citizens.

BACKGROUND

Minutes from the June 23, 2026, Council special meeting in which the June 13, 2026, Runoff Election was canvassed, and the results declared official, are produced and reviewed for approval.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

State law and Sachse's Charter require minutes to be recorded for public meetings. Section 5.05 of the City Charter also states that, "Each newly elected city council member shall be inducted into office at the first regular or specially called city council meeting following the city council meeting in which the election is canvassed and certified. Such induction into office shall be the first item of business, with consideration of approval of the minutes of the previous meeting being the second item of business."

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the minutes as presented.

File Attachments
1. CityCouncil_Special_Minutes_06.23.2026-unsigned

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE
JUNE 23, 2026, MEETING MINUTES**

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a special meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 6:00 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.

Those absent were: Councilmember Matt Prestenberg.

A. Meeting Opening

1. Call to Order: The City Council of the City of Sachse will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 6:00 PM to consider the following items of business:

Mayor Bickerstaff called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

B. 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. Consider approving an ordinance canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the Runoff Election held on Saturday, June 13, 2026, for the purpose of electing a Councilmember Place 4; providing for an effective date.

Ms. Granger read the results of the June 13, 2026, Runoff Election into record.

Councilmember Place 4					
	Early Voting	Early Voting	Election Day	Total	Vote %
	In-Person	Mail	In-Person		
Gurvinder Singh	675	35	337	1,047	46.25%
Tim Legh-Page	821	25	371	1,217	53.75%
Totals	1,496	60	708	2,264	100.00%
Overvotes	0	0	0	0	
Undervotes	0	0	1	1	

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

C. Adjournment

Mayor Bickerstaff adjourned the meeting at 6:02 PM.

Jeff Bickerstaff, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leah K Granger, TRMC, City Secretary



B. Action Items

Subject: 1. Consider electing the Mayor Pro Tem for 2026-2027.

Meeting June 24, 2026 - City Council Special Meeting
Access Public
Type Procedural, Discussion, Action
Fiscal Impact None
Recommended Action Elect _____ as Mayor Pro Tem for 2026-2027.
Goals Provide excellent government services to Sachse citizens.

BACKGROUND

Previous Mayor Pro Tems for the last ten years are as follows:

Brett Franks 2022 to 2026
Jeff Bickerstaff 2021/2022
Brett Franks December 2020 to June 2021
Michelle Howarth October 2019 to December 2020
Bill Adams June 2019 to October 2019
Cullen King 2018/2019
Paul Watkins 2017/2018
Charlie Ross 2016/2017
Brett Franks 2015/2016

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Sachse Home Rule Charter 3.05 (2) states: "The mayor pro tem shall be a city council member elected by the city council at the first regular meeting after each regular election of the city council members and/or mayor. The mayor pro tem shall temporarily act as mayor during the disability or absence of the mayor, and in this capacity shall have the rights conferred upon the mayor."

RECOMMENDATION

Elect _____ as Mayor Pro Tem for 2026-2027.

File Attachments None

B. Action Items

Subject: 2. Consider appointments of Council liaisons to the City's boards and commissions.

Meeting June 24, 2026 - City Council Special Meeting
Access Public
Type Action, Discussion
Fiscal Impact None
Recommended Action Appoint and make any necessary changes to the Council liaison positions for the City's boards and commission.
Goals Provide excellent government services to Sachse citizens.

BACKGROUND

Each year, the City Council reviews the Council appointed liaison to each board and commission.

The current liaison for each board, commission, or committee is as follows:

Mayor Bickerstaff	North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) North Central Texas Emergency Communications District (NCT9-1-1) Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)
Mayor Pro Tem Franks	Dallas Central Appraisal District (DCAD) - elected position
Councilmember Howarth	Economic Development Corporation Board (EDC)
Councilmember Millsap	Library Board
Councilmember Lindsey	Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z)
Councilmember Buhler	Wylie ISD Parks and Recreation Board Municipal Development District Board (MDD)
Councilmember Prestenberg	Garland ISD Animal Shelter Advisory Committee - voting member and chairperson

City Boards and Commissions:

- Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
- Economic Development Corporation Board
- Library Board
- Municipal Development District Board
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Planning and Zoning Commission
- Tax Increment Financing Reimbursement Zone #2
- Tax Increment Financing Reimbursement Zone #3

Local/Regional Entities:

- Garland ISD
- Wylie ISD
- North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA)
- North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)
- North Central Texas Emergency Communications District (NCT9-1-1)
- Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

There are no policy considerations affiliated with this item.

RECOMMENDATION

Appoint and make any necessary changes to the Council liaison positions for the City's boards and commission.

File Attachments None

B. Action Items

Subject: 3. Consider authorizing the City Manager to utilize contingency funds in an amount not to exceed Forty-Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$40,000.00) for the mowing and vegetation management of the CPKC railroad right-of-way areas along SH 78 in Sachse.

Meeting	June 24, 2026 - City Council Special Meeting
Access	Public
Type	Discussion, Action
Fiscal Impact	Yes
Dollar Amount	\$40,000.00
Budgeted	No
Budget Source	Contingency Fund
Recommended Action	Authorize the City Manager to utilize contingency funds in an amount not to exceed Forty-Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$40,000.00) for the mowing and vegetation management of the CPKC railroad right-of-way areas along SH 78 in Sachse.
Goals	Be a model of financial stewardship through growth management; responsible investment; and financial transparency.

BACKGROUND

Sachse has approximately three miles of railroad track that runs through the city. The line was previously owned and operated by Kansas City Southern (KCS) until the system merged with Canadian Pacific in 2023, creating CPKC. Prior to this merger, the railroad right-of-way was consistently mowed and maintained by KCS. Beginning in 2025, the City started receiving frequent complaints regarding the status of the high grass and weeds along the railroad corridor. Staff made several attempts to contact CPKC but was initially unsuccessful. As a short-term solution, staff utilized the City's commercial and open space mowing contractor to mow the high grass and weeds last summer, at the full expense of the City.

In subsequent correspondence with CPKC, the railroad stated that its rights-of-way are considered industrial corridors maintained for the purposes of safe railway operations rather than cosmetic appearance. They further note that local property maintenance and vegetation requirements do not apply because federal regulations governing railroad operations and safety preempt local standards. CPKC maintains that it will continue to meet all federal vegetation and safety requirements along the three miles of track in Sachse, but aesthetic conditions are not a priority. This presents a challenge for Sachse, as much of the track runs through the primary SH 78 corridor and, in many areas, backs up to residential and commercial properties. Adjacent residential property owners do not view the corridor as industrial and have expressed increasing frustration with the lack of consistent maintenance since CPKC assumed operations.

CPKC has offered to allow the City to assume responsibility for maintenance beyond federal and safety requirements. If the City chooses to do so, it would be at the City's sole expense, and mowing contractors would be required to meet CPKC's safety and access requirements. The City would also be responsible for the cost of hiring certified flaggers to accompany mowers working within the right-of-way.

The purpose of this agenda item is to request City Council approval to use City Manager Contingency Funds to cover the unanticipated mowing and maintenance costs for the railroad right-of-way. If approved, staff will coordinate with CPKC to complete mowing through the end of the fiscal year, and will develop a long-term maintenance solution for future Council consideration.

Lauren Rose, Assistant City Manager, will present this item.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

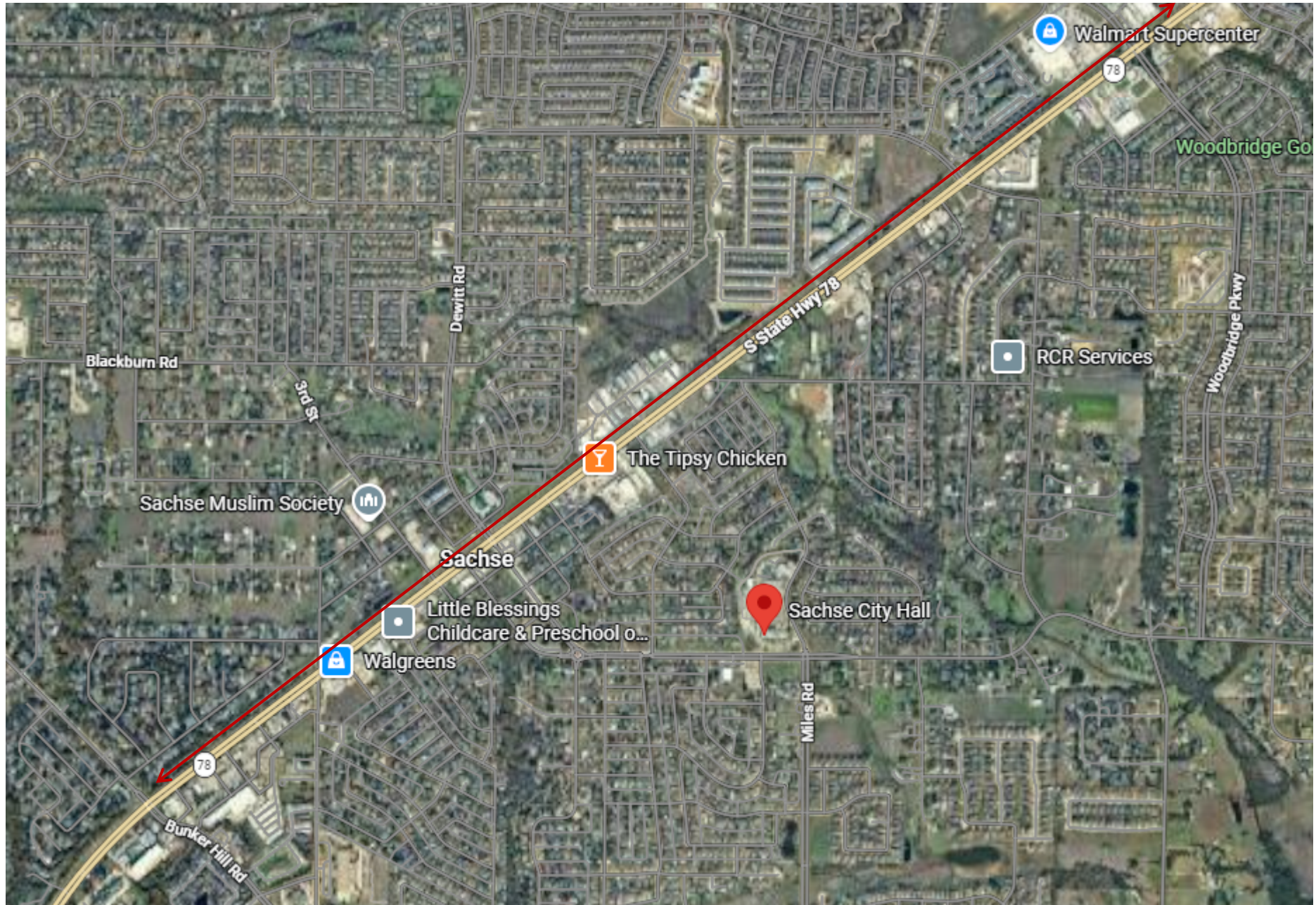
Section 7.08 of the City's Home Rule Charter establishes a Contingency Fund. The Charter states "the fund shall be under the control of the city manager and distributed by the city manager only after prior approval by the city council. The proceeds of the contingent appropriation shall be disbursed only by transfer to other departmental appropriations, the spending of which shall be charged to the departments or activities which the appropriations are made."

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Manager to utilize contingency funds in an amount not to exceed Forty-Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$40,000.00) for the mowing and vegetation management of the CPKC railroad right-of-way areas along SH 78 in Sachse.

File Attachments

1. RR Proposed Mowing Area



C. Discussion Items

Subject: 1. Offer the first caption reading of an ordinance granting to Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC, it's successors and assigns, an electric power franchise to use the present and future streets, alleys, highways, public utility easements, public ways, and public property of the City of Sachse, Texas, providing for compensation therefor, providing for an effective date and a term of said franchise, providing for written acceptance of this franchise, providing for the repeal of all existing franchise ordinances to Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC, it's predecessors and assigns, and finding that the meeting at which this Ordinance is passed is open to the public. (FIRST READING)

Meeting	June 24, 2026 - City Council Special Meeting
Access	Public
Type	Discussion
Fiscal Impact	Yes
Dollar Amount	\$575,000 of revenue budgeted in FY 2025-2026
Budgeted	Yes
Budget Source	Electricity Franchise Fee revenue receipted in the General Fund
Recommended Action	Offer the first caption reading of an ordinance granting to Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC, it's successors and assigns, an electric power franchise to use the present and future streets, alleys, highways, public utility easements, public ways, and public property of the City of Sachse, Texas. (FIRST READING)
Goals	Provide excellent government services to Sachse citizens.

BACKGROUND

The City's current 20-year agreement with Oncor expires July 31, 2026. The City worked with Oncor to prepare a renewal agreement for Council approval. The agreement mirrors the current franchise agreement while adjusting for any case law. If approved, this agreement will be extended for 20 years, expiring on July 31, 2046.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Sachse Home Rule Charter Article X, Utility and Public Service Franchises and Licenses, addresses the regulation of franchises and franchise agreements.

RECOMMENDATION

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Access Public

Type Discussion, Action

Fiscal Impact None

Recommended Action Take any action as necessary.

Goals

BACKGROUND

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

There are no policy considerations affiliated with this item.

RECOMMENDATION

Take any action as necessary.

File Attachments None
