



Monday, August 10, 2026
Animal Shelter Advisory Committee Meeting

Council Chambers
3815 Sachse Road, Building B
6:00 PM

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee meetings are available live and on-demand
(<https://sachsetx.swagit.com/live>).

A. Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order: The Animal Shelter Advisory Committee of the City of Sachse will hold a regular meeting on Monday, August 10, 2026, at 6:00 PM to consider the following items of business:
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

B. Public Comment

The public is invited to address the Board regarding any topic not already on the agenda for action or public hearing. **Comments regarding 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 acting secretary prior to the meeting. According to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Board is prohibited from discussing any item not posted on the agenda but will take comments under advisement.

C. Action Items

Action items are for Board discussion and consideration for action. **The presiding officer will invite comments before the Board votes.** A Public Comment Card shall be given to the acting secretary prior to the start of the meeting.

1. Consider approving the April 1, 2026, meeting minutes.

D. Discussion Items

These items are for the Board 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 on Animal Shelter activities.
2. Review and discuss matters related to the health and safety code for the Animal Shelter.

E. 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 August 4, 2026, by 5:30 PM.

Leah K Granger, TRMC, City Secretary

Date removed

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C. Action Items

Subject: 1. Consider approving the April 1, 2026, meeting minutes.

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Access Public

Type Discussion, Action, Minutes

Fiscal Impact None

Recommended Action Approve the minutes as presented.

Goals

BACKGROUND

Minutes from the April 1, 2026, Animal Shelter Advisory Committee regular meeting are presented for approval.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

State law and Sachse's Charter require minutes to be recorded for public meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the minutes as presented.

File Attachments

1. AnimalShelterAdvisoryCommittee_Regular_Minutes_4.1.2026-unsigned

ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF SACHSE APRIL 1, 2026, MEETING MINUTES

The Animal Shelter Advisory Committee of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 6:30 PM at Sachse City Hall, 3815-B Sachse Road. Those present were: Cullen King, Kim McClurg, Debbie Strout, Dr. Steve Pirkey, Hugo Espinoza, James Mathis, Rachel Grogan, Brandi Petee, and Caitlyn Casey.

Those absent were: Matt Prestenberg

A. Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order: The Animal Shelter Advisory Committee of the City of Sachse will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 6:30 PM to consider the following items of business:

Shelter Manager Hugo Espinoza called the meeting to order at 6:43 PM.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

Mr. King offered the invocation and led the pledges.

B. Public Comment

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No public comments were offered.

C. Action Items

Action items are for Board discussion and consideration for action. **The presiding officer will invite comments before the Board votes.** A Public Comment Card should be given to the acting secretary prior to the start of the meeting.

1. Consider approving the December 11, 2025, meeting minutes.

Mr. King made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Mathis seconded the motion, and it carried 8 - 0. None voted against.

D. Discussion Items

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

1. Receive an update of the Animal Shelter activities.

The Committee was introduced to Nick Rivas, the newly appointed shelter attendant. Mr. Espinoza provided updates that included visitation and tours of two Wylie High Schools and a visit from a local girl scout troop that brought donations. The Committee was briefed with statistics from the period since the last meeting to previous full month.

2. Review and discuss matters related to the health and safety code for the Animal Shelter.

Mr. Espinoza noted that Sachse Animal Services successfully passed the State of Texas Department of Health and Human Services annual inspection. Ms. Stout inquired about reporting recent euthanasia to be included in presentation. Mr. Espinoza noted that there have not been any recent euthanasia due to space. The Committee was updated with shelter-to-shelter transfers of dogs to help adoption exposure. Mr. King expressed the importance of dogs being walked as it helps reduce kennel stress and volunteers are always needed.

E. Adjournment

Shelter Manager Hugo Espinoza adjourned the meeting at 7 :02PM.

Tim Legh-Page
Councilmember/Chairperson

ATTEST:

Hugo Espinoza
Animal Shelter Manager

D. Discussion Items

Subject: 1. Receive an update on Animal Shelter activities.

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Access Public

Type Discussion, Action

Fiscal Impact None

Recommended Action Receive an update on Animal Shelter activities.

Goals Provide excellent government services to Sachse citizens.

BACKGROUND

Staff will update the Committee on recent activities at the Sachse Animal Shelter.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

There are no policy considerations affiliated with this item.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive an update on Animal Shelter activities.

File Attachments

1. Presentation_Animal Shelter Updates_Aug 2026

Animal Services Advisory Committee Meeting

August 6, 2026



Meet.... Dexter!!



Update of Animal Shelter Activities

- Off-site adoption events
 - Big Foot Grooming – Mr. Bigfoot Competition in Wylie
 - Second Annual Royce City Paw-Looza Carnival
- Sachse Safe Paws program launched
 - Partnering with Sachse Fire and Rescue
 - Free microchipping was offered May 2 and July 1-3
- Shelter tour and visits
 - By the Banyard Gate Private School-Sachse
 - Summit Private School-Wylie
- Sachse PD - Cops and Campers Youth Summer Camp
 - Special guest speakers at three of their camps
- Continuing education
 - Courses presented to staff
 - Assisted area officers obtain and renew Euthanasia Certification



Update of Animal Shelter Activities

- Statistics Since last meeting (March-June 2026)
 - 590 calls for service, 85% increase
 - 75 dogs impounded, 23% increase
 - 58 dogs reclaimed, 93% increase
 - 22 dogs adopted, remained the same
 - 4 dogs rescued, 60% decrease
 - 81 cats impounded, 103% increase
 - 3 cats reclaimed, 50% increase
 - 39 cats adopted, 129% increase
 - 19 cats rescued (all in month of April)
 - 9 cats released as TNR, 52% decrease
 - 107 wildlife complaints, 569% increase (weather change)
 - 3 citations

Health and Safety Code

- Started HW testing all dogs, of age, when placing up for adoption
 - HW treatment being sponsored by FRAS
- Cats showing illness or appear sick get FIV/FeLV tested onsite
- Staff has started administering flea preventative for pets
- Microchipping pets for public is available anytime that we are open
 - Occasionally host free microchip clinics or offer free chips to Sachse residents
- Indoor temperatures are monitored on a regular basis due to the extreme heat
- Each kennel with outdoor access has pale of water that is replenished/replaced daily
- FRAS volunteers continue to support decompression of our dogs by regularly walking our dogs



QUESTIONS?

