

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE JUNE 15, 2026, MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, June 15, 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, June 15, 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 Howarth led the pledges.

B. Recognition

1. Present a proclamation declaring Makayla Hoermann as Junior Mayor for the Day in Sachse.

This item will be rescheduled.

2. Present a proclamation recognizing the City of Sachse Finance Department's efforts for achieving the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association.

Mayor Bickerstaff presented a proclamation to Finance Director David Baldwin and Assistant Finance Director Jonah Nance to recognize the Finance Department's efforts to achieve the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 14th year.

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 may 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, Robert Harris, addressed the Council regarding permits for his property.

D. Council/Staff Reports and Updates

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

No comments were offered.

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

local achievements.

Councilmember Prestenberg introduced the featured pet, Cosmo, who has been a resident of the Sachse Animal Shelter for 288 days--nearly his entire life. Anyone interested in making Cosmo a part of their family should contact the shelter at 972-675-9662 to schedule a meet-and-greet. Councilmember Buhler announced the upcoming Lord of the Rings themed Teen Night on June 29. She also encouraged teens to join the beginner-friendly American Mahjong series at the Michael J. Felix Community Center. Participants will meet on Thursdays from 4 to 6 PM from July 9 through July 23. To register, call 469-429-0275 or use Activity No. 7485 at www.cityofsachse.com/classregistration. Councilmember Millsap invited all readers to join the Library's Reading Challenge running through July 31. He also invited adults to the Make & Mingle on June 17.

City Manager Gina Nash congratulated Communications Business Partner, Esther Weaver, for receiving the Award of Honor for Best Small Shop at the annual Texas Association of Municipal Information Officers (TAMIO) Awards. She recognized the achievement as a reflection of the City's core value of Excellence.

Mayor Bickerstaff thanked voters for casting their ballots in the June 13 Runoff Election. He invited anyone interested in discussing the budget process or asking related questions to attend the Budget & Burgers event on June 25. Mayor Bickerstaff commended City Secretary Leah Granger for being a recipient of the Texas Municipal Clerk's Office Achievement of Excellence Award from the Texas Municipal Clerk's Association. The recognition reflects the high standard of professionalism and service that Ms. Granger brings to her role every day. He shared that the North Central Texas Council of Governments presented the Mike Eastland Regional Cooperation Award to the North Texas Municipal Water District and its partner cities and consultants for solving a decades-long regional water rate challenge. Specifically, Ms. Nash was recognized for her leadership and role in coordinating the effort. Mayor Bickerstaff also congratulated Ms. Nash for receiving the Administrator of the Year Award from the Texas City Management Association. This is the highest award a City Manager can receive in the state, and it honors her exceptional leadership, dedication, and skill as well as the strength of the organization she has built.

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 June 1, 2026, meeting minutes.
2. Accept the monthly revenue and expenditure report for the period ending April 30, 2026.

Mayor Pro Tem Franks 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. Consider authorizing the City Manager to approve and execute Change Order No. 2 for

Bailey Road Reconstruction (BP-21-B01) an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand, Twelve and 59/100 Dollars (\$494,012.59).

Director of Public Works and CIP Corey Nesbit reviewed the Bailey Road Reconstruction project to date. This roadway project was approved in the 2021 Bond Election. Change Order #2 revises material and labor quantities associated with changes to the project scope. Costs associated with the change order will be funded from the West Creek Lane project savings, a project that was proposed in the same bond proposition.

Councilmember Lindsey made a motion to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Howarth seconded the motion, and it carried 6 - 1. Councilmember Millsap 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. Discuss the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget and provide feedback.

Finance Director David Baldwin, Assistant City Manager Lauren Rose, and City Manager Gina Nash presented the preliminary budget.

Mr. Baldwin focused on the current financial overview, projected revenues, and debt capacity. Ms. Rose discussed some areas that are straining the budget. She stressed that the preliminary budget was being presented six weeks earlier this year and not all the pertinent information had been received from the appraisal districts; therefore, this is an opening conversation. She reviewed cost recovery approaches that should be evaluated and considered in the budget process. Staff will return in early August with the proposed budget. Ms. Nash went over the strategic priorities of the Council as discussed at the Council retreat in February and reviewed some takeaways. In particular, revenue is not projected to be as strong as it once was, and increased costs will continue to be considered. She reviewed opportunities for the public to give feedback, general assumptions, and anticipated expenditures from the General Fund. Mr. Baldwin summarized the preliminary budget projections and anticipated recommendations. The preliminary budget book is available at www.cityofsachse.com/Budget and the public is invited to submit comments at budget@cityofsachse.com.

H. Executive Session

1. The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Section §551.074 Personnel Matters: Regarding the mid-year review of the City Secretary.

Mayor Bickerstaff adjourned the Council to Executive Session at 8:16 PM.
The Council returned to Regular Session at 9:10 PM.

I. 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 mid-year review of the City Secretary.

No action was taken.

J. Adjournment

Mayor Bickerstaff adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM.



Jeff Bickerstaff, Mayor

ATTEST:



Leah K Granger, TRMC, City Secretary

