

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a workshop and regular meeting on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 3815 Sachse Road, Sachse, Texas. Those present were Mayor Mike Felix, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Adams, Councilmembers Brett Franks, Michelle Howarth, Paul Watkins, Cullen King, and Jeff Bickerstaff; City Manager, Gina Nash; City Attorney, Joe Gorfida; City Secretary, Michelle Lewis Sirianni; Strategic Services Manager, Lauren Rose; Finance Director, Teresa Savage; IT Manager, Danny Wheeler; Parks and Recreation Director, Lance Whitworth; Recreation Manager, Cynthia Wiseman; Public Works and CIP Director, Corey Nesbit; Development Services Director, Matt Robinson; Human Resources Director; Melinda Walter; Fire Chief, Marty Wade, Police Chief, Bryan Sylvester and Assistant Police Chief, Steven Baxter.

Mayor Felix opened the workshop meeting at 6:33 p.m.

COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE: Receive an update on the Sachse Community Center construction progress.

Ron Hobbs with Ron Hobbs Architects gave an update to the City Council on the progress of the Community Center. He commented that they are currently two weeks behind the original schedule due to bad weather days. The completion date is now January 7. He added that the audio-visual equipment and purchase of furniture items will be coming back for Council approval at the October 7 meeting. He finished his presentation with photos of the building reflecting the progress.

ROTUNDA PROJECT: Unveil the “History in the Rotunda” project that was accomplished in collaboration with the Sachse Historical Society.

Mayor Felix and Diana Smith from the Sachse Historical Society unveiled a new plaque that will be displayed in the rotunda. The plaque provides additional details about the historical photos displayed in the rotunda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section §551.071 (1)(A): Consultation with City Attorney regarding the following pending litigation: (1) Randy Cole, Karen Cole, Ryan Cole v. Carl Carson, No. 14-10228 in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and (2) Randy Cole, Karen Cole, Ryan Cole v. Michael Hunter, Martin Cassidy, No. 15-10045 in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

At 6:56 p.m., the City Council recessed into Executive Session.

At 7:29 p.m., the City Council reconvened back into the workshop meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the workshop at 7:29 p.m.

Mayor Felix opened the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO U.S. AND STATE FLAG:

Councilman King offered the invocation and Councilman Watkins led the pledges.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Councilwoman Howarth announced upcoming Library events.

Councilman Bickerstaff announced the fundraiser being done by 5 Loaves Food Pantry in coordination with North Texas Giving Day.

Mayor Pro Tem Adams thanked everyone who participated in and went to Public Safety Day.

Mayor Felix announced upcoming events including the Sachse Homecoming parade on September 25 and the X-treme Green event on September 28.

Councilman King thanked everyone involved with the North Pointe Church 15th anniversary event.

CITIZENS INPUT:

No comments were made.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be acted on by one motion, with no separate discussion of these items unless a City Councilmember or citizen so requests.

- 1. Approve the minutes of the September 3, 2019, combined meeting.**
- 2. Approve a resolution amending the Master Fee Schedule by amending library fees and providing an effective date.**
- 3. Approve an ordinance repealing ordinance 3920 passed on May 6, 2019, in its entirety and amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 10 titled "Utilities" by**

amending Article 1 titled “In General” by amending Section 10-7 titled “Water Conservation and Drought Contingency and Water Emergency Response Plan” by renaming Section 10-7 “Water Conservation Plan” to adopt the “2019 City of Sachse Water Conservation Plan”.

Councilman King made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Councilman Bickerstaff seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Felix recused himself from the dais.

Discuss and consider a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Board to the City Council on the naming of the Sachse Community Center as the Michael J. Felix Community Center.

Mayor Pro Tem Adams introduced the item.

Mr. Whitworth provided a brief history and feedback from the Parks and Recreation Board regarding the naming of the Community Center. At the September 12, 2019 Parks and Recreation Board meeting, the board voted 3-2 in favor of naming the Community Center the Michael J. Felix Community Center. He also noted he received 11 emails that were in favor of the proposed request.

Councilman Franks commented on the remarks from the Parks and Recreation Board meeting regarding the concerns of a sitting Councilmember. He noted the time and dedication that has been put forth by Mayor Felix for over 20 years.

Councilwoman Howarth stated that she is philosophically opposed to naming a building after a sitting politician. However, she added that Mayor Felix is deserving and not against it otherwise.

Councilman King noted that Mayor Felix is qualified and deserving. His concern is that he is a current member of Council. He requested waiting until another meeting to make a final decision.

Councilman Bickerstaff stated he supports the request.

Councilman Watkins stated Mayor Felix has put time in and has sacrificed many things to serve the City over the years. He supports the request.

Mayor Pro Tem Adams stated he presented the letter of request to the Parks and Recreation Board as a citizen/resident. He noted that the City policy does not address a current sitting councilmember. Therefore, he supports the request.

Mayor Pro Tem Adams opened comments up to the public.

Tiry Williams, 3116 Lance Lane, stated he supports the request and appreciates the passion Mayor Felix has for the City.

Bobby Tillman, 6314 Ben Road, is in favor of the request. He noted Mayor Felix's passion for the City. He provided examples of other landmarks that have been named after people who were still living and/or serving that location.

Fernando Gutierrez, 7515 Summit View Lane, stated he is in favor of the request. He emphasized Mayor Felix's love of the City, years of community involvement, and how this teaches young individuals what they can accomplish with desire and dedication.

Drew Shubzda, 3331 Meadow Bluff, stated he is in favor of the request based on Mayor Felix's dedication of the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Adams noted that he received feedback from Dennis Veach, former Sachse Police Chief supporting the request.

Councilman King thanked Mr. Tillman for providing the examples and that helped answer some of his questions.

Councilman Watkins made a motion to name the Community Center the Michael J. Felix Community Center. Councilman Franks seconded that motion. The motion passes with a 5-1 vote. Councilwoman Howarth voted against the request.

Councilwoman Howarth stated for the record that she voted no based on her philosophy regarding the matter, not because Mayor Felix is undeserving of the recognition.

Mayor Felix returned to the dais.

Consider an ordinance approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee ("ACSC") and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the Company's 2019 Rate Review Mechanism filings.

Mrs. Savage stated the settlement rate that is recommended by the committee will, on average, increase the residential rate to \$2.05 on a monthly basis or 3.7 percent and increase to \$6.18 or 2.31 percent, on average, for commercial users. The rates will be effective October 1, 2019.

Councilman King made a motion to approve an ordinance approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee ("ACSC") and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the Company's 2019 Rate Review Mechanism filings. Mayor Pro Tem Adams seconded that motion. The motion passes with a 6-0-1 vote. Councilman Watkins abstained.

Consider a resolution nominating candidate(s) for the Collin Central Appraisal District (CCAD) Board of Directors.

Councilman Watkins nominated Michelle Howarth for the Collin Central Appraisal District (CCAD) Board of Directors. Councilman Bickerstaff seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Consider a resolution nominating candidate(s) for the Dallas Central Appraisal District (DCAD) Board of Directors.

Councilman Watkins nominated Brett Franks for the Dallas Central Appraisal District (DCAD) Board of Directors. Councilman King seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Consider an ordinance authorizing certain budget amendments pertaining to the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget.

Mrs. Savage stated the approved FY 2018-2019 budget included funding for several street maintenance projects with funding from multiple sources. The various asphalt projects and concrete projects were bid as single projects to achieve the most favorable unit pricing; however, the budgeted funding was not properly considered in allocating the purchase order to the correct fund. The completed projects in the Street Maintenance Tax Fund exceeded the current year budget and will require an additional appropriation. However, monies are available in that fund and the allocation will not have an adverse effect on the completion of projects in the upcoming budget year.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to authorize certain budget amendments pertaining to the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget. Councilman King seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Consider an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of City of Sachse, Texas Limited Tax Note, Series 2019, levying an annual ad valorem tax and providing for the security for and payment of said note; engaging bond consultants, including engaging bond counsel on a contingency fee basis; providing an effective date; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject.

Jason Hughes, Hilltop Securities, presented an overview of this item. Mr. Hughes outlined the summary of bids. He emphasized that the two lowest bids were from First National Bank Texas and the differences between those bids. Mr. Hughes recommended that Council accept bid #2 from First National Bank Texas. Bid #2 has a six-year term, an interest rate of 1.7%, and a final par amount of \$2,070,000.

Councilman Bickerstaff asked Mr. Hughes if the bank was qualified. Mr. Hughes replied yes, the bank was qualified and noted that the terms of the bid are favorable and will save the City money.

Councilman King made a motion to accept bid # 2 from First National Bank Texas and approve an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of City of Sachse, Texas Limited Tax Note, Series 2019, levying an annual ad valorem tax and providing for the security for and payment of said note; engaging bond consultants, including engaging bond counsel on a contingency fee basis; providing an effective date; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject. Councilman Bickerstaff seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Consider an ordinance approving and adopting the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020.

Councilman Franks made a motion to approve and adopt the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020. Councilman King seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ratify the property tax increase in the budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Councilman Franks made a motion to ratify the property tax increase in the budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Councilman King seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Consider an ordinance levying ad valorem taxes for the year 2019 (Fiscal Year 2019-2020) at a rate of \$0.72 per one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed valuation on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Sachse as of January 1, 2019.

Councilman King made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.72 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation, which is effectively a 5.56 percent increase in the tax rate and to adopt the ordinance as presented. Councilwoman Howarth seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Consider an ordinance providing for the defeasance and redemption of a portion of the outstanding City of Sachse, Texas General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2009; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject.

Mr. Hughes with Hilltop Securities stated this item uses Debt Service funds to pay off \$1,010,000 in principal early. This will shorten the debt from current final maturity of 2034 to 2021, resulting in significant savings for the City.

Councilman Watkins made a motion to approve an ordinance providing for the defeasance and redemption of a portion of the outstanding City of Sachse, Texas General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2009; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject. Councilman King seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

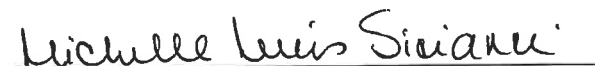
No action taken on workshop item A4 (Pending Litigation).

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the regular meeting at 8:32 p.m.


MIKE J. FELIX, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary

