

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE
SEPTEMBER 12, 2011**

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a Special Meeting on Monday, September 12, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sachse City Hall after proper notice. The roll of the duly constituted City Council members was called which members are as follows, to wit:

Mayor Mike Felix
Mayor Pro Tem Charles W. Smith
Councilman Bill Adams
Councilwoman Pat McMillan
Councilman Jared Patterson
Councilman Todd Ronnau
Councilman Mark Timm

and all were present except Councilman Adams.

Staff present: Deputy City Secretary Denise Vice, Interim City Manager Jeri Rainey, Human Resources Director Cheree Bontrager, Public Works Director Joe Crase, City Engineer Billy George, Community Development Director Barry Shelton, Police Chief Dennis Veach, EDC Director Carlos Vigil, Parks and Recreation Director Lance Whitworth.

1. Open Special Meeting: Mayor Felix opened the special meeting.

2. Agenda Items:

a. 11-0416 Discuss and Consider the approval of an ordinance adopting the tax rate and levying the ad valorem taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012.

Council discussed the need to raise taxes in order to pay off the bond debt and be able to move forward on some infrastructure needs.

David Elwart, 4311 Glenview, stated that if Council passes this budget without a plan on how to spend the tax dollars, that is unethical.

Following further discussion, Councilman Timm made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 3316 levying the ad valorem taxes for the tax year 2011-2012 fiscal year at a rate of .770819 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Sachse as of January 1, 2011, to provide revenue for the payment of current expenses, providing for an interest and sinking fund for all outstanding debt of the City of Sachse, providing for due and delinquent dates together with penalties and interest, providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smith and carried with Mayor Felix and Councilwoman McMillan voting no.

Councilman Timm made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .770819, which is effectively a 7.71 percent increase in the tax rate. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smith and carried with Mayor Felix and Councilwoman McMillan voting no.

b. 11-0411 Discuss and Consider an ordinance adopting the budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012.

Council requested information on the Capital Improvements Projects from City Engineer Billy George. Mr. George discussed the current and future needs of the city's sanitary sewer system.

Following discussion, Councilman Timm made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 3317 of the City Council of the City of Sachse, Texas, approving and adopting the budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012; providing that expenditures for said fiscal year shall be made in accordance with said budget; appropriating and setting aside the necessary funds out of the general and other revenues for said fiscal year for the maintenance and operation of the various departments and for various activities and improvements of the city; amending the current budget as revised; authorizing the City Manager to make interfund transfers as appropriated; authorizing the City Manager to make budgetary transfers within funds; authorizing the City Manager to make purchases; providing for fiscal and budgetary policy guidelines; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date, as presented in the amount of \$20,743,820. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smith and carried with Mayor Felix and Councilwoman McMillan voting no.

3. Adjourn:

Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:


MAYOR