

SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE
AUGUST 27, 2012

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a Special Meeting on Monday, August 27, 2012, 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 Jared Patterson
Councilman Brett Franks
Councilman Mark Timm
Councilman Todd Ronnau
Councilwoman Pat McMillan
Councilman Bill Adams

and all were present.

Staff present: City Manager Billy George; City Secretary Terry Smith; Community Development Director Marc Kurbansade; Finance Director Jeri Rainey; City Engineer Shawn Poe; Police Chief Dennis Veach; Public Works Director Joe Crase; Fire Chief Doug Kendrick; Parks Director Lance Whitworth; Library Manager Mignon Morse; and Sachse EDC Director Carlos Vigil.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to U.S. and Texas Flags:

The invocation was offered by Councilman Timm and the pledges were led by Councilman Adams.

1. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS.

12-1039 Conduct the Second Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate for 2012-2013 Fiscal Year:

Mayor Felix opened the public hearing.

Karen Williams 6218 Fieldcrest, stated she moved to Sachse because of the low crime rate and home values. She encouraged the City Council to explore all the options but no tax increase.

Councilman Adams moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Patterson and carried unanimously.

12-1034 Conduct the Second Public Hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget:

Mayor Felix opened the public hearing.

Jim Becker 1105 Meadow Lane, noted the operations and maintenance fund is down from the past. He encouraged the Council not to cut and cut until it damages the quality of life and the City. Ultimately citizens are willing to pay 1 or 2 pennies more in taxes to maintain the quality of life. He encouraged the Council to change the water rates to more of a conservation rate.

Dave Sanford 3718 Trail Ridge Drive, stated he agrees with Jim Becker- the Council can't please all the people any of the time. Everyone wants to see the City grow and that requires infrastructure. Bunker Hill Road is a great example, a 4 lane divided roadway, with landscape and lighting, that overall will require greater maintenance.

Kathy Cobb 3820 Sixth Street, requested Automated External Defibrillators in all public buildings.

Jerry Foote 3990 Blossom Drive, stated he agrees with Jim Becker and Dave Sanford, we need the City to look good, but also need to tighten our belt financially. When times are bad other major cities in our area have lowered their tax rate. Citizens don't want our taxes raised.

Scott Jones 6212 Aspen Estates Drive, noted the City's high tax rate, stating we are spending too much money. Citizens like less government. The Council represents the citizens and don't have to accept all staff recommendations. The Task is to reduce spending in the next 10-15 years to match area cities tax rates. Special activities that benefit special interest groups, maybe we can't afford.

Patti Jones 6212 Aspen Estates Drive, stated she wants essentials that generally benefit everyone: Police, Fire, EMS, Water, and Sewer. She wants animal control and the library within limits. The budget contains a 1% salary increase. Staff is wonderful, but we could make cuts on the glossy newsletter, Easter, parades and Santa events- need to cut the extras.

Councilman Timm moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Adams and carried unanimously.

12-1035 Discuss the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget and Tax Rate:

Finance Director Rainey and City Manager George reviewed the budget highlights with the Council.

Following discussion, no formal action was taken.

2. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilman Timm moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Adams and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY

MAYOR