

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 3, 2015

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, August 3, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at Sachse City Hall, 3815-B Sachse Road, Sachse, Texas. Those present were Mayor Mike Felix, Mayor Pro Tem Brett Franks, Council Members Charlie Ross, Paul Watkins, Bill Adams, Cullen King, and Jeff Bickerstaff. City Manager, Gina Nash; Interim City Secretary, Michelle Lewis Sirianni; City Engineer, Greg Peters; Parks and Recreation Director, Lance Whitworth; Human Resources Manager, Stacy Buckley; Fire Chief, Rick Coleman; Police Chief, Bryan Sylvester; Public Works Director, Joe Crase; Library Manager, Mignon Morse; and, Finance Director, Teresa Savage.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO U.S. AND STATE FLAG: The invocation was offered by Councilman Watkins and the pledges by Boy Scout Troop 100.

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 council member or citizen so requests. 15-2926 Consider approval of the minutes of the July 20, 2015 regular meeting. 15-2940 Consider receiving the Monthly Revenue and Expenditure reports for the period ending June 30, 2015. 15-2932 Consider acceptance of the 2015 Certified tax rolls as approved by the Dallas and Collin County Appraisal Districts. 15-2927 Consider a resolution approving the Interlocal Agreement between the City and North Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) for the 9-1-1 service and equipment.

Councilman Watkins made a motion to approve items 15-2926, 15-2940, 15-2932, and 15-2927 as submitted. Councilman Ross seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS, CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND LOCAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

Councilman King stated that the Animal Shelter recently held a successful safety clinic and that there are plenty of kitties in need of adoption. Councilman Bickerstaff stated that the Library's summer reading program has ended, but was very successful. Councilman Bickerstaff noted that you can also support the Friends of the Sachse Library by registering your Kroger Card to this organization and through Amazon Smiles Program. Mayor Pro Tem Franks also mentioned that the Parks and Recreation Department will have their next movie in the park on Saturday, August 15 with the showing of Paddington.

15-2928 Administer Oath of Office to Bryan Sylvester, Sachse Police Chief. Mr. Sylvester was sworn in by Mayor Felix as Sachse's new Police Chief.

Mayor Felix swore in Mr. Sylvester followed by the pinning of his badge by Mr. Sylvester's spouse.

15-2929 Proclamation celebrating the 80th anniversary of the signing of the Social Security Act.

Mayor Felix read and presented a Proclamation to Angie Hoquang with the Social Security Administration.

15-2939 Recognize and present a Unit Commendation to the Sachse Fire Rescue Department for going above and beyond to provide the best care available to a citizen of Sachse.

Mayor Felix read and presented Fire Chief Rick Coleman with a Certificate recognizing the department's commitment to service and going above and beyond their job duties. Chief Coleman acknowledged the Fire and Rescue Unit that contributed to the response of over 40 calls made to a citizen's home and how the department along with Medical Control were able to help this citizen who is now getting the assistance she needs.

CITIZENS INPUT:

Scott Johnson, 7515 Forest Ridge Trail stated that he would like to see the Council support and provide staffing for Fire Station #2 to the Fire Department.

Mary Saathoff, 4108 Emerson Way stated that she would like to see Council consider a dog park whether it is in the upcoming proposed budget or the following year's budget.

Mike Kellam, 5619 Pinnacle Circle stated that he would like to see the city build the parks trail systems. He stated that there are several grants available to the city to apply for as well as giving voters the option to increase the sales tax rate by ¼ cent. Mr. Kellam added that most surrounding cities have a sales tax of 8.25% compared to Sachse's 8.00%.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

15-2941 Hear and discuss the FY 2015-2016 update to the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Mayor Felix stated this item was presented in the Workshop session where Council discussed proposed FY 2015-2016 projects including street maintenance projects.

Councilman Ross asked City Engineer, Greg Peters if the city plans to reassess the streets periodically since the priority of streets could change over time. Mr. Peters responded that the proposed plan, which is based on a scoring system would need to be revisited and monitored periodically in order to determine and identify problem areas. Therefore, he does plan on updating the plan on a regular basis.

15-2931 Consider receipt of and discuss the City Manager's Proposed Budget for Programs and Services for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.

Teresa Savage, Finance Director provided Council with a re-cap of the 2015 budget process, the budget calendar, the certified tax rolls, truth in taxation, effective and rollback tax rates and what has changed. Mrs. Savage also presented overviews for the Economic Development Corporation, the General Fund, the Utility Fund, and the recommended and requested supplementals.

Mrs. Nash commented that she believes the Fire Department is a strong candidate for the Safer Grant and based on the supplemental requests and recommendations that it is her recommendation that the City wait on the Full Time positions until they apply for the grant. Ms. Nash added that the grant would provide the funding for these positions.

Council agreed with Ms. Nash to pursue the Safer Grant and their desire to staff Fire Station #2. Council discussed how staffing Fire Station #2 may affect future budgets, the amount of personnel needed, and the need for future equipment. Councilman Watkins stated that he would like to see a fund started due to the expense of the fire equipment. Chief Coleman responded that he and Captain Hall have been working on an equipment maintenance and replacement policy, which has allowed them to project such costs. Council accepted budget as proposed.

15-2933 Consider a motion and vote to place as an action item on the September 14, 2015 special City Council meeting agenda a proposal to adopt a tax rate of 0.757279 per \$100 assessed property valuation for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, and to schedule two public hearings to be held on August 17, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. and September 1, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at City of Sachse City Hall, 3815-B Sachse Road, Sachse, Texas.

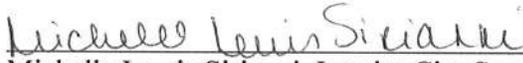
Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to approve placing an action item on the September 14, 2015 special City Council meeting agenda with a proposal to adopt a tax rate of 0.757279 per \$100 assessed property valuation for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, and to schedule two public hearings to be held on August 17, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. and September 1, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at City of Sachse City Hall, 3815-B Sachse Road, Sachse, Texas. Councilman Watkins seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:06 p.m. Councilman Adams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Ross seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.


MIKE FELIX, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Michelle Lewis Sirianni, Interim City Secretary

