

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 4, 2016

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a workshop meeting on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 6:30 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, Jeff Bickerstaff, and Cullen King. City Manager, Gina Nash; City Secretary, Michelle Lewis Sirianni; Director of Public Works and Engineering, Greg Peters; Community Development Director, Dusty McAfee; Chief of Police, Bryan Sylvester; Fire Chief, Rick Coleman; Finance Director, Teresa Savage; Parks and Recreation Director, Lance Whitworth, and Human Resources Director, Stacy Buckley.

Mayor Felix called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

DISCUSSION OF SPEED LIMITS AND SCHOOL ZONES:

Mr. Peters introduced this item by providing information on speed limits for Ranch Road, Pleasant Valley Road, and the school zone on Ranch Road.

The following information was discussed regarding each of these items:

- Ranch Road School Zone – Mr. Peters stated a new crosswalk was recently added. Per the Institute of Transportation Engineers, the recommended distance from a crosswalk to a school zone limit is 200 feet for a 20 mph school zone. Staff is recommending the school zone be extended to adequately include the crosswalk.
- Pleasant Valley Road - Mr. Peters highlighted information from the MUTCD Guidelines, which included that other factors are considered when establishing or reevaluating speed limits. These factors can be road characteristics, shoulder condition, grade, alignment, and sight distance as well as reported crashes within a 12 month period. Mr. Peters also stated that the guidelines state when a speed limit within a speed zone is posted, it should be within five (5) mph of the 85th-percentile speed of free-flowing traffic. The current speed limit is posted as 45 mph from Elm Grove Road to the President George Bush Turnpike. Mr. Peters also discussed traffic count data, road composition and geometry, and speed study findings for Pleasant Valley Road. The speed study findings included a recommended speed limit of 45 mph, two 90-degree curves, two 45-degree curves, payment condition to be a 2 on the PASER rating system, and the road has no shoulders and has bar ditches on each side of the road, which vary in depth and width. Staff is recommending a 40 mph speed limit from Miles Road to Elm Grove Road, with an advisory speed of 25 mph at the two 90-degree curves, and additional warning signs and chevron signs at all curves.

- Ranch Road – Mr. Peters indicated the same MUTCD Guidelines apply to this road as well. The current speed limit is 30 mph from Maxwell Creek Road to State Highway 78. Traffic count data, road composition and geometry, road characteristics, and speed study findings were discussed. The findings included that the 85% speed shows that motorists are comfortable at 44 miles per hour, the road geometry included one 45-degree curve, and the pavement condition to be a 9 on the PASER rating system. Staff is recommending the speed be increased based upon the improved road condition resulting from the completion of the road as a four lane divided roadway. Staff is recommending two options. Option one at 40 mph or option two at 35 mph.

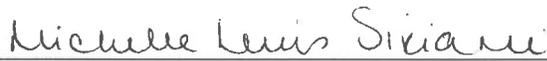
Council discussed the current speed limit on Pleasant Valley Road as well as the recommended speed limit by staff. The council conversed about the current traffic on this road along with the geographic and design of the road. The condition of the road was a major concern by all.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:23 p.m. Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting.


MIKE J. FELIX, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary

