

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 18, 2016

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, April 18, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at Sachse City Hall, 3815-B Sachse Road, Sachse, Texas. Those present were Mayor Mike Felix, Council Members Brett Franks, Charlie Ross, Paul Watkins, Bill Adams, Cullen King, and Jeff Bickerstaff; City Manager, Gina Nash; City Secretary, Michelle Lewis Sirianni; City Engineer, Greg Peters; Community Development Director, Dustin McAfee; Parks and Recreation Director, Lance Whitworth; Economic Development Director, Leslyn Blake; Fire Operations Captain, Chris Hall and Police Chief, Bryan Sylvester.

Mayor Felix opened the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO U.S. AND STATE FLAG: The invocation was offered by Mayor Pro Tem Franks and the pledges by Councilman Adams.

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. **16-3302** Approve the minutes of the April 4, 2016 workshop meeting. **16-3303** Approve the minutes of the April 18, 2016 regular meeting. **16-3305** Authorize the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) regarding a Microwave Tower on the City of Sachse Public Safety Campus.

Kathy Cobb, 3820 6th Street, requested to pull item 16-3305.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to approve items 16-3302 and 16-3303 as submitted. Councilman Ross seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Cobb asked in regards to item 16-3305, what were the specifications to the tower, its resistance to ice and wind, location of the pad site, if the City has to maintain insurance, if there is any cost to the City, and how many entities have to sign the agreement. Ms. Cobb also asked Council to consider an ordinance to keep drones from flying around the tower.

Chief Sylvester responded that the safety rating on the tower exceeds the current one, the City trusts the engineer from NCTCOG regarding the recommendation of the tower, its material, and build specifications. The tower will be built adjacent to the existing tower. There is no cost to the City and the insurance is nominal at best.

Councilman King made a motion to approve item 16-3305. Councilman Watkins seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS,

Councilman King recognized Dominick with Troop 78 in the audience that was working on a merit badge.

Councilman Ross announced that on Saturday, April 23 the Library would be showing *Norm of the North* movie at noon; the Library will be holding a Manga Art Contest, submissions accepted May 2 to May 9 and will remain on display until a winner is chosen; on May 3 at 6:00 p.m. Ronald McDonald will be at the Library; on May 21 the second annual ArthurCon will take place with over 30 local authors; and the Library is looking for teen volunteers. Anyone interested may check out the city's website for information with interviews to be held May 11 and 12.

Mayor Pro Tem Franks stated that on Saturday, May 7 the Parks and Recreation will be showing *The Good Dinosaur* in the amphitheater. The movie will start around 8:15-ish or as it is dark. Popcorn and drinks will be served.

Mayor Felix stated that the Relay for Life takes place April 29 and on May 6 at the Hyatt Place Garland, the Sachse Chamber will be hosting Men Who Cook at 6:30 p.m.

16-3301 Recognize Evelyn Hernandez for winning the Lions International Peace Poster contest.

Mayor Felix recognized Evelyn Hernandez for her accomplishment along with Laura Long, Evelyn's art teacher, and representatives from the Lions Club.

CITIZENS INPUT:

Tricia Lindsey, 3718 Rock House Road, announced that a preparedness fair is taking place Saturday, April 23 sponsored by the Rowlett CERT for anyone interested as well as the tax free holiday on preparedness items. She encouraged residents to take advantage of this opportunity.

Kathy Cobb, 3820 6th Street, asked if the City has called or made inquiries regarding the recent phone and cable issues with Frontier. She stated that not having communication lines is a safety issue for some residents and asked if there is anything the City can do.

Mrs. Nash responded that the fees that are collected are relative to the lines in the right-of-way. Since the deregulation, there are no fees collected by the City.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

16-3300 Consider appointments to various City Boards and Commissions.

Councilman King made a motion to appoint Judith Lensch to the Library Board, Jim Mathis to the Animal Shelter Board, Chase Franks as a Youth Advisor to the Parks and Recreation Board, and Frank Millsap, Robert Corbin, and Troy Riner to the TIF Board. Councilman Ross seconded that motion.

Motion passes with a 6-0 vote and Mayor Pro Tem Franks abstaining due to Chase Franks being his son.

16-3306 Presentation of the Police Department Summer Children's Camp, "Cops and Campers".

Chief Sylvester presented a new summer camp program that is designed to foster relationships between young residents and police as well as provide age appropriate instruction and activities that promote safety, model citizenship, and positive interaction. Chief Sylvester stated that there will be a series of camps for those enrolled in Sachse Elementary or Hudson with a maximum of 20 students per camp. Staffing will consist of the Sachse PD SRO's, employees and volunteers. There will be four sessions held with two weeks in June and two weeks in July. The camps will have instruction as well as activities and a field trip for the campers. The registration will be accepted at the Sachse Police Department and is on a first come first serve basis. There is no cost to the campers. The child safety funds will be utilized to help cover any associated costs.

Mayor Pro Tem Franks asked if they would be doing online registrations and if background checks would be done. Chief Sylvester responded that they may consider online registrations next year and would be conducting background checks on all the volunteers.

Councilman King asked if home schooled children would be welcomed. Chief Sylvester replied that Sachse students would be the priority, so if they are in Sachse, then they would certainly be considered.

Councilman Watkins commented that he thinks it's a great idea and asked if the department has plans to conduct any camps in August or planning to expand next year? Chief Sylvester stated that they will see how this year goes and make any changes for next year.

Councilman Bickerstaff stated that this is a great program idea and asked what is the high school criteria and how do they plan on getting the word out. Robert Beauchamp, SRO officer, responded that they are targeting ninth thru eleventh graders and is geared not to affect this year's seniors. Officer Beauchamp stated that he has already been informally getting the word out and meeting with various clubs at the high school as well as information will be placed on the city's website.

Councilman Ross stated that this is a great way to get young people introduced to the Police and public safety departments.

Mayor Felix thanked the Police Department for everything they are doing with this program and community involvement.

16-3307 Discuss the Stormwater Utility Rate Study.

Mr. Peters introduced this item providing a brief history of the City's diverse drainage system and outlining what a stormwater utility rate study would entail. Mr. Peters provided a list of comparison cities and their current rates. Mr. Peters indicated that the staff received seven proposals and is the process of reviewing the proposals and selecting finalists to interview. Rate study goals, proposed

tasks; and additional study options were also discussed. Council will be presented with a recommended consultant team in May with study to begin this summer.

The Council discussed how the citizens can get involved with the study, the scope of the study, and how long the project could take to complete.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Section §551.087: Economic Development Deliberations: Discussion of Economic Development incentives for projects.

At 8:44 p.m., the City Council recessed into Executive Session.

At 9:51 p.m., the City Council reconvened back into regular session.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting at 9:52 p.m.


MIKE J FELIX, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary

