

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 16, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, May 16, 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; Public Works Director and City Engineer, Greg Peters; Community Development Director, Dustin McAfee; Parks and Recreation Director, Lance Whitworth; Human Resources Manager, Stacy Buckley; Finance Director, Teresa Savage; Fire Chief, Marty Wade and Police Chief, Bryan Sylvester.

Mayor Felix opened the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO U.S. AND STATE FLAG:** The invocation was offered by Councilman Ross and the pledges by Councilman King.

**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. **16-3340** Approve the minutes of the May 2, 2016 workshop meeting. **16-3341** Approve the minutes of the May 2, 2016 regular meeting. **16-3334** Consider acceptance of the Quarterly Budget and Investment Reports for the quarter ending March 31, 2016. **16-3337** Consider an ordinance approving a negotiated settlement between ACSC and Atmos Energy Corp, Mid-Tex Division regarding the company's 2016 rate review mechanism filings; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement; finding the rates to be set by the settlement tariffs to be just and reasonable and in the public interest; requiring the company to reimburse ACSC's reasonable ratemaking expenses; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act; adopting a savings clause; declaring an effective date; and requiring delivery of this ordinance to the company and the ACSC's legal counsel.

Councilman Watkins requested and moved to pull item 16-3337. Councilman Adams seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to approve items 16-3340, 16-341, and 16-3334. Councilman King seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Councilman Watkins stated that due to a conflict of interest, he is unable to vote on item 16-3337 and has filed such with the City Secretary.

Councilman King made a motion to approve item 16-3337. Councilman Bickerstaff seconded that motion. The motion passes with a 6-0 vote. Councilman Watkins abstained from the vote.

## MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS.

Councilman King recognized a Boy Scout in the audience that was working on a merit badge as well as Girl Scout Troop 6511 for their donations to the animal shelter. Councilman King also stated that they are several litters of kittens in the shelter along with other animals that would love to be adopted.

Councilman Ross announced on Saturday, May 21, the Library will be hosting AuthorCon that will have over two dozen authors along with a chance to purchase their book(s) and receive autographs, and on Saturday, June 4, the Library will kick off the Summer Reading Program behind City Hall.

Mayor Pro Tem Franks stated that there were over 85 people for the movie in the park. He thanked the Parks and Recreation Department and for all those who attended. Mayor Pro Tem Franks announced that on Saturday, June 4 the Baseball Association will be showing the movie *Sandlot* that is open to all. The movie will begin around 8:30 p.m. Also, at the most recent Park and Recreation Board meeting, youth advisors that have served on the board were recognized for their service and there is an open seat for any high school students who may be interested. Lastly, on Monday, May 30 at City Hall there will be a Memorial Day ceremony at 11:30 to noon and will be held rain or shine.

Councilman Adams thanked the Sachse Lions Club for their fundraiser held over the weekend along with the residents who all came out in support. The club will also be out at the Red, White, and Blue Blast this year.

Mayor Felix thanked the Chamber of Commerce and all those who attended the Men Who Cook event.

### **16-3338 Proclamation recognizing the week of May 15-21, 2016 as National Public Works Week in the City of Sachse.**

Mayor Felix presented a Proclamation to the Public Works Department in recognition of Public Works week and all their hard work and services they do for the City.

### **16-3344 Presentation of scholarship award to Wylie East High School Senior, Jeanine Saygi.**

Mayor Felix presented a scholarship award to Jeanine Saygi, a senior at Wylie East High School. Ms. Saygi was selected by Council and awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to further her education.

### **CITIZENS INPUT:**

No comments were made.

## REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

**16-3354 Consider an ordinance of the City of Sachse, Texas, amending the code of ordinances by amending Chapter 9 “traffic regulations” by amending Section 9-4 titled “speed limits” to amend the maximum prima facie speed limit for a portion of Hudson Drive within the corporate limits of the City of Sachse.**

Mr. Peters introduced this item stating that Hudson Drive currently has a speed limit of 20 miles per hour from Miles Road to the eastern edge of the Garland ISD school properties. This section of road is also a school zone. During school pickup and drop-off, the school zone in this area has the same speed limit of 20 miles per hour. The speed limit is 30 miles per hour from the eastern edge of the Garland ISD properties to Merritt Road. Staff is recommending that the speed limit on Hudson Drive from Miles Road to the eastern edge of the Garland ISD school properties be increased to 30 miles per hour to create a consistent speed limit for Hudson Drive from Miles Road to Merritt Road with the existing school zone of 20 mph to remain in place.

Councilman King made a motion to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 9 “traffic regulations” by amending Section 9-4 titled “speed limits” to amend the maximum prima facie speed limit for a portion of Hudson Drive within the corporate limits of the City of Sachse. Councilman Bickerstaff seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

**16-3339 Discuss using electronic distribution for the City Newsletter.**

Mrs. Nash introduced this item providing a background of the current city newsletter. The newsletter is currently mailed every other month and has limited content due to time lag between preparation and mailing, and as new residents sign up for utilities, more are opting out of paper copies; therefore, not receiving the city newsletter. Mrs. Nash stated citizen communications are becoming more digital. Citizens want more timely and accurate information and reminders regarding events, weather, services, etc. Mrs. Nash explained that the City is currently contracted monthly with Municipal Voice to prepare news releases, conduct media relations via news releases and other necessary communications, development of the monthly employee newsletter, and attend city events for photos and story/news release development. Also included in their service package is development of an online weekly e-mail message from the city to resident subscribers. The e-mail would have hyperlinks within them to allow for drill down on detail as well as information that would be tied to the city’s website. Staff is requesting feedback on the current paper newsletter and direction on using the weekly e-mail message as a replacement for the paper newsletter.

Mayor Felix commented that he would like to still see a newsletter done twice a year listing all the events.

Councilman Bickerstaff stated that he thinks it’s a great idea and is in favor the electronic. Councilman Watkins agreed. Councilman Ross was also in favor and asked how the city would switch over. Mrs. Nash replied that is would be a deliberate campaign as well as done at new utility sign ups. Councilman Ross suggested the following topics for the weekly e-mail: city events, weekly animal shelter stats, library events, council agendas, board and commission meetings, seasonal items, construction updates, roadway updates, comprehensive plan updates, water tips,

etc. Mayor Pro Tem Franks asked if there would still be an avenue to have paper and suggested either an insert in the Parks and Recreation brochure or adding city event information within the brochure. Councilman King supports the idea, but understands that there also may be some need for some to be printed. Councilman King added that he'd like to see a pet of the week into the weekly e-mail to help adoptions at the shelter.

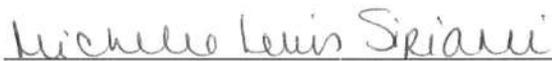
The Council was in consensus to move forward with the weekly electronic e-mail, with continuing to have two printed newsletters each year that would showcase the upcoming events.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

  
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MIKE J FELIX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary

