

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 6, 2016

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, June 6, 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; Economic Development Director, Leslyn Blake; Human Resources Manager, Stacy Buckley; Finance Director, Teresa Savage; Fire Chief, Marty Wade and Police Chief, Bryan Sylvester.

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

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

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. **16-3355** Approve the minutes of the May 16, 2016 workshop meeting. **16-3356** Approve the minutes of the May 16, 2016 regular meeting. **16-3362** Approve the monthly Revenue and Expenditure Report for the period ending April 30, 2016.

Councilman Adams made a motion to approve items 16-3355, 16-3356, and 16-3362. Councilman Bickerstaff seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS,

Councilman Ross announced that the Library kicked off the Summer Reading Program and had a great turnout and record check outs. On Tuesday, June 7 the Library will host a healthy cooking program for teens and tweens, on Wednesday, June 8 the library will feature the movie *Zootopia*, and on Thursday, June 9 juggling with David Slick. Councilman Ross stated the Library is also conducting a space needs survey and encouraged those to relay their feedback.

Councilman King thanked girl scout troop 5308 for the donations to the animal shelter, stated that all cats one year or older are available for only a \$25 adoption fee, and that Saturday, June 11 at 9:00 a.m. the Sachse Park Pals are sponsoring the Strutt your Mutt to raise funds for a temporary dog park.

Mayor Pro Tem Franks announced that on Saturday, June 11 the Baseball Association along with the Sachse Parks and Recreation will be showing the movie *Sandlot* that is open to all. The movie will begin around 8:30 p.m.

16-3358 Administer Oath of Office to re-elected Council Members.

Mayor Felix introduced and thanked Commissioner Mike Cantrell for being in attendance to administer the oaths of office.

Commissioner Cantrell administered the oath of office individually to Mayor Felix, Councilman King, and Councilman Bickerstaff.

CITIZENS INPUT:

Susan Carbone, 3406 Harlan Drive, stated that there is a significant drainage problem behind her house near Parkwood Ranch and that adjacent property is not kept, which is causing problems as well. Ms. Carbone stated that she is not sure if it is the City or HOA who maintains it, but would like someone to investigate it and help fix the issue.

Mike Kellam, 5619 Pinnacle Circle, updated Council by stating that as a member of the Sachse Park Pals, they are a third of the way for raising funds for the temporary dog park.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

16-3363 Consider a Resolution approving the terms and conditions of the agreement for professional services between the City of Sachse and Freese & Nichols, Inc.

Mr. Peters introduced this item stating that the City has a diverse drainage system upon which the City maintains public drainage systems within the public right-of-way, and oversees the design and construction of drainage improvements associated with private development. Mr. Peters outlined what the utility rate study would entail with the primary goal to review the drainage systems and the desired level of service to determine appropriate rate structures for the possible implementation of a stormwater utility fund. The study will include public outreach, review of existing drainage systems and cost of service, drainage services and city ordinances, the development of a drainage Capital Improvement Project list, maintenance procedures, and implementation procedures if approved by Council. The anticipated timeline for completion of the study would be approximately twelve months. Staff would come back to Council in February with options. Staff recommends approving the terms and conditions of the agreement for professional services with Freese & Nichols, Inc. as presented.

The Council discussed what areas would be included in the study, how the steering committee would be formed with emphasis on having a diverse committee. Mayor Pro Tem Franks added that he would like to receive a cost/benefit analysis of the CIP projects.

Councilman King made a motion to approve the terms and conditions of the agreement for professional services between the City of Sachse and Freese & Nichols, Inc. Councilman Watkins seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

16-3361 Consider a Resolution authorizing an agreement with Dallas County for striping of City streets.

Mr. Peters stated that the City regularly partners with Dallas County on the expansion and maintenance of street systems in order to save taxpayer dollars. This project specific agreement will tag onto the City's master interlocal agreement with Dallas County for road and bridge maintenance. The proposed agreement covers linear striping of lanes and allows the City to re-stripe a significant portion of the streets at a fraction of the cost versus if the City would go out to bid on each project. At this time, the County has not provided a schedule of completion, but once participating cities have executed their agreements, the County will begin scheduling the work and will be completed with this calendar year.

Council discussed the life span of striping, which is normally around five years as explained by Mr. Peters. The Council also expressed their desire to have reflectors. Although these would not be part of the agreement, the City staff would be able to do. Councilman Bickerstaff asked if this project would include striping the center and white line. Mr. Peters replied they will be including both of these even though it's not required.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to authorize an agreement with Dallas County for striping of City streets. Councilman Watkins seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

16-3357 Consider the election of a Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilman Adams made a motion to appoint Councilman Ross as Mayor Pro Tem for the 2016-2017 year. Councilman King seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

16-3360 Presentation regarding the Police Department's new crime prevention program.

Chief Sylvester presented Council the door defender program. The program will be offered to Sachse businesses as a preventive measure against burglary. A steel shield can be affixed to an exterior door, which prevents and/or resists prying as a means of entry. The shield is designed as a security enhancement. Chief Sylvester explained that upon request, an officer will install and there is no cost to the business. A nominal cost will be absorbed within the Police Departments budget. Chief Sylvester added that they plan on advertising the program through Facebook, Nixle Messaging, website, and by speaking to the business personally.

Councilman King stated that he thinks this is a great idea, but asked if there was any risk to damaging the doors. Chief Sylvester responded that they will ask the businesses to sign a waiver. Councilman Bickerstaff asked how many of the shields would they keep on hand. Chief Sylvester replied that they would keep some on hand, but would purchase as needed. Mayor Pro Tem Ross

thanked the Chief for another great idea and staying engaged with the community. Mayor Felix reiterated Mayor Pro Tem Ross's comments.

16-3365 Discuss and consider funding options for fire apparatus.

Mrs. Nash introduced Jason Hughes with Hilltop Securities (formerly First Southwest) to present sources of funding for a replacement fire truck, current market conditions, and potential savings to the City from refunding existing debt.

Mr. Hughes discussed advantages of issuing bonds including when, what for, and how much when issuing bonds. Mr. Hughes stated that the debt component is only one factor of the rating process and issuing bonds has no adverse impact. Mr. Hughes outlined three types of bonds. General Obligation Bonds require a bond election for authorization, are issued for any public purpose, an amortization not to exceed forty years, secured in Texas by issuer's ad valorem taxing power, attracts lowest interest rate, and the I&S tax rate to pay back debt service is not subject to rollback. Certificates of Obligation Bonds required no voter authorization; however, a notice of intent is required. They are sold at interest rates similar to General Obligation Bonds and the I&S tax rate to pay back debt service is also not subject to rollback. The final type of bond outlined are Tax Notes. They require authorization by ordinance and have a maximum maturity of seven years and are issued for any public purpose, to pay contractual obligations incurred for professional services, and typically funds emergency needs, public safety items and/or smaller capital items. They also sell at interest rates similar to General Obligation Bonds, and are not subject to rollback taxes. Mr. Hughes provided a summary of potential bonds to be refunded, which included a summary of projected debt service savings.

The Council discussed tax notes as well as the refunding options and projected savings, and the city's credit rating.

The Council agreed to move forward with the refunding of current bonds and schedule on the tax notes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Section §551.087: Economic Development Deliberations: Discussion of Economic Development prospects for projects.

At 9:05 p.m., the Council adjourned into Executive Session.

At 10:01 p.m., the Council recessed back into regular session.

No further action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting at 10:02 p.m.

Mike J Felix

MIKE J FELIX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Michelle Lewis Sirianni

Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary

