

## CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

### WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

JULY 5, 2016

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a workshop meeting on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 6:30 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; Human Resources Manager, Stacy Buckley; Community Development Director, Dusty McAfee; Director of Public Works and Engineering, Greg Peters; Finance Director, Teresa Savage; Police Chief, Bryan Sylvester; Fire Chief, Marty Wade; and Fire Operations Captain, Chris Hall.

Mayor Felix called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**SMART METER TECHNOLOGY:** Presentation and discussion of smart meter technology.

Mrs. Nash provided an introduction of the item to Council.

Mrs. Savage presented this item with an overview regarding smart meters including goals and current challenges within the Utility Billing department. A comparison of Automated Meter Reading (AMR) versus Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) was given with the main differences being that AMR is a one-way communication and can be read manually when the register no longer sends a read and AMI is a two-way communication with a true digital read with no manual read available. Both AMR and AMI can have interference due to a variety of objects. Mrs. Savage stated that the city currently has an AMR system and has researched options including financing options on converting to an AMI system. If the city stays with the current metering structure, the accuracy of reads is more about the meter than the reading method, and eventually all meters will require replacement. Staff is seeking feedback from Council on what they would like to see prioritized on the added features regarding smart meter technology, which include: customer interface, monitoring and control, leak detection and notifications, prepayment and select-date billing, pressure controls (add on feature), and remote service connect and disconnect (add on feature).

Mrs. Nash stated that Council's next steps would be to discuss the need to move toward AMI and whether they prefer to make the transition all at once or be implemented in phases. Based on their feedback, staff will include the cost estimates in the 2016-2017 budget.

Council discussed what would be more efficient, how the department would integrate any changes, maintenance on the meters, the add on features, and if there was any adverse effects on their department if changes were made.

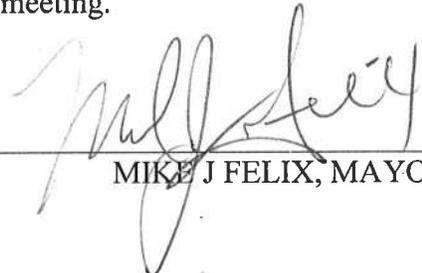
Council consensus was to implement in phases.

No formal action was taken.

**SERENE GLOBAL GROUP:** Presentation and discussion on a request by Serene Global Group to rezone approximately 10.26 acres of land from Commercial to a Planned Development District (PD) to allow for a residential townhouse subdivision, generally located north of the intersection of Ben Davis Road, Bunker Hill Road, and Ben Davis Road, within Sachse City limits.

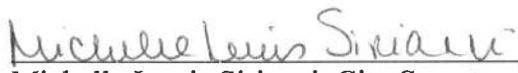
Mayor Felix announced that this item will be carried over as the first item on the regular council agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:35 p.m. Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting.



MIKE J FELIX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary

