

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 1, 2016

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, August 1, 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 and Jeff Bickerstaff. City Manager, Gina Nash; City Secretary, Michelle Lewis Sirianni; Park and Recreation Director, Lance Whitworth; Director of Public Works and Engineering, 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. Councilman Cullen King was absent.

Mayor Felix opened the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO U.S. AND STATE FLAG: The invocation was offered by Councilman Watkins 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. **16-3442** Approve the minutes of the July 18, 2016 workshop meeting. **16-3443** Approve the minutes of the July 18, 2016 regular meeting. **16-3438** Approve the Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Report for the period ending June 30, 2016. **16-3439** Consider acceptance of the 2016 certified tax rolls as approved by the Dallas and Collin County Appraisal Districts.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to approve items 16-3442, 16-3443, 16-3438, and 16-3439 as submitted. Mayor Pro Tem Ross seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS,

Councilman Bickerstaff thanked the Sachse CERT members for their participation in the Cars Under the Stars event. It's a great Chamber event.

Mayor Pro Tem Ross stated that the summer reading program concluded. It was another successful year with a 16% increase in participation and a 68% increase in reading hours.

Mayor Felix stated that the Clear the Shelter event held was very successful again this year with 17 animals adopted from the Sachse Animal Shelter and 3300 from the Metroplex. Mayor Felix also recognized a young girl named Julia who held her 9th birthday at the animal shelter to raise monies that were given to the shelter.

Mayor Felix stated the next CERT class will be held Saturday, September 10 and 17.

Mayor Felix commented about the Cars Under the Stars event held by the Chamber. There were many in attendance and reflects what a great event it is.

Mayor Felix added that Tax Free weekend is Friday, August 5 through Sunday, August 7.

CITIZENS INPUT:

No comments were made.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

16-3444 Discuss the proposed traffic signal and pedestrian crossing improvements on Miles Road at Sachse High School.

Mrs. Nash presented this item stating the City has reached out to Dallas County and Garland ISD to discuss partnering on the construction of the proposed improvements. The goal being to develop agreements to partner on funding the construction of the improvements.

Mr. Peters provided an overview along with some history regarding the proposed improvements. The road traffic study that was conducted found that there are operational problems along Miles Road and traffic signals are warranted. The following recommendations were made: to install traffic signals on Miles Road at Haverhill and at Hunters Ridge as well as to link the signals to existing signals at Hudson and Bunker Hill; to extend the northbound left turn lane and southbound right turn lane at Hunters Ridge along with constructing new curb ramps at crossing locations for Sachse High School; and potential future improvements being upgraded sidewalks along Miles Road and connection to the High School from Hudson Drive. Mr. Peters discussed the engineering design, the potential future private and public improvements, and project funding.

Mrs. Nash added staff will continue to work with Dallas County to prepare a project specific agreement as well as continue informal conversations with Garland ISD. The City has set aside partial construction funds in the FY 2016-2017 Budget and if partner agree, plans for construction would be in summer 2017.

The Council discussed if any contingency plans were in place if Garland ISD was not able to offer funds, the engineering design plans of the project, no parking signs along Miles Road, and the timing of the signals/lights when school is not in session or during non-peak times. Mr. Peter commented that they will be a static green on Miles Road until a vehicle pulls up to trigger the signal to change.

No further action was taken.

16-3440 Receive ISO rating update.

Chief Wade presented an update regarding the City's ISO rating. Chief Wade provided an overview of what Sachse is currently rated (Class 3 PPC) and that this classification is established

by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) based on cities abilities to extinguish or contrail a structural fire. The ISO evaluates municipalities by utilizing the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS) that includes five key elements: Fire Service Communications, Fire Department, Water Supply, Community Risk Reduction, and the Texas Exception to the FSRS. Points are awarded within each element for a cumulative credit. Chief Wade has been working with an ISO representative and would like to rate the city before the end of the year. Based on the visit with the ISO consultant, there were areas identified where additional points could be accumulated. The areas identified included staffing, a third engine company, annual fire pump testing on apparatus, the road miles criteria, and program planning. Chief Wade stated the department will be looking to schedule the ISO survey for late October or November to earn an ISO Class 2 rating, work with the consultant to ensure they are prepared, initiate the hydrant flow testing program, and hire three personnel at the beginning of the next fiscal budget. They will also be working to complete the property pre-fire plan and update the Fire Code to the 2015 edition.

Council discussed the differences is the rating classifications and how often evaluations are done. Chief Wade commented that ratings are valid for ten years, but can be re-evaluated anytime. The rating from a three to a two is different from city to city based on capabilities, however, it does help in insurance savings.

No further action was taken.

16-3445 Discuss water meter replacement strategy.

Mrs. Nash stated that the following is a continuation from the July 5th meeting and will present Council with some funding options.

Mrs. Savage gave Council an overview of the City's current challenges regarding the aging meters, the differences between Automated Meter Reading (AMR) versus Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), pricing based on a full system replacement, financing options, as well as how staff would operate if meters were implemented in phases versus doing a full system replacement.

Council discussed implementing all at once versus in phases and how that would affect the budget based on the funding option chose, as well as how long it would take to complete the replacing of all meters. Council also discussed the meters and functionality and capabilities of reviewing data from the meters.

Mrs. Nash added that staff will prepare scenarios based on full system replacement and funding options based on a seven and fifteen year amortization as part of the budget review.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council Adams made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Watkins seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting at 9:31 p.m.


MIKE J FELIX, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary

