

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 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, 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; Human Resources Director, Stacy Buckley; Finance Director, Teresa Savage; Fire Marshal, Robert Knappage, Fire Lieutenant, Chris Hall, and Police Chief, Bryan Sylvester. Councilman Cullen King was absent.

Mayor Felix opened the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO U.S. AND STATE FLAG: The invocation was offered by Mayor Pro Tem Ross 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. **16-3483** Approve the minutes of the August 15, 2016 workshop meeting. **16-3484** Approve the minutes of the August 15, 2016 regular meeting. **16-3493** Approve the minutes of the August 29, 2016 special meeting. **16-3492** Approve the Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Report for the period ending July 31, 2016.

Councilman Adams made a motion to approve items 16-3483, 16-3484 as amended, 16-3493, and 16-3492 as submitted. Mayor Pro Tem Ross seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Councilman Franks stated on Saturday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m. the Senior Center will be hosting Bluegrass under the Stars in the Amphitheater behind City Hall. And on November 5 the Historical Society will host its annual Veterans Day event.

Mayor Pro Tem Ross stated the Library had a 20% increase in circulation and a 42% increase in library cards issued in the month of August, September is National Library Card Sign up month, and the Library will be showing Peanuts the movie on Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Felix reiterated Councilman Franks reminder to the Bluegrass under the Stars event on Saturday, September 10 and on September 19 the Library will be hosting crocheting with Noreen Sanchez, registration required.

16-3490 Recognize Jackie Galloway, Olympic Bronze Medal winner.

Mayor Felix read and presented a Proclamation recognizing Jackie Galloway and her accomplishments at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.

Ms. Galloway commented on her experiences and honor in representing the USA at the Olympic Games.

Council recessed for reception in honor of Ms. Galloway.

CITIZENS INPUT:

No comments were made.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

16-3482 Conduct a public hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget.

Mrs. Savage recounted the proposed 2016-2017 budget to Council by providing overview of the general and utility funds, recommended program enhancements, the vehicle replacement fund, and the certified tax rolls.

Mayor Felix opened the public hearing.

Kathy Cobb, 3820 6th Street, asked why the animal control numbers were decreased from last year, how Code Enforcement is coordinated, would like to have dog stations added by the pond or City Hall complex, a place for people to stop and sit while out walking/running, cleaning of the lighting fixtures and mold on the City Hall building, and future opportunities for residents to meet staff and Council to provide opportunities for the residents to be involved.

Mrs. Nash addressed comments made by Mrs. Cobb by stating that animal control had a vehicle budgeted last year, which is why it has decreased, there are some staff changes in Code Enforcement, which they are adding a manager which will be a field/office employee, the City Hall building is currently being cleaned. It is algae on the building(s) and the bugs was damage from the hail storm, which is also currently being addressed.

Councilman Franks made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilman Adams seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

16-3484 Conduct the second public hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year.

Mrs. Savage stated this item is the second of the two mandated public hearings on the tax rate. The proposed tax rate is 0.757279, which is the same as last year.

Mayor Felix opened the public hearing.

No comments were made.

Councilman Franks made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilman Adams seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

16-3494 Receive update on the Stormwater Utility Rate Study.

Mrs. Nash introduced this item stating that the update is to provide Council on the current status of the study and next steps.

Mr. Peters provided Council with an overview which included project goals, accomplishments to date, initial site assessment, policy review, upcoming items and project timeline. Mr. Peters stated that the goals of the study are to review existing drainage systems in the City and identify key problem areas, develop an improvement plan for the City along with recommendations for the potential establishment of a stormwater utility fund. The initial site assessment identified 26 locations of existing drainage concerns. Mr. Peters discussed policies that will be considered including the use of funds, method of determining fees, property exemptions, public outreach, and implementation, which requires Council approval. Mr. Peters emphasized that if a fund was established, then funds can only be used on stormwater utility projects. Mr. Peters stated that a project website is being developed by the consultant and will provide information and updates to the community allowing citizens to engage through the website, and a community open house will take place on Wednesday, September 21 at the Library from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Nash stated that the next steps on the study will include the website will going live on September 15, the open house on September 21, the consultant working on cost of service and revenue assessment, and creating a steering committee sometime in October/November.

Mayor Pro Tem Ross asked how the sites were identified, clarify exempting a property, and if impervious surfaces are being taken into account. Mr. Peters responded stating that sites were identified on various items including where road closures have occurred due to flooding, major creeks and points along them that have had erosion and/or flooding, and areas that have been affected by heavy rainfall and/or flooding. Mr. Peters stated that Council may exempt a property meaning a school district, churches, etc. or may grant a reduced fee due to improvements made on a property. Impervious surfaces are being accounted for through the standard ERU calculation(s).

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Section §551.04: Personnel regarding the yearly review of the City Secretary.

At 9:04 p.m. Council recessed into Executive Session.

At 10:14 p.m. Council reconvened back into Regular Session.

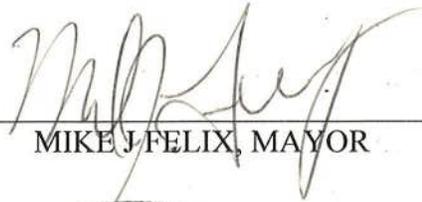
Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to increase the annual salary of the City Secretary 4%. Mayor Pro Tem Ross seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michelle Lewis Sirianni
Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary



MIKE J. FELIX, MAYOR

