

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a workshop meeting on Monday, September 19, 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; Parks and Recreation Director, Lance Whitworth; Park Recreation Aide, Angelica Massey; Finance Director, Teresa Savage; Fire Chief, Marty Wade; and Police Chief, Bryan Sylvester.

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

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE: Receive a status update on the Comprehensive Plan from staff.

Mr. McAfee provided an update to Council regarding the public engagement that has and continues to occur including the design charrettes and focus groups, town hall meetings, and the Facebook surveys. Mr. McAfee stated that CPAC has started meeting and has additional meetings scheduled that will focus on parks, CIP's, fiscal modeling, and policies. A joint work session is scheduled in October with final presentations to take place in January. Key policy themes that have arose so far include more retail and restaurant options, PGBT development, redevelopment/beautification of SH 78, better parks and trails, and a walkable urban downtown area. The public input process is mostly complete, but on-going, and involvement thus far has been high and diverse.

No further discussion or action was taken.

CITY OF SACHSE CABOOSE: Discuss the City of Sachse Caboose located on Highway 78 and 5th Street.

Mrs. Nash stated that she requested staff to take a further look and research possible projects and specifics on rehabilitating the caboose. Staff is seeking direction from Council on possible options regarding the caboose.

Mr. Whitworth presented Council with a history of the caboose including when it was initially purchased (April 1996), to how it was a collaborative effort by many organizations to obtain the caboose. All organizations agreed the ownership would be retained by the City and the Sachse Assembly of God Church donated the land where the caboose is located today. The Chamber of Commerce moved into the caboose in 1997. Over the last several years, the caboose has been used as the Chamber of Commerce and a small business library. However, today it sits empty and is in need of some attention. Mr. Whitworth stated that staff is seeking Council direction on the following items: re-painting the caboose, repaint or create a new logo, replace/enhance landscaping, display lighting at night, signage, border fencing, re-stripping the parking lot, and/or

any other ideas such as possible tours in the caboose. Mr. Whitworth added that he researched the EPA guidelines on the lead abatement. Due to not meeting their criteria, the City would not have to follow these regulations.

The Council discussed possible partnerships with the Historical Society and the Chamber of Commerce, possible interest in creating a new logo based on outcome of the Comprehensive Plan update, the interior and exterior options for the caboose, touring and who would be responsible, and displaying history somehow inside or outside the caboose.

Council agreed that they would like to see some partnership with the Historical Society, some landscaping options, all like current "Sachse Shines" logo, but open to other options, like the idea of having the caboose lit at night, maybe some kind of split rail fencing or something similar to Firefighter's Park, possible benches outside, and restriping parking lot.

Mrs. Nash stated that staff will discuss cost and get quotes on painting logo, landscaping options, and time frame of project. They will bring up logo option(s) with the Comprehensive Plan consultants and bring back to Council before plan is adopted.

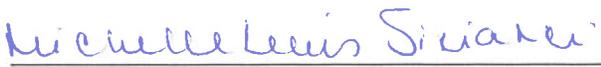
Mayor Felix commented that they look at the project in two segments: doing the exterior first, then the interior if they decide to open up for tours.

Mr. Whitworth added that he will acquire information requested by Council and come back with options.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:04 p.m. Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting.


MIKE J FELIX, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary

