

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, September 19, 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; Park and Recreation Director, Lance Whitworth; Recreation Aide, Angelica Massey; Community Development Director, Dustin McAfee; Human Resources Director, Stacy Buckley; Finance Director, Teresa Savage; Finance Accountant, Karen Ramirez; 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 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. **16-3501** Approve the minutes of the September 6, 2016 workshop meeting. **16-3502** Approve the minutes of the September 6, 2016 regular meeting.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to approve items 16-3501 and 16-3502 as submitted. Mayor Pro Tem Ross seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Councilman King recognized a Boy Scout working on merit badge that was in the audience and stated that on Saturday, October 1 the low shot animal clinic will take place at the animal shelter and will include micro chipping.

Mayor Pro Tem Ross stated that the Library is hosting a crochet class on September 26, is holding a mass decorating event on October 1 for teens/tweens, and on October 4 the Library will have a space and telescope program. September is library card signup month and the Library is encouraging those who check out five items or more will be entered into a drawing to receive a Barnes and Noble gift card. The Library is also seeking volunteers that are 15 years of age or older that can work two hour shifts; details are on the city's website. Lastly, the Library currently offers a parent education collection available for all.

Councilman Franks stated that the Pumpkin Prowl will take place on Saturday, October 15 at 6:00 p.m. at Salmon Park. Activities will include a haunted hay ride, costume contest, and several other events.

Mayor Felix stated that on Wednesday, September 21, a Community Open House regarding the City's Stormwater Utility Rate Study will take place at the Library from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., on Saturday, September 24 a Color Fun Run by the Sachse Chamber of Commerce in honoring tornado first responders by benefiting the Garland Area Habitat for Humanity will take place at Firewheel Golf Park Bridges Course at 6:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, October 12, Fire Station #1 & 2 will host an Open House from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Fun activities for all including hose spraying, dressing up in bunker gear, and photos.

16-3503 Recognize Community Development on receiving the Planning Excellence Award.

Mayor Felix presented Dusty McAfee, Community Development Director with the Planning Excellence Award received by the City.

16-3507 Proclamation declaring September, 2016, as Blood Cancer Awareness month.

Mayor Felix presented Gina Nash, City Manager with Proclamation. Mrs. Nash commented about what LLS is and how others can get involved.

16-3508 Proclamation declaring September, 2016 as National Preparedness month.

Mayor Felix presented Fire Chief, Marty Wade with Proclamation. Chief Wade commented on how to stay prepared in a disaster and encouraged everyone to visit www.ready.gov to learn more.

CITIZENS INPUT:

Ben Peacock, 5108 Brookhollow Drive, stated that he was appreciative of Code Enforcement and a recent problem that was taken care of by staff.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

16-3495 Discuss and consider an ordinance approving and adopting the budget for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017.

Mrs. Nash stated that considering this ordinance is the final step in adopting the budget.

Councilman Watkins made a motion to approve an ordinance approving and adopting the budget for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017. Councilman Adams seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

16-3497 Motion to ratify the property tax increase in the budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Mrs. Nash stated that state law requires a separate vote to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget.

Councilman King moved to ratify the property tax increase in the budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Councilman Franks seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

16-3496 Discuss and consider an ordinance levying ad valorem taxes for the year 2016 (Fiscal Year 2016-2017) at a rate of \$0.757279 per one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed valuation on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Sachse as of January 1, 2016.

Mrs. Nash stated that Council has now adopted the budget and ratified the property tax increase. This item will levy the specific ad valorem tax rate of \$0.757279.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to approve an ordinance levying ad valorem taxes for the year 2016 and that the property tax rated be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.757279, which is effectively an 8.71 percent increase in the tax rate. Councilman King seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

16-3498 Consider a resolution amending the Master Fee Schedule by amending Solid Waste Rates for residential service effective October 1, 2016.

Mrs. Nash stated the City's contract with Republic Services includes a base rate adjustment for CPI and disposal, and that any proposed increase will be subject to Council approval. The proposed change will require an amendment to the Master Fee Schedule if approved. The CPI increase requested is 1.02%.

Rick Bernas with Republic Services stated that they are asking for just the annual CPI increase.

Councilman King stated his concerns are in regards to the current service being received the past few weeks including trash being left in the street(s), skipped bins, and care of carts when being placed back down.

Councilman Franks asked when does a replacement fee get charged and stated that he appreciates there the no extra fee for the recycling cart. Mr. Bernas responded that fees are typically not assessed unless they are set on fire, stolen, etc. There is no fee to have one replaced for a broken wheel.

Councilman Adams also expressed his concern for the cart placement and the carts not being completely emptied when being dumped. Councilman Adams asked if the landfill times were still affecting their time to service their areas.

Mayor Felix asked if there was a way to set up some form of communications with the citizens of Sachse that would give them a more direct outreach to Republic Services and also requested a quarterly update versus yearly. Mr. Bernas stated he would be happy to do a quarterly update and would look into setting up a communication system of some sort for the City.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to approve a resolution amending the Master Fee Schedule by amending Solid Waste Rates for residential service effective October 1, 2016. Councilman Watkins seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

16-3509 Presentation regarding the 2016 National Night Out.

Chief Sylvester presented Council with an overview of this year's National Night Out (NNO) event. Chief stated that the event was formed in 1984 as part of the National Association of Town Watch event, which provides opportunities for neighbors to meet one another, increase interaction and communication among police, city leaders, and citizens along with encouraging citizen to become more involved in crime prevention in their community, which in turn builds relationships of trust and respect. Chief Sylvester stated that this year they will be doing a Pre-NNO event at the Senior Center from noon to 1:00 p.m. There will be presentations by Fire and Police on different topics including home security, recognition and prevention of phone/internet scams, as well as many others. Chief provided information on how to register for a block party and commented that this year they are also doing a canned food drive along with the event and they are willing to pick up items at the individual block parties. Chief encouraged all to turn their front porch light on that evening, attend a block party, and have fun.

Councilman Adams stated that the event is a lot of fun and the pre-event at the Senior Center is a brilliant idea.

Councilman King commented that his family is very excited for the event and thanked everyone for their hard work.

Mayor Felix commented that they aim that every block party will get a council member visit.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

ATTEST:



Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary



MIKE FELIX, MAYOR

