

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 17, 2016

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a workshop meeting on Monday, October 17, 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 Director, Stacy Buckley; Community Development Director, Dusty McAfee; Parks and Recreation Director, Lance Whitworth; Recreation Supervisor, Cynthia Wiseman; Finance Director, Teresa Savage; Director of Public Works and Engineering, Greg Peters; Fire Chief, Marty Wade; and Police Lieutenant, Marty Cassidy.

Mayor Felix called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

FIREWORK DISPLAY RED, WHITE AND BLUE BLAST: Discuss a new vendor for the annual Firework display at Sachse's Red, White, and Blue Blast.

Mrs. Nash introduced this item stating that the Parks and Recreation Department have been looking at vendors for the fireworks display at the Red, White, and Blue Blast. Mr. Whitworth provided a brief presentation and background.

Mr. Whitworth stated that the City has been using Zambelli since 2008. The cost has increased each year. Mr. Whitworth stated he received bids for the 2017. Mr. Whitworth stated staff met with two companies on site and one over the phone. Requirements included staying within budget, digital production, timed show choreographed to music, and new and creative ideas that would bring something new to the show. Bids were received from Illumination Fireworks, Pyro Shows, and Pyrotex. Staff chose Pyro Shows to produce the firework display. Mr. Whitworth introduced Michael Walden, Vice President, of Pyro Shows.

Mr. Walden presented Council the proposal for the 2017 show. Mr. Walden provided a history of the company with their offices are located in Tennessee, Texas, and Alabama. Mr. Walden provided a list of some of the shows they've produced which included the display in Washington, D.C. and numerous other shows. Mr. Walden outlined what the services and type of show the City would receive including the low level presentation all the way up to the grand finale. He explained the differences in the shell sizes, how safety is their number one priority along with some of their safety procedures.

Councilman King asked about the layering and visibility on the low to high shells, the length of the show, and the audio. Mr. Walden responded that the show will be 20 minutes long with the grand finale being 45-60 seconds. The audio and start of the show will be controlled through an app. The audio device will be jacked into the app, which will then be aired over the speakers.

Councilman Adams asked if they plan to advertise and how they will chose the music for the show. Mr. Whitworth responded that they will certainly advertise. Mr. Walden commented that they have

in-house producers that put together a soundtrack of a large genre of songs. The City will have the opportunity to listen and revise to fit the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Ross asked how high the lower level displays are. Mr. Walden replied that they go from the ground up to 300 feet and stated a typical measurement is that shells will go 100 feet high per inch. Mayor Pro Tem Ross asked to look at staging area to ensure visibility.

Councilman Franks requested to assure that the songs chosen would be edited or clean versions.

Councilman Watkins inquired more about the app used. Mr. Walden explained how anyone will be able to download the app and plug headphones into their devices to listen to the music as they watch the display.

No further discussion or action was taken.

SACHSE CABOOSE: Discuss the future of the City of Sachse's Caboose located at the intersection of Highway 78 and 5th Street.

Mrs. Nash introduced this item stating that City Council discussed this item at their September 19 Workshop regarding improvements to be done to the caboose. Staff has done additional research and will present to Council including cost associated with said improvements.

Mr. Whitworth presented Council with an estimated budget for the caboose improvements, which include a re-paint, painting the logo on to the caboose, landscaping, irrigation, lighting, signage, and split rail fencing. The total estimated budget being \$23,050. Mr. Whitworth stated that he has met with the Sachse Historical Society and they have offered to pay up to \$500 for the signage. An example of how they would like the sign to read was presented. The Historical Society has also offered to organize tours on the day(s) they are open or allow visitors to make special arrangements. Mr. Whitworth went over an estimated timeline of the project with completion in February and opening in March of 2017. Landscaping and logo options were provided for discussion.

The Council discussed the landscaping and having drought tolerant plants and ensuring there would be a pathway to the stairs since oftentimes the caboose is used for family/senior pictures, etc. The logo was also discussed with several of Council favoring the 'Sachse Shines' logo. Staff noted that Council will have time to think about the logo and see if any ideas come from the Comprehensive Plan update. Councilman Franks suggested placing the actual number of the caboose on it as well.

No further discussion or action was taken.

VETERAN'S MOVING WALL: Receive an update and discuss the Veteran's Moving Wall.

Mrs. Nash introduced this item stating that as the Sachse Historical Society pursues the Veteran's Moving Wall, the staff has met with the Historical Society about the requirements and will continue to move forward on the project even though it will be a while until we are notified.

Mr. Whitworth provided Council an update after being able to meet with the Historical Society to discuss further in detail what would be required. The Historical Society would like to use the City

Complex Campus and would be a three to four day event. If granted, the event would be in November 2017. The Historical Society will be notified by the end of January 2017 if there application is accepted. If they do not receive approval, the Historical Society will continue to apply. If granted, the Historical Society will form a planning committee. Mr. Whitworth outlined the requirements and recommendations including must be ADA accessible, lighted at night, and sufficient parking. Volunteers and various organizations would be asked to assist in the event.

Council discussed if a projected budget had been outlined and the funding sources, if there would be shuttle service and from what sites made sense to use, and if there was an overall contingency plan.

No further discussion or action was taken.

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


MIKE J FELIX, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary

