

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**OF THE**  
**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE**  
**AUGUST 31, 2009**

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a Special Meeting on Monday, August 31, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sachse City Hall, 5560 S.H. 78, Sachse, Texas, after proper notice. The roll of the duly constituted City Council Members was called which members are as follows, to wit:

Mayor Mike Felix  
Mayor Pro Tem Bill Adams  
Councilman Cullen King  
Councilwoman Pat McMillan  
Councilman Jared Patterson  
Councilman Charles W. Smith  
Councilman Mark Timm

and all were present.

Staff present: City Manager Allen Barnes  
City Secretary Terry Smith

**1. Open Special Meeting:** Mayor Felix opened the special meeting.

**2. Conduct the first Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and providing taxpayers an opportunity to express their views on the tax rates:** Mayor Felix opened the public hearing.

Rod McCall, 7110 Longmeadow, stated the WISD has raised their taxes and proposed another bond election. He questioned what Sachse's taxes are going to be, noting the families in the WISD are getting squeezed.

Alva Dymke, 6121 Parkview, stated foreclosures in her neighborhood are up. She mentioned the Salmon Park budget is too big at this time. She stated families are getting squeezed in this economy.

Dave Sanford, 3718 Trailridge Drive, stated he has friends and relatives in touchy situations because of the economy. The economy was different when the bonds were proposed and the citizens approved. He feels the City does not have much choice because of legal issues with the bonds.

Chris Lam, 6804 Wilhelmina, questioned personnel increases of \$19,000 in the City Manager's budget. He questioned siren maintenance and repair last year in the Police Department and this year in the City Manager's budget. He mentioned the increase in legal consulting fees. He also questioned if professional appraisal services were still needed. He questioned the differences in training budgets; street department of \$372, community development \$600, and engineering \$6,000.

Diane Model, 6419 Crestmoor, questioned why there was no businesses here, noting businesses decrease the dependency on the residential property owner. She stated she will never vote for another bond issue, she thought she voted for improvements to the library. Last year money was spent on new street signs and traffic studies that were not needed. She stated we need to save money. Maybe we need a City Manager who will manage the town better.

Following discussion, Mayor Felix announced speakers would be allowed an additional two minutes.

Chris Lam, 6804 Wilhelmina, stated the Council voted for fiscally sound policies and tough negotiations on contracts. The EDC Director's contract calls for one year's notice. Every city is taking pay cuts on employee salaries but not us. Neighbors are hurting. He's willing to pay more for more services. We are not squeezing every dollar.

Councilwoman McMillan moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Timm and carried unanimously.

City Manager Allen Barnes answered questions raised during the public hearing.

**3. Adjourn:** There being no further business, Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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CITY SECRETARY

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MAYOR