

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

APRIL 18, 2011

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 18, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sachse City Hall 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 Cullen King
Councilman Jared Patterson
Councilman Mark Timm
Councilman Bill Adams
Councilwoman Pat McMillan
Councilman Charles Smith

and all were present.

Staff present: Interim City Manager Jeri Rainey; Deputy City Secretary Denise Vice; Community Development Director Barry Shelton; City Engineer Billy George; Police Chief Dennis Veach, Fire Chief Doug Kendrick, and Emergency Management Coordinator Robert Lafaye.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to U.S. and Texas Flags:

The invocation was offered by Councilman Smith and the pledges were led by Councilman Timm.

Councilman Timm made a motion to move Agenda Item 2, Mayor and City Council Announcements before Item 1, Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Adams and passed unanimously.

2. Mayor and City Council Announcements regarding special events, current activities and local achievements: Councilman Patterson took a moment to recognize Cynthia Wiseman, the Parks Department, and the Fire Department for a very successful Great American Cleanup event on April 9, 2011. Over 4100 pounds of garbage was collected throughout the city.

Mayor Pro Tem King stated he and Parks Director Lance Whitworth represented Sachse at the Tree North Texas event. This program is the largest tree planting initiative in the nation.

Mayor Pro Tem King also announced the Neighbors Read program this Thursday at the Library at 11:00 am. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Councilman Timm announced that the Sachse EDC is hosting Sachse Day for real estate brokers and developers on May 5, 2011 starting with breakfast at 8:30 am. Dr. Bernard Weinstein, Associate Director at Maguire Energy Institute is the guest speaker. Tours of the city will show attendees what Sachse has to offer. There will also be lunch and a golf outing.

Mayor Felix announced the American Cancer Society Relay for Life event at Schaffer Stadium in Wylie on April 29th, and Movie in the Park will take place April 30th at Salmon Park.

Fire Chief Doug Kendrick requested a moment to recognize Firefighter Gregg Simmons who lost his life while fighting wild fires in Eastland County. Gregg was a former resident and member of the Sachse Volunteer Fire Department for 10 years before moving to Eastland. The Fire Department will hold a memorial service on Saturday, April 23rd at First Baptist Church Sachse at 11:00 am. Gregg's family still lives in the Sachse area and the Sachse Fire Department retired his fire helmet #612 and will present it to his family at the funeral service on Wednesday in Eastland.

2-170. Presentation of Medal of Valor and Life Saving Awards: Police Chief Dennis Veach made the following presentations:

Life Saving Awards were presented to Officer Richard Oliver, Officer J. Scott Hare, citizen Derek Miller and citizen Eddrick Sean Haskins. Life Saving Awards and Medals of Valor were presented to Zane Anderson (Fire Explorer with Dallas Fire), Ronnie Taylor (McKinney Firefighter), and Officer Matt Wright. Kim Conoly, daughter of victim, thanked the group for their heroic efforts and stated had it not been for them her mother would not be with us today.

The City Council recessed briefly from 8:26 to 8:42 p.m.

1. Consent Agenda:

Councilman Adams moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: 1-168. Approval of Minutes of the April 4, 2011, Regular Meeting; and 1-166. Approval of Ordinance No. 3288 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sachse by establishing a 20 mile per hour maximum lawful prima facie speed limit on Creek Crossing Lane between Bailey Road and a point 150 linear feet east of the centerline of Royal Oaks Estates Drive. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem King and passed unanimously.

3. Citizen Input:

Patty Jones, 6212 Aspen Estates Drive, stated that she is proud to live in a city where the meeting starts with a prayer. She is also proud that we have access to meeting rooms where we can all meet.

Christopher Strickler, 7032 Royal Oaks Estates Drive, stated he respectfully disagrees with the decision to pass the 20 mile per hour speed limit. He noted that there is a natural barrier along the roadway that slows traffic.

4-169. Discuss the prohibition of front entry garages:

Community Development Director Barry Shelton made a power point presentation outlining the existing ordinance and presented research on the history of ordinances for front entry garages. The first zoning ordinance was adopted in 1966 and stated that no garages could face the street or side street.

The existing zoning ordinance, adopted in 1994, also states that the entrance to all attached or detached garages shall not face any street. Exceptions to this ordinance are allowed when planned developments are adopted such as Hudson Crossing, Woodbridge, Brookhollow and Jackson Hills. Currently, 28% of the city's garages are front entry, with 44% being J-swing entry garages and 28% being alley entry garages. Mr. Shelton stated that when a developer submits a preliminary plat and it is approved, the rules for that development are locked in place by passage of the preliminary plat. There are three housing developments in the city that have approved preliminary and final plats and four housing developments that have approved preliminary plats. That only leaves two housing developments that will be impacted by any rule changes the Council makes to the front entry garage zoning ordinance.

Following discussion, Council requested that Mr. Shelton create a new ordinance with Council's recommendations and bring it back for action.

There being no further business, Councilman Timm moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Patterson and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

CITY SECRETARY

MAYOR