

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**OF THE**  
**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE**  
**AUGUST 29, 2011**

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a Special Meeting on Monday, August 29, 2011, at 6:30 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 Charles W. Smith  
Councilman Jared Patterson  
Councilman Mark Timm  
Councilman Todd Ronnau  
Councilwoman Pat McMillan  
Councilman Bill Adams

and all were present.

Staff present: Interim City Manager Jeri Rainey; City Secretary Terry Smith; Community Development Director Barry Shelton; City Engineer Billy George; Human Resources Director Cheree Bontrager, Police Chief Dennis Veach, Fire Chief Doug Kendrick and Public Works Director Joe Crase.

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

**2. Agenda Items:**

**11-0358 Consider receipt of the City Manager's proposed budget of programs and services for Fiscal Year 2011-2012:**

Following discussion, Councilman Timm moved to receive the City Manager's proposed budget of programs and services for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. The motion was seconded by Councilman Adams and carried unanimously.

**11-0355 Conduct the first Public Hearing to discuss the proposed 2011 -2012 Fiscal Year Budget:**

Dave Sanford 3718 Trail Ridge Drive, questioned the \$15-25,000 expenditure for the fireworks show. He questioned the City's manpower resources to maintain the City's parks and 1 person to maintain 5 acres and 3 ponds at the municipal complex.

Jim Becker 1105 Meadow Lane, suggested the Council check the expenses carefully. May need more taxes to make ends meet.

Patti Jones 6212 Aspen Estates Drive, stated the taxpayers do not have an unlimited source of funds. She questioned, what are the citizens' priorities? She encouraged the Council to think basics.

Corrine Smith 4008 Blossom Drive, stated she has concerns over infrastructure funding. We should not increase the employee job base. She suggested the City engineer position be frozen until the economy gets better.

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

**11-0353 Conduct the first Public Hearing on Proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012:**

Linda Crank 5003 Heritage Circle, questioned what the area cities effective tax rate was.

Winston Jones 6212 Aspen Estates Drive, asked the Council to reconsider the tax increase. Staff should be directed to limit expenditures to last year's budget. Cut all but police and fire.

Patti Jones 6212 Aspen Estates Drive, stated cut services or cut special interests or raise taxes. She suggested a local business get the contract for all the city mowing needs. Same for IT support. In Garland and Allen staff pays for benefits. Cut but not police and fire departments.

Corrine Smith 4008 Blossom Drive, questioned if the City's leadership is proactive. Current budget is \$260,000 deficit. Time to cut.

Jim Becker 1105 Meadow Lane, stated the bond election was approved by the voters and there needs to be a tax increase to pay the bond expenses.

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

**11-0357 Budget Workshop: Discuss the 2011 - 2012 Fiscal Year Budget and Property Tax Rolls:**

The City Council and staff discussed various budget options for the next fiscal year.

**3. Adjourn:**

Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting at 12:05 a.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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CITY SECRETARY

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MAYOR