



Abilene City Commission Special Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
April 3, 2020 @ 9:30 a.m.
Abilene, Kansas

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call – City Commission Present: Mayor Ostermann, Commissioners Rein, Marshall and Witt.
Absent: Commissioner Shafer.

Staff Present: City Manager Foltz, City Clerk Soukup, City Attorney Martin-via phone, Finance Director Rothchild.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ostermann lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public Comments and Communications.

Members of the public will not be allowed to be present at the meeting because of emergency limitations because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Old and New Business

5. Discussion regarding the format for future City Commission meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

City Attorney Martin presented options the City Commission could follow to be in compliance with the Kansas Open Meetings Act.

There was discussion among the commissioners regarding regular meeting, study session and public comment format for future meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency declaration.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Marshall that during the new special meeting format during the emergency declaration the public comments will be accepted by email to the City Clerk by

Bids were received on the street/parking lot improvement project this week. The bids came in 33% lower than projected.

Work continues on the 8th Street Project.

We are working on an agreement from Rawhide Corral for the access to the Recycling Center during the 8th Street Project.

We received \$7,716.50 from sale of items on Purple Wave.

Jane and Penny have been busy receiving updates and conference calls on COVID-19 emergency.

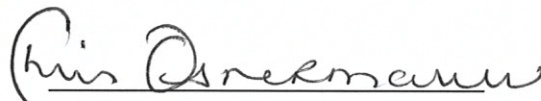
Department Heads continue to work on the 2021 Budget. There may be changes due to the impact of COVID-19 on the economy.

Adjournment

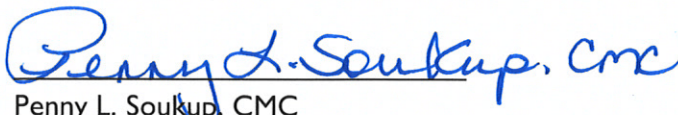
8. Consideration of a motion to adjourn the April 3, 2020 Special City Commission meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Witt seconded by Commissioner Marshall to adjourn at 10:46 a.m. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.




Chris Ostermann, Mayor

ATTEST:


Penny L. Soukup, CMC
City Clerk

Monday at noon on the day of the City Commission meeting. with agendas being published the Friday before the meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commission Marshall to amend the motion to include holding the Study Sessions 30 minutes prior to the regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Marshall to approve the amended motion to receive public comments via email to City Clerk Soukup by noon on Monday before the meeting and to hold study sessions 30 minutes prior to the regular commission meetings. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

6. Consider Resolution 04032020-1, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS TEMPORARILY EXPANDING THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY MANAGER TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY; AND RATIFYING PREVIOUS DECISIONS REGARDING THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY.

City Attorney Martin explained Resolution No. 04032020-1 regarding temporarily expanding the authority of the City Manager to act on behalf of the City in response to the COVID-19 emergency.

There was discussion among the commissioners regarding city operations during the COVID-19 emergency.

Motion by Commissioner Rein, seconded by Commission Marshall to adhere to the Kansas Governor's stay at home order regarding who is essential and non-essential personnel with regards to the COVID-19 emergency. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Witt to keep the meeting schedule with regular meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month and study sessions held on alternate Monday. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commission Marshall to table the approval of Resolution 04032020-1 until further notice. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

7. City Manager Reports

City staff is putting together a plan to bring in essential personnel from the Public Works Department, Parks and Recreation Department and Administration to perform essential services.

The purchase of the lumber yard next to the Public Works Department will be completed this week.

City Attorney Martin continues to work on the rural water response for rate increases.

City Attorney Martin and City Engineer Bachamp continue working on the northeast drainage project.