



Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes

Dwight D. Eisenhower Municipal Building – 419 N. Broadway

April 13, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.

Abilene, Kansas

1. Call to Order

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

Staff Present: City Manager Foltz, City Clerk Soukup, City Attorney Martin, Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Roller, Public Works Director Schrader and City Engineer Consultant Bachamp.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda

4. Agenda Approval for the April 13, 2020 City Commission Meeting

5. Meeting minutes: March 9, 2020 Regular Meeting

6. Special meeting minutes: March 23, 2020 and April 3, 2020

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Marshall to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of item 11a concerning employee pay during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Roll call vote: Ostermann AYE, Rein AYE, Marshall AYE, Shafer AYE, Witt AYE.

Public Comments and Communications

7. The City Clerk will update the Mayor and City Commission on any public comments she has received. Public comments must be sent to the city clerk by noon on Monday April 13, 2020 at penny@abilenecityhall.com.

There were no public comments or communications received by the City Clerk Penny Soukup.

Old and New Business

8. Consider approval of the “Industrial Land Funding Policy”.

City Manager Foltz presented information regarding the Industrial Land Funding Policy. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the policy.

Commission Marshall expressed concerns about the number of jobs on the policy.

City Attorney Martin explained that all requests would be brought before the City Commission for approval.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Rein to approve the Industrial Land Funding Policy. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. Roll call vote: Marshall AYE, Shafer AYE, Witt AYE, Ostermann AYE, Rein AYE.

9. Consider SE Drainage work order agreement between the City of Abilene and Olsson Associates.

City Engineer Bachamp presented information regarding the scope of work on the SE Drainage work order.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, Commissioner Witt to approve the SE Drainage work order agreement between the City of Abilene and Olsson Associates in the amount of \$19,800.00. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. Roll call vote: Shafer AYE, Witt AYE, Mayor Ostermann AYE, Commissioner Rein AYE, Commissioner Marshall AYE.

10. Consider an agreement between the City of Abilene and Rawhide Portable Corral, Inc. for a temporary access easement to the Recycle Center during the 8th Street construction.

City Manager Foltz presented information regarding the agreement with Rawhide Portable Corral for temporary access to the Recycle Center during the 8th Street construction.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Marshall to approve the agreement between the City of Abilene and Rawhide Portable Corral, Inc. for a temporary access easement to the Recycle Center during the 8th Street Construction. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. Roll call vote: Commissioner Witt AYE, Mayor Ostermann AYE, Commissioner Rein AYE, Commissioner Marshall AYE, Commissioner Shafer AYE.

11. Consider bids for street and parking lot improvements in the amount of \$149,689.50.

City Manager Foltz presented information regarding the low bid for street and parking lot improvements. The low bid in the amount of \$149,689.50 was received from Bayer Construction. The City received Federal Fund Exchange dollars in February in the amount of \$128,717.03 and that will pay for 85% of this project. If we do not do a street project, we do not receive those Federal Exchange dollars.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Rein to approve the bid in the amount of \$149,689.50 from Bayer Construction for street and parking lot improvements. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. Roll call vote: Mayor Ostermann AYE, Commissioner Rein AYE, Commissioner Marshall AYE, Commissioner Shafer AYE, Commissioner Witt AYE.

11a. Discussion concerning employee pay during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

City Attorney Martin explained the Emergency FMLA with regards to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Commissioners discussed how employee pay would be handled in the future during the COVID-19 Pandemic and advised to continue as for the next two weeks.

Commissioners directed City Manager Foltz and City staff to present a plan concerning employee pay, etc. and give updates at each meeting. Any changes to the Employee Manual would need to be approved by the City Commission.

12. Discussion regarding meeting format using the “Go to Meeting”.

Commissioners agreed to continue using the “Go to Meeting” format and feel it worked fairly well.

Reports

13. City Manager reports

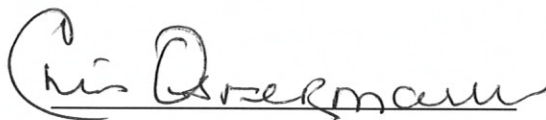
City Manager Foltz will be sending out department heads lists of top priorities during COVID-19 pandemic.

Adjournment

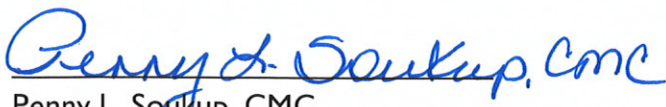
14. Consideration of a motion to adjourn the April 13, 2020 City Commission meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Rein to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. Roll call vote: Commissioner Witt AYE, Mayor Ostermann AYE, Commission Rein AYE Commissioner Marshall AYE, Commissioner Shafer AYE.




Chris Ostermann, Mayor

ATTEST:


Penny L. Soukup, CMC
City Clerk