



Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Dwight D. Eisenhower Municipal Building
419 N. Broadway
May 11, 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, Finance Director Rothchild, and Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Roller.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ostermann lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

4. Agenda Approval for the May 11, 2020 City Commission Meeting.

5. Meeting minutes: April 27, 2020 Regular Meeting.

6. Consider approval of Resolution No. 051120-1 adopting the City of Abilene Water Conservation Plan.

7. Consider the CARES Act Grant for airport.

Motion by Commissioner Rein, seconded by Commissioner Marshall to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of item 8 the approval of an Aerial Spray Operator Agreement with Crop Service. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. Roll call vote: Rein YES, Marshall YES, Shafer YES, Witt YES, Ostermann YES.

Public Comments and Communications

8a. The City Clerk will update the Mayor and City Commission on any public comments she has received via email.

City Clerk Soukup updated the Mayor and Commissioners on several emails and phone calls received regarding the allowance of chickens in the city limits of Abilene.

Old and New Business

9. NE drainage easements.

City Attorney Martin presented information regarding the NE drainage easement agreements with Highland Homes, L.P.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Rein to approve a Permanent Drainage Easement and a Temporary Construction Easement with Highland Homes, LP, a Nevada limited partnership, by authority of its general partner, Highland Builders, LLC, a Kansas limited liability company regarding the NE drainage easements. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Shafer YES, Witt YES, Ostermann YES, Rein YES.

10. Consider a letter of commitment for New Horizon Hemp Processing, LLC.

City Manager Foltz presented information regarding the commitment letter for New Horizon Hemp Processing, LLC for land under the industrial funding policy.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Witt to approve a commitment letter for New Horizon Hemp Processing. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. Roll call vote: Shafer YES, Witt YES, Ostermann YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES.

11. Reopening Plan.

City Manager Foltz presented the reopening plan for all city buildings and services.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Shafer to approve the tentative reopening plan. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Ostermann YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES, Shafer YES.

12. Consider Ordinance No. 20-3386 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS BY AMENDING EXISTING SECTION 4-117 AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 4-124 TO PERMIT THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS WITHIN THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS.

City Attorney Martin presented information regarding Ordinance No. 20-3386, sponsored by Commissioner Witt, regarding the keeping of chickens in the City of Abilene.

There was discussion regarding emails and phone calls received from the public.

Motion by Commissioner Ostermann, seconded by Commissioner Marshall to table the approval of Ordinance No. 20-3386 for further discussion in a regular, in person, meeting. Motion failed 2-3. Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Shafer NO, Witt NO, Rein NO, Ostermann YES.

Motion by Commissioner Shafer, seconded by Commissioner Witt to approve Ordinance No. 20-3386 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS BY AMENDING EXISTING SECTION 4-117 AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 4-124 TO PERMIT THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS WITHIN THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS.** Motion carried 3-2. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Ostermann NO, Rein YES, Marshall NO, Shafer YES.

Reports

13. City Manager reports

City Manager Foltz thanked Dickinson County for flying their drone over the debris field of at the airport and overlaying the property lines so we could see the scope of the damage. All planes have been removed from the damaged hangars. All debris has been cleaned up. We are waiting on a report from our insurance adjuster to find out the damage found throughout the city. Public Works director Schrader will be coordinating the demolition of the T-hangars and we will be working on a plan to rebuild them.

Mike Ragsdale will be working with Code Enforcement to help the inspection department as well as his regular duties as Community Service Officer.

We have had some interest in the early retirement incentive that was approved on April 27th.

Signs for local and are contractor's signs are not allowed in residential yards until work is being done. Those signs are being picked up and they can collect them at city hall.

At the May 18th study session, you will hear from Finance Director Rothchild will present information on the Utility Operations Water and Sewer Fund, special revenue operations from our Drug and Alcohol Fund and preparations for the 2021 budget. We will also be reviewing the proposed CIP Plan for the 2021 budget.

Varney and Associates will be present to provide our 2019 audit.

Public Works Director Schrader will present the city maintenance plan criteria.

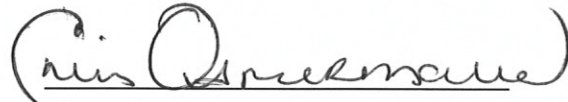
We are waiting to hear back from the Rural Water District on the rate increases.

Adjournment

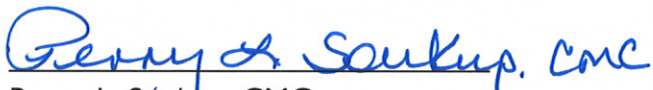
14. Consideration of a motion to adjourn the May 11, 2020 City Commission meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Witt to adjourn at 5:25 pm. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Marshall YES, Shafer YES, Rein Yes, Ostermann YES.




Chris Ostermann, Mayor

ATTEST:


Penny L. Soukup, CMC
City Clerk