



Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes

Dwight D. Eisenhower Municipal Building – 419 N. Broadway

May 26, 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 Clerk Soukup, City Attorney Martin, Finance Director Rothchild, Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Roller and Public Works Director Schrader.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda

4. Agenda Approval for the May 26, 2020 City Commission Meeting.

5. Meeting minutes: May 11, 2020 Regular Meeting.

6. Appoint Cindy Montgomery to the Library Board to fill vacancy for a four-year term until April 30, 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Witt to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. Roll call vote: Rein YES, Marshall YES, Shafer YES, Witt YES, Ostermann YES.

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 May 26, 2020 to penny@abilenecityhall.com.

There were no public comments or communications.

Old and New Business

8. 2019 Audit.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Witt to table this item until some questions have been addressed. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Shafer YES, Witt YES, Ostermann YES, Rein YES.

9. Consider approval of Resolution Number 052620-1 A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE LEGAL AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR THE CDBG-CV FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

Convention and Visitor's Bureau Director Roller presented information regarding the CDBG-CV grant application.

Mayor Ostermann opened the public hearing at 4:06 p.m.

City Clerk Soukup reported that she received no comments regarding the grant application.

Mayor Ostermann closed the public hearing at 4:07 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Rein to approve Resolution No. 052620-1 **A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING LEGAL AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR THE CDBG-CV FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.** Motion carried unanimously 5-0. Roll call vote: Shafer YES, Witt YES, Ostermann YES, Rein Yes, Marshall YES.

10. Consider airport debris cleanup bid award.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Marshall to approve the bid from L. Blixt Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$5,600.00. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. Roll call vote: Shafer YES, Witt YES, Ostermann YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES.

11. Street maintenance plan.

Public Works Director Schrader presented information regarding the street maintenance plan.

Reports

12. City Manager reports

Mayor Ostermann read the City Managers reports:

We have heard back from the rural water district and they are having their engineers look over our numbers. We hope to come to a resolution regarding the rate increase soon. Thanks to Aaron Martin who has been corresponding with the rural water district.

The reopening plan 2.0 from the County was released on Wednesday, May 20, 2020. Our reopening document is being updated. We will be tentatively beginning in-person City Commission meetings on June 8th. We will be using social distancing and if attendees would like to wear masks, that will be their decision.

Staff is working with the County on the use of the Civic Center for a few months while the remodeling of the courthouse proceeds. We are tentatively looking at the month of November 2020 to March of 2021. More information will be available soon.

APAC Shears will be in town completing street work from 2019.

Friday afternoon the City received a call from an Abilene citizen who wanted to pay individuals past due or shut off water bills. The anonymous donation was in the amount of \$2,000. This Act of Kindness is something very positive that has come from something very unsettling during the pandemic. The donor stated that he and his wife did not need the stimulus money they had received and wanted to do good with it. This donation helped 41 Abilene citizens on their water bills. He asked staff to take care of this. This gesture of paying it forward for those who may be struggling right now is something this staff has never seen happen in this magnitude before. This is so much appreciated by the City and I'm sure to those who received the funds. Thank you whoever you are.

We are waiting to hear updates about the legislative actions that were taken on May 22, 2020.

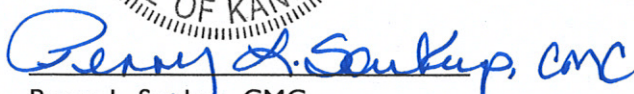
Adjournment

13. Consideration of a motion to adjourn the May 26, 2020 City Commission meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Rein to adjourn at 4:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Ostermann YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES, Shafer YES.




Chris Ostermann, Mayor


Penny L. Soukup, CMC
City Clerk