



Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
July 27, 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, Deputy City Clerk Mohr, City Attorney Martin, Finance Director Rothchild, Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Roller-Weeks, Public Works Director Schrader and City Inspector Steerman.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda

4. Agenda Approval for the July 27, 2020 City Commission Meeting

5. Meeting minutes: July 13, 2020 Regular Meeting

6. Audit renewal contract with Varney & Associates for five years in the amount of \$13,500 per year

7. Memorandum of Understanding between Dickinson County and the City of Abilene for the use of the Abilene Civic Center located at 201 NW 2nd during the renovation of the existing Dickinson County Courthouse.

8. Appoint Bill Marshall to the Planning Commission for a term expiring in 2023.

9. Approve a Mutual Aid Agreement between the Herington Fire Department DK202 and Abilene Fire Department DK201.

10. CDBG – CV Resolution No. 072720-2, A RESOLUTION TO DISTRIBUTE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) – CV FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CITY OF ABILENE TO ABILENE BUSINESSES.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Marshall to move item No. 8 from the Consent Agenda to item 12a under Old and New Business. Roll call vote: Rein YES, Marshall YES, Shafer YES, Witt YES, Ostermann YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

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

Public Comments and Communications

11. Persons who wish to address the City Commission may do so when called upon by the Mayor.

There were no public comments or communications.

Old and New Business

12. NE Drainage Easement

City Attorney Martin explained this is the final acquisition needed to begin on the NE drainage project.

Motion by Commissioner Rein, seconded by Commissioner Witt to approve the NE Drainage Easement. Roll call vote: Shafer YES, Witt YES, Ostermann YES, Rein YES, Marshall NO. Motion carried 4-1.

12a. Appoint Bill Marshall to the Planning Commission for a term expiring in 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Shafer, seconded by Commissioner Witt to appoint Bill Marshall to the Planning Commission for a term expiring in 2023. Roll call vote: Shafer YES, Witt YES, Ostermann YES, Rein YES, Marshall - Abstain due to conflict of interest. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, 1 abstention.

13. Consider Resolution No. 042720-1 A RESOLUTION FIXING A TIME AND PLACE TO APPEAR TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THE STRUCTURE AT 413 NW 3RD ST. SHOULD NOT BE CONDEMNED AND ORDERED REPAIRED OR DEMOLISHED.

City Inspector Steerman spoke regarding the property located at 413 NW 3rd Street. There is work being completed and they have until September 14, 2020 to complete the work to City standards.

John Graves, owner of the property, spoke regarding work the at being done and what work is still planned.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Rein to approve Resolution No. 072420-1 **A RESOLUTION FIXING A TIME AND PLACE TO APPEAR TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THE STRUCTURE AT 413 NW 3RD ST. SHOULD NOT BE CONDEMNED AND ORDERED REPAIRED OR DEMOLISHED.** Roll call vote: Witt YES, Ostermann YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES, Shafer YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

14. SPARK funding Kiosk for tourism in the amount of \$35,800.00

Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Roller-Weeks presented information regarding a kiosk for tourism to be paid for through the SPARK funding.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Witt to approve the SPARK funding Kiosk for tourism in the amount of \$35,800.00. Roll call vote: Ostermann YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES, Shafer YES, Witt YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

15. 2021 Budget Hearing

Mayor Ostermann opened the public hearing at 4:18 p.m.

Finance Director Rothchild spoke regarding the 2021 Budget.

Thank you to all Department Directors for their hard work on the budget.

Mayor Ostermann closed the public hearing at 4:27 p.m.

16. Consider Ordinance 20-3389, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROPRIATING THE 2021 ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Rein to adopt Ordinance No. 20-3389, **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROPRIATING THE 2021 ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS.** Roll call vote: Rein YES, Marshall YES, Shafer YES, Witt YES, Ostermann YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

17. Executive Session: Motion by Commissioner Witt seconded by Commissioner Marshall to recess into Executive Session for 30 minutes to review and evaluate the City Manager's performance, based upon the need to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). The open public meeting will resume in this room at 4:58 p.m. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Shafer YES, Marshall YES, Rein YES, Ostermann YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

City Manager Foltz was called into Executive Session at 4:50 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 4:58 p.m.

There was no action taken in Executive Session.

Reports

18. City Manager reports

There is a memo in the packet from Public Works Director Schrader regarding the CCLIP Program for improvements on South Buckeye from Old Abilene Town to the Santa Fe Railroad tracks. The City will receive \$300,000.00 from KDOT with the City share being \$168,596.64.

Staff has submitted the SPARKS funding request for the City of Abilene to Dickinson County for reimbursement of COVID-19 expenses.

The application period for Chief of Polices closed on Friday. We have received 81 applications. Staff will begin reviewing the applications and schedule interviews in August.

The City received funding through the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Pathways Grant and this will be used to purchase two new swings, one is a parent/child swing and one is a swing for disabled children.

Street work was completed on Sterl Lane around the Band Shell last week. The Community Center Parking lot is partially completed and then work will begin on the Senior Center parking lot.

T & M Construction continues work on the Vine Street sidewalk project. This project was also partially funded by the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Pathways Grant.

They are still planning on doing something for the Eisenhower Memorial dedication, it may be virtual. Abilene and Denison are not planning on attending any activities in Washington DC or Gettysburg at this time. More information will be relayed as it is received.

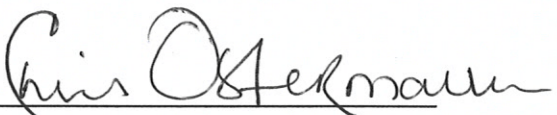
The Dickinson County Health Department released a COVID-19 update, there are currently 39 cases with 32 cases recovered. We are flattening the curve. This information will also be on the City of Abilene website.

Adjournment

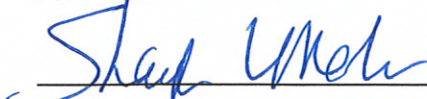
19. Consideration of a motion to adjourn the July 27, 2020 City Commission meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Witt to adjourn at 5:03 p.m. Roll call vote: Rein YES, Witt YES, Shafer YES, Marshall YES, Ostermann YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

(Seal)


Chris Ostermann, Mayor

ATTEST:


Shayla L. Mohr
Deputy City Clerk