



Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
August 24, 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 Engineer Consultant Mark Bachamp.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda

4. Agenda Approval for the August 24, 2020 City Commission Meeting

5. Meeting minutes: August 10, 2020 Regular Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Shafer to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Rein NO, Marshall NO, Shafer NO, Witt NO, Ostermann NO. Motion failed 0-5.

Motion by Commissioner Rein, seconded by Commissioner Marshall to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of item 10a, Legal Executive Session. Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Shafer YES, Witt YES, Ostermann YES, Rein YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Public Comments and Communications

6. 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

7. Well #23 Master Agreement and work order.

Public Works Director Schrader presented information regarding the Master Agreement and Work Order for the continued development of Well #23.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Rein to approve the Well #23 Master Agreement and Work Order with Olsson and Associates. Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Shafer YES, Witt YES, Ostermann YES, Rein YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

8. Water Model update.

Mark Bachamp, Olsson & Associates, presented information regarding the Water Model.

9. Accept resignation from the Sister City Board from Norman Scott Anderson.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Witt to accept the resignation from Norman Scott Anderson from the Sister City Board due to health reasons. Roll call vote: Shafer YES, Witt YES, Ostermann YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

10. Accept Resignation from the Sister City Board from Claire Anderson.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Shafer to accept the resignation from Claire Anderson from the Sister City Board. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Ostermann YES, Rein YES Marshall YES, Shafer YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

10a. Legal Executive Session: Motion by Commissioner Rein, seconded by Commissioner Marshall to recess into Executive Session for 10 minutes to discuss with legal counsel a charge of employment discrimination against the City of Abilene that has been filed with the Kansas Human Rights Commission, based upon the need for consultation with an attorney for the public body which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). The open public meeting will resume in this room at 4:30 p.m. Roll call vote: Ostermann YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES, Shafer YES, Witt YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Reports

14. City Manager reports

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Anna Hatter as the City of Abilene's next Police Chief. After a nationwide search with 82 applications from 30 states, Anna quickly rose to the top of our list. After her interview, we knew she was the right person for the job.

Hatter is a 26-year-veteran of the Wichita Police Department. She quickly rose through the ranks before being appointed to deputy chief in May of 2019. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Organization Management and Leadership from Friends University and a Mini MPA in Executive Development from Wichita State University. Hatter did her homework with trips to Abilene to visit with residents and businesses about the community and police department prior to being interviewed. Anna wants to be in Abilene, she understands our community, and we will benefit from her years of experience.

During her tenure with the Wichita Police Department, Hatter has been assigned to Patrol East and Patrol North as a patrol officer, community policing officer and Special Community Action Team (SCAT) officer.

Hatter also worked as a School Liaison Officer and DARE Officer. As Detective, Hatter worked in the burglary section and sex crimes sections.

In 2007, Hatter was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, assigned to both the Patrol East and Patrol South Bureaus. As Lieutenant, she commanded the 4th Watch Patrol West section and Auto Theft section in Investigations before being promoted in 2016 to Captain. As Captain, Hatter was assigned to the WPD Records Bureau and was very instrumental in assisting the department in transitioning to a new Records Management System.

Hatter and her husband Chris have three children and seven grandchildren. The Hatter's will relocate to Abilene where she will begin her duties on October 1st.

With the two resignations on the Sister City Board, we are accepting applications.

On other City Boards, we have one opening on the Airport Advisory Board and one opening on the Planning Commission. Applications can be found on the City of Abilene website under Boards and Commissions. We should see movement at the 8th Street Project this week as curb and gutter begin to be placed with concrete work to follow.

The latest Census 2020 numbers for the State of Kansas 68%, Dickinson County 67.7% and the City of Abilene 71%. Thank you to all citizens who have completed the Census. If the Census Worker comes to your home, please take a few minutes to complete the questions. Thanks again for your participation in this necessary survey.

The work on the property at 413 NW 3rd, John's Upholstery, is nearly complete. There are a few things on the interior that still need completed. They should have all work completed by the deadline given, City Inspector Travis Steerman is following up on this. Substantial work has been done, so we will not have to move forward on the condemnation.

There will be no Study Session on August 31, 2020 as this is the 5th Monday of the month.

There will be no Study Session scheduled for Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2020.

There is no City Commission meeting planned for September 14, 2020.

The next scheduled City Commission Study Session is scheduled for September 21, 2020. We will discuss projects such as the Street Maintenance Plan and the CIP, the water model, street assessment and drainage study. City staff has been working very hard.

Mayor Ostermann asked about the EMC and Critical drainage Ordinance not coming before the City Commission as scheduled.

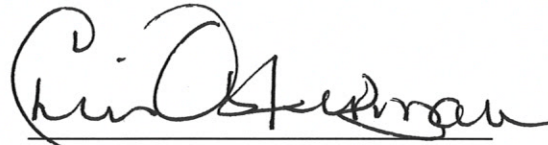
City Manager Foltz responded that the Planning Commission did not have a quorum present when they voted on this. It will come before the City Commission on October 26th. We have a 45-day publication that we must adhere to.

Adjournment

15. Consideration of a motion to adjourn the August 24, 2020 City Commission meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Rein to adjourn at 4:38 p.m. Roll call vote: Shafer YES, Witt YES, Ostermann YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

(Seal)


Chris Ostermann, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shayla L. Mohr
Deputy City Clerk