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Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
January 25, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.
Abilene, Kansas

1. Call to Order

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

Staff Present: City Manager Foltz, City Attorney Martin, Deputy City Clerk Mohr, Finance Director Rothchild, Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Roller-Weeks, and Public Works Director Schrader.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda

4. Agenda Approval for the January 25, 2021 City Commission Meeting
5. Meeting minutes: January 11, 2021 Regular Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Witt to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Ostermann YES, Shafer YES, Witt YES, Rein YES, Marshall 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. Consider the purchase refinance of the fire truck and water meters.

Finance Director Rothchild presented information regarding the refinancing of the fire truck and water meter loans. Interest rates are lower now and refinancing will create substantial savings over the course of the loans.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Ostermann to approve purchase refinance of the fire truck and water meters. Roll call vote: Shafer YES, Witt YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES, Ostermann YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

8. Consider water main improvement bid for N. Brown St.

Public Works Direction Schrader presented information regarding the 2021 water line replacement project on N. Brown Street between NE 10th Street and NE 12th Street.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Marshall to approve the bid from J & K Contractors of Junction City for the 2021 waterline replacement project on N. Brown Street. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES, Ostermann YES, Shafer YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

9. Consider the purchase of extrication tools for the fire department.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Ostermann to approve the purchase of extrication tools for the fire department for Okie Extrication in the amount of $66,670.28. Dickinson County will fund $25,000.00 for this purchase. Roll call vote: Rein YES, Marshall YES, Ostermann YES, Shafer YES, Witt YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

10. City Manager profile presentation and compensation by Beth Tatarko with Austin Peters Group.

Beth Tatarko, Austin Peters Group, presented information regarding the City Manager search. The City Commissioner's agreed that the minimum base salary offered should be $115,000.00.

Reports

11. City Manager reports

Work started last week on the Faith Ave. drainage project. The intended completion date is March 31, 2021, weather permitting. They will be burning trees and brush on site.

We have four City employees out due to COVID-19, 2 positives and 2 on quarantine. We continue to stress masks, handwashing, social distancing and sanitizing high touch areas. We also continue to take temperatures every morning. Staff has extended the COVID-19 leave through the end of March. The County is working on a plan for mass vaccinations in the coming weeks. They have had a good response for volunteers to help.

The Planning Commission will be approving the review of platting for a new project within the City of Abilene in the coming months.

Painting of the interior of the Civic Center is complete and work is now being done at the Senior Center. Stop by and take a look. There is also electrical and security work being done at the Civic Center by the County, they will be moving in in a couple of weeks until the remodeling at the Court House is complete.

Preparation work continues on the Rogers Street project. You will be hearing more about this in the coming weeks.

Staff is preparing documentation to renew the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. This program sunset in December 2020.

The new payment kiosk for paying the City water/sewer bills will be available soon. We will be sending a public notification when it is available. The kiosk was purchased with SPARKS through the County as a convenience to the public.

The Police Department is addressing the concern about the traffic light at 7th and Buckeye mentioned in the Letter to the Editor in last Thursday's newspaper.

Adjournment

12. Consideration of a motion to adjourn the January 25, 2021 City Commission meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Witt to adjourn at 4:37 p.m. Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Ostermann YES, Shafer YES, Witt YES, Rein YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

(Seal)

Brandon Rein, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shayla L. Mohr
Deputy City Clerk