



Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
February 8, 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, City Clerk Soukup, Finance Director Rothchild, Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Roller-Weeks, Parks and Recreation Director Timbrook, and Public Works Director Schrader.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda

4. Agenda Approval for the February 8, 2021 City Commission Meeting

5. Meeting minutes: January 25, 2021 Regular Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Witt to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Ostermann YES, Shafer YES, Witt 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. Consider the purchase of a heating unit for asphalt repair.

Public Works Director presented information regarding bids for the purchase of a heating unit for asphalt repair.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Marshall to approve the low bid of \$14,700.00 from Crafc0, Inc. for the purchase of a heating unit for asphalt repair. Roll call vote: Ostermann YES, Shafer YES, Witt YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

8. Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign public right-of-way deed for Rogers Street with Central Kansas Free Fair.

City Manager Foltz presented information regarding the public right-of-way deed for Rogers Street with the Central Kansas Free Fair for improvements on Rogers Street.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Shafer to authorize the Mayor to sign a public right-of-way deed for Rogers Street with the Central Kansas Free Fair. Roll call vote: Shafer YES, Witt YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES, Ostermann YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

9. Consider Resolution Number 020821-1 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF A PLAN PURSUANT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM.

City Manager Foltz presented information regarding the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. This resolution sets the date and time for the public hearing which is the first step in the process.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Ostermann to approve Resolution No. 020821-1 **A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF A PLAN PURSUANCE TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM.** Roll call vote: Witt YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES, Ostermann YES, Shafer YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

10. Consider appointing Marcus Rothchild as Interim City Manager.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Shafer to appoint Marcus Rothchild as Interim City Manager. Roll call vote: Rein YES, Marshall YES, Ostermann YES, Shafer YES, Witt YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

11. Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner Shafer, seconded by Commissioner Witt for the City Commission to recess into Executive Session for 15 minutes based upon the need to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). The open meeting will resume in this room at 4:31 p.m. Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Ostermann YES, Shafer YES, Witt YES, Rein YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Marshall to increase Interim City Manager Rothchild's salary by 15% effective immediately. Roll call vote: Ostermann YES, Shafer YES, Witt YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Reports

12. City Manager reports

COVID-19 update: We currently have two employees who have tested positive and are recovering.

Thank you to all employees who have stepped up and covered for employees who have been out and affected in some way by COVID-19. The City of Abilene's focus continues to be serving the community and keeping all protocol in place for the safety of the public and employees at the forefront.

New Police Officer Jeffery Wyatt McKinney was sworn in on February 1st. He will be attending the academy in March.

Great Plains Manufacturing has created 160 jobs in the Abilene West plant. They are opening a weld school at Abilene West. They will have eight students who will learn to weld in the first 9-week course.

Harold Courtois, Memorial Hospital CEO, has assured that the possible affiliation with Salina Regional Health will not delay the pay-off of the bonds owed for the hospital expansion. The final decision has not been made to proceed with the affiliation yet.

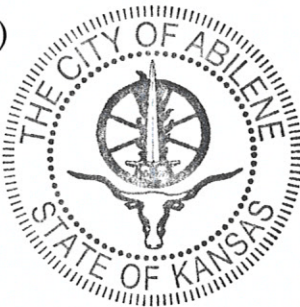
The NE/Faith Ave drainage project is progressing. They will continue work as the weather will allow.

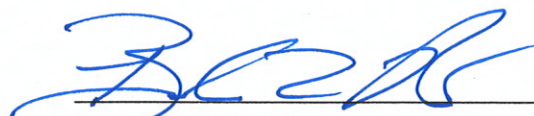
Adjournment

13. Consideration of a motion to adjourn the February 8, 2021 City Commission meeting.

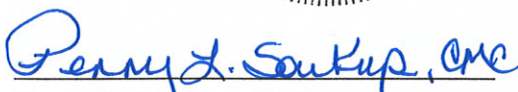
Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Ostermann to adjourn at 4:35 p.m. Roll call vote: Shafer YES, Witt YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES, Ostermann YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

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Brandon Rein, Mayor

ATTEST:



Penny L. Soukup, CMC
City Clerk