



Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
March 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: Interim City Manager/Finance Director Rothchild, City Attorney Martin, City Clerk Soukup, Parks and Recreation Director Timbrook, Police Chief Hatter, Utilities Supervisor Hawk.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda

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

5. Meeting minutes: February 22, 2021 Regular Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Witt to approve the Consent Agenda as printed. 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.

7. Proclamation for Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) Awareness Month

Mayor Rein read the proclamation for March as Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) Awareness Month.

Old and New Business

8. Consider the 2021-2022 EMC Insurance renewal with Smart Insurance.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Shafer to approve the 2021-2022 EMC Insurance renewal with Smart Insurance. Roll call vote: Ostermann YES, Shafer YES, Witt YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

9. Consider Ordinance 21-3397, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 5 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Shafer to adopt Ordinance No. 21-3397 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 5 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS. Roll call vote: Shafer YES, Witt YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES, Ostermann YES.** Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Reports

10. City Manager reports

City staff would like to acknowledge the passing of Jerry Taylor. He served on the City Commission for 8 years and was Mayor in 1989-1990. We would like to thank him for his service to the City of Abilene and our condolences go out to his friends and family.

Last week the Airport Advisory Committee met with Diane Hofer with Olsson Engineering. She provided an update on the environmental assessment. The FAA has narrowed down the obstruction removal area and initial contact has been made with property owners who may be affected from trees on their property. The environmental assessment should be completed in 2021 so we can begin the obstruction removal process.

The Public Works Department is installing an EZ Valve Insertion at 3rd and Spruce Streets. This will allow us to better isolate water leaks and fewer businesses will be affected in the event of a leak requiring the turn off of water.

We have two new swings at Eisenhower Park. These were purchased through a grant with the Quality-of-Life Coalition and Pathways to a Healthy Kansas. A Konnection Swing that promotes intergenerational play and engagement between an adult and child swinging together and Freedom Inclusion Swing that allows children of all abilities to enjoy swinging in safe and secure manner. There was also a handicap ramp installed at the new swing set as well as the large playground area.

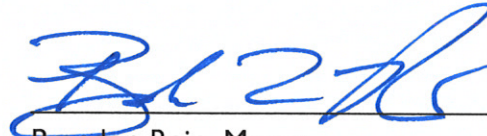
The Fire Department has received their new extraction tools and they have been installed on the trucks already. Formal training on the new equipment is scheduled for March 15th and follow up training on March 20th for Volunteer Firefighters.

There will be no study session on Monday, March 15th. On the March 22nd regular meeting agenda there will be an executive session with Beth Tatarko to review City Manager candidates.

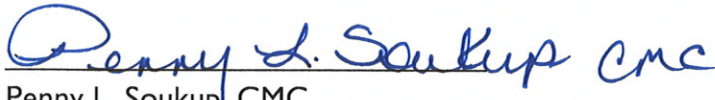
Adjournment

11. Consideration of a motion to adjourn the March 8, 2021 City Commission meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Shafer to adjourn at 4:18 p.m. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES, Ostermann YES, Shafer YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.


Brandon Rein, Mayor

ATTEST:


Penny L. Soukup, CMC
City Clerk