



Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
July 26, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.
Abilene, Kansas

1. Call to Order

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

Staff Present: City Manager Marsh, Interim City Clerk Mohr, Finance Director Rothchild, City Attorney Martin, Interim Fire Chief Strunk, Police Chief Hatter, Municipal Court Clerk/Office Manager Johnson, and Public Works Director Schrader.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda

- 4. Agenda Approval for the July 26, 2021, City Commission Meeting**
5. Meeting minutes: July 12, 2021, Regular Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Witt to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Shafer YES, Witt YES, Rein YES. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Public Comments and Communications

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

Dawn Hammatt, Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum, gave an update regarding the closure of the Eisenhower campus due to increased Covid cases in Dickinson County and explained the criteria used to make the decision.

7. Presentation

Megan Armstrong presented an "In God We Trust" plaque to the City of Abilene and asked that it be displayed publicly in the city building to proudly display our National Motto.

Old and New Business

8. Consider acceptance of an Addendum to the Real Estate Agreement with Warren Wilson Hay, Inc.

City Manager Marsh explained this addendum changes the closing date of the Real Estate Agreement with Warren Wilson Hay, Inc. to on or before August 27, 2021, and gives a more accurate legal description of the property.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Marshall to accept the Addendum to the Real Estate Agreement with Warren Wilson Hay, Inc. Roll call vote: Shafer YES, Witt YES, Rein Yes. Marshall YES. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

9. Consider acceptance of a grant from the Community Foundation of Dickinson County for the purchase of Municipal Court software.

City Manager Marsh explained this grant in the amount of \$45,648.00 from the Community Foundation of Dickinson County will pay for all up front and installation costs of the Municipal Court software. There will be an annual maintenance fee of \$8,521.00 that has been included in the 2022 budget.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Shafer to graciously accept a grant in the amount of \$45,648.00 from the Community Foundation of Dickinson for the purchase of Municipal Court software. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES, Shafer YES. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

10. 2022 Budget Review

Approval of publication of Notice of Public Hearing for the 2022 Budget and the publication of Notice of Public Hearing for the Revenue Neutral Rate for purposes of the 2022 Budget.

Finance Director Rothchild presented the final overview of the 2022 Budget. The public hearing will be held on August 23, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Witt to approve the publication of the Notice of Public Hearing for the 2022 Budget and the Notice of Public Hearing for the Revenue Neutral Rate for purposes of the 2022 Budget. Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Shafer YES, Witt Yes, Rein Yes. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Reports

11. City Manager reports

The pre-construction for the Police Department remodel was last Tuesday. The proposed notice to proceed date is August 30th. This allows for ordering materials, specifically A/C units and ballistic panels. Riley Construction will offer period walk throughs to show the progress.

There is a public hearing for the Airport Environmental Assessment on Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. at the library.

The Abilene Fire Department applied for a grant through the Kansas Forestry Service earlier this year and is pleased to announce that we were awarded the grant. Receiving the grant allowed us the opportunity to purchase a 65-gallon skid unit with a gas-powered pump for the Fire Department UTV. This equipment will be used during fair time, conducting controlled burns along the levies of Mud Creek and other remote areas where gaining access with traditional sized equipment is difficult.

Reminder: The Police Department will be hosting National Night Out with the Dickinson County Sheriff's Department on August 3rd at the swimming pool.

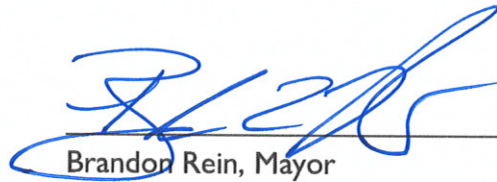
Kale Strunk will be the permanent Fire Chief effective August 1st.

Adjournment

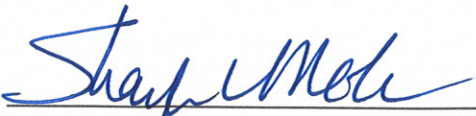
12. Consideration of a motion to adjourn the July 26, 2021, City Commission meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Witt to adjourn at 4:25 p.m. Roll call vote: Shafer Yes, Witt YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.




Brandon Rein, Mayor

ATTEST:


Shayla L. Mohr
Interim City Clerk