



Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
August 9, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.
Abilene, Kansas

1. Call to Order

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

Staff Present: City Manager Marsh, Interim City Clerk Mohr, Finance Director Rothchild, City Attorney Martin, Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Roller-Weeks, Parks and Recreation Director Timbrook, Fire Chief Strunk, and Public Works Director Schrader.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda

- 4. Agenda Approval for the August 9, 2021, City Commission Meeting**
5. Meeting minutes: July 26, 2021, Regular Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Ostermann to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Ostermann YES, Shafer 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.

Linda Longhofer-Swartz. 1011 W. First Street expressed concerns regarding the water rates that Rural Water District #2 is being charged for the water that is supplied by the City of Abilene to them for their customers.

Staff agreed to look further into this matter.

Old and New Business

7. Consider approval of a bid from Sargent Drilling in the amount of \$36,580.18 for upgrades to Well #1 and Well #3.

Public Works Director Schrader presented information regarding the upgrade to Well #1 and Well #3. This is part of the 2021 Water Production Capital Improvement Project.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Ostermann to approve a bid from Sargent Drilling in the amount of \$36,580.18 for upgrades to Well #1 and Well #3. Roll call vote: Ostermann YES, Shafer YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Reports

8. City Manager reports

The Police Department remodel continues to move forward. Staff met with the Architect and General Contractor last Friday after hearing back from the State Historic Preservation Office. In order to qualify for the tax credits, the SHPO has asked us to review several items including retaining transoms, trim, glass, and doors: not covering wood floors and not lowering the ceiling. I will continue to keep you updated as the project moves forward.

Kansas Gas has moved the public meeting for the remediation project to August 26th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. It will be virtual via Microsoft Teams. They have mailed postcards to all residents within a mile radius of the site informing them of the change. They also plan to restore the trees at the end of the project. They now expect to start construction at the end of September.

The gym floors in the Recreation Center were refinished the week prior to Fair.

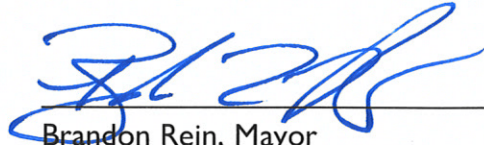
Shayla and Kari attended KORA/KOMA training last Friday. This is put on by the League.

Adjournment

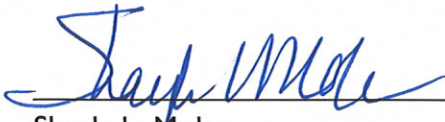
9. Consideration of a motion to adjourn the August 9, 2021, City Commission meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Ostermann to adjourn at 4:14 p.m. Roll call vote: Shafer YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES, Ostermann YES. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.




Brandon Rein, Mayor

ATTEST:


Shayla L. Mohr
Interim City Clerk