



Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
August 23, 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 Marsh, Human Resources Director/City Clerk Mohr, Finance Director Rothchild, City Attorney Martin, Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Roller-Weeks, Parks and Recreation Director Timbrook, Fire Chief Strunk, Police Chief Hatter, Zoning Administrator Zook and Public Works Director Schrader.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda

4. Agenda Approval for the August 23, 2021, City Commission Meeting

5. Meeting minutes: August 9, 2021, Regular Meeting

Motion by Commission Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Ostermann 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.

Public Hearings

7. Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to Revenue Neutral Rate and proposed tax rate, as required by 2021 Kansas Senate Bill 13.

Mayor Rein opened the public hearing at 4:02 p.m.

City Manager Marsh presented information regarding for the Revenue Neutral Rate.

Mayor Rein closed the public hearing at 4:03 p.m.

8. Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax for the proposed 2022 Budget.

Mayor Rein opened the public hearing at 4:03 p.m.

Finance Director Rothchild presented a summary of the proposed 2022 Budget.

Mayor Rein closed the public hearing at 4:06 p.m.

Old and New Business

9. Consider Ordinance No. 21-3402, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROPRIATING THE 2022 ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Witt to approve Ordinance No. 21-3402 **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROPRIATING THE 2022 ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS.** Roll call vote: Ostermann YES, Shafer YES, Witt YES, Rein Yes, Marshall YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

10. Consider Resolution No. 082321-1, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE PAY PLAN OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS, TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE COMPENSATION FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AS COMPARED WITH THE COMPARABLE LABOR MARKET.

City Manager Marsh explained this resolution allows an adjustment to the 2022 pay plan to stay in line with the comparable labor market. This pay plan adjustment was included in the 2022 Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Ostermann to approve Resolution No. 082321-1, **A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE PAY PLAN OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS, TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE COMPENSATION FOR CITY**

EMPLOYEES AS COMPARED WITH THE COMPARABLE LABOR MARKET. Roll call vote: Shafer YES, Witt YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES, Ostermann YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

11. Consider approval of an agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation for the CCLIP Resurfacing Project of South Buckeye.

City Manager Marsh presented information regarding the KDOT CCLIP Project on South Buckeye.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Marshall to approve the agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation for the CCLIP Resurfacing Project on South Buckeye. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES, Ostermann YES, Shafer YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

12. Consider Ordinance No. 21-3401, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A DWELLING ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS 203 N. CEDAR ST., ABILENE, KANSAS, IN THE C-4 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.

Barry Arp, owner of 203 N. Cedar St. spoke regarding his plans for the building.

After discussion, City Commissioners amended the ordinance to limit the conditional use permit to one year, expiring August 31, 2022. Per City Code 26-202, amending the ordinance as such requires a super majority approval.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Witt to approve Ordinance No. 21-3401 **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A DWELLING ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS 203 N. CEDAR ST., ABILENE, KANSAS, IN THE C-4 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, the conditional use permit will expire on August 31, 2022.** Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Ostermann NO, Shafer YES, Witt YES, Rein YES. Motion carried 4-1.

Reports

13. City Manager reports

The Recreation Commission budget hearing is today at 5:30 p.m.

The Fire and Police Departments will be coordinating training opportunities at the house on the land donated to the City at the airport.

The Public Works Department has been working extensively at the 1st Street bridge to rebury a water line that had become exposed due to erosion and filling in and stop erosion under one of the bridge piers.

This past June, we entered into an agreement with an Amish group to tear down a wood-framed structure on City property next to the Public Works yard. The structure was part of the Webb Home Center. Unfortunately, we were not aware the structure was a contributing structure to the downtown historic

district. This happened because City owned property doesn't normally obtain permits, which prompts staff that it was part of the district. That oversight has been corrected and we will run all projects on City owned property through the permit process prior to beginning work in the future.

KDOT Cost Share Program has opened applications for projects. We will be working to obtain letters of support for the NW 14th Street Project for submittal with our application.

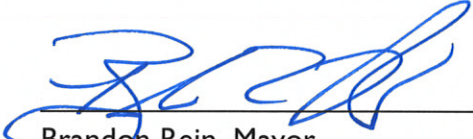
The September 6th Study Session will be moved to Tuesday, September 7th due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Adjournment

15. Consideration of a motion to adjourn the August 23, 2021, City Commission meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Marshall to adjourn at 4:31 p.m. Roll call vote: Ostermann YES, Shafer YES, Witt YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.




Brandon Rein, Mayor

ATTEST:


Shayla L. Mohr
City Clerk