



Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
August 22, 2022 @ 4:00 p.m.
Abilene, Kansas

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call – City Commission Present: Mayor Marshall, Commissioners Witt, Rein, Miller and Kollhoff.

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, Community Development Director Zook, Administrative Assistant Briand, Police Chief Hatter, Office Manager/Court Clerk Johnson, and Public Works Director Schrader.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Agenda for the August 22, 2022, City Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Rein, seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve the agenda with the addition of item 7a, Resolution 082222-2 regarding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Rein YES, Miller YES, Kollhoff YES, Marshall YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Consent Agenda

5. Meeting Minutes: August 8, 2022, Regular Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Rein to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Miller YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES, Kollhoff 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 the Revenue Neutral Rate and proposed tax rate, as required by 2021 Kansas Senate Bill 13.

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

Commissioner Kollhoff expressed his concerns with the proposed budget.

Diane Miller expressed her concerns with the proposed budget.

Mayor Marshall closed the public hearing at 4:12 p.m.

7a. Consider approval of Resolution No. 082222-2, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS, APPROVING THE LEVY OF A PROPERTY TAX RATE EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commission Miller to approve Resolution No. 082222-2, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS, APPROVING THE LEVY OF A PROPERTY TAX RATE EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE.** Roll call vote: Witt YES, Rein YES, Miller YES, Kollhoff NO. Marshall YES. Motion carried 4-1.

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 2023 Budget.

Mayor Marshall opened the public hearing at 4:21 p.m.

Mayor Marshall closed the public hearing at 4:22 p.m.

Old and New Business

9. Consider approval of Ordinance No. 22-3419, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROPRIATING THE 2023 ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve Ordinance No. 22-3419, **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROPRIATING THE 2023 ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF ABILENE KANSAS.** Roll call vote: Witt YES, Kollhoff NO, Miller YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES. Motion carried 4-1.

10. Consider approval of Resolution No. 082222-1, 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 TO THE COMPARABLE LABOR MARKET.

Motion by Commissioner Kollhoff, seconded by Commissioner Rein to table this item to the next regular meeting for further discussion. Roll call vote: Rein YES, Kollhoff YES, Witt YES, Miller YES, Marshall NO. Motion carried 4-1.

11. Consider approval of Ordinance No. 22-3420, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5, SECTION 5-401 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS, BY ADOPTING AND INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES, 49TH EDITION (2022); AND REPEALING EXISTING SECTION 5-401.

Motion by Commissioner Rein, seconded by Commissioner Witt to approve Ordinance No. 22-3420, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5, SECTION 5-401 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS, BY ADOPTING AND INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES, 49TH EDITION (2022); AND REPEALING EXISTING SECTION 5-401.** Roll call vote: Witt YES, Rein YES, Miller YES, Kollhoff YES, Marshall YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

12. Consider approval of Ordinance No. 22-3421, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5, SECTION 5-101 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS, BY ADOPTING AND INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES, 38TH EDITION (2022), WITH CERTAIN OMISSIONS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO; AND REPEALING EXISTING SECTION 5-101.

Motion by Commissioner Rein, seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve Ordinance No. 22-3421, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5, SECTION 5-101 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS, BY ADOPTING AND INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES, 38TH EDITION (2022), WITH CERTAIN OMISSIONS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO; AND REPEALING EXISTING SECTION 5-101.** Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Witt YES, Miller YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

13. Consider approval of Ordinance No. 22-3422, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE, CONSUMPTION, AND POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR AT A SPECIFIED LOCATION ON THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AND APPROVING THE CLOSURE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY FOR THE ABILENE OKTOBERFEST.

Motion by Commissioner Kollhoff, seconded by Commissioner Witt to approve Ordinance No. 22-3422, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE, CONSUMPTION, AND POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR AT A SPECIFIED LOCATION ON THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AND APPROVING THE CLOSURE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY FOR THE ABILENE OKTOBERFEST.** Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Rein YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Marshall YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

14. Consider approval of a bid for the Abilene Senior Center floor replacement.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Kollhoff to approve option #3, LVT Tile Squares in an amount not to exceed the low bid of \$43,206.00 plus 10% in an effort to award the bid to the local company, Geske Interiors, Inc. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Rein YES, Kollhoff YES, Miller YES, Marshall YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Reports

15. City Manager reports

Lon Schrader and I met with Dickinson County staff to discuss and strategize upcoming funding for bridge projects, specifically the 14th Street bridge over Mud Creek. We want to determine what it will look like to matchup with our 14th Street project that ends just west of Vine Street, and eventually carry it through to the 14th Street/Van Buren intersection connecting with the 14th Street industrial corridor project. The city and county would submit a joint application for the project. This is still in the very early planning stage, and you will hear more as we progress.

We continue to closely monitor the Police Department remodel. The missing electrical part has been received according to the architect and electrical contractor. We are waiting on confirmation of installation schedule which should be this week. Installation may cause some areas of city hall to be without power for parts of a day or two. The breakers are not marked so they are not 100% sure when they turn one off who will be affected.

If you haven't been by recently, the tennis courts are done and playable. The lights still need to be put up and the parking lot will be redone, both are part of the project.

The town hall meeting/community forum to discuss recreation project opportunities will be September 26th at 5:00 p.m., after the 4 p.m. City Commission meeting.

Reminder for those that RSVP'd, the City/County dinner is this Thursday, August 25th at 6:00 p.m. at Legacy Kansas.

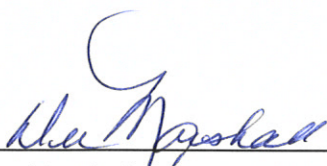
Reminder if you want to attend the League of Kansas Municipalities Annual Conference October 8-10, please let Shayla know. The early bird deadline is August 26th.

Adjournment

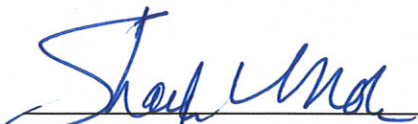
16. Consideration of a motion to adjourn the August 22, 2022, City Commission meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Miller to adjourn at 4:44 p.m. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Miller YES, Rein YES, Kollhoff YES, Marshall YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.




Dee Marshall, Mayor

ATTEST:


Shayla L. Mohr
City Clerk