



Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
November 14, 2022 @ 4:00 p.m.
Abilene, Kansas

1. Call to Order

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

Staff Present: City Manager Marsh, Finance Director Rothchild, City Attorney Martin, Parks and Recreation Director Timbrook, Fire Chief Strunk, Street and Utilities Superintendent Hawk, Community Development Director Zook, Administrative Assistant Briand, Police Chief Hatter, Municipal Court Clerk/Office Manager Johnson, and Public Works Director Schrader.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda

4. Approval of Agenda for the November 14, 2022, City Commission Meeting

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

Consent Agenda

5. Meeting Minutes: October 24, 2022, Regular Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Rein, seconded by Commissioner Witt to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Witt YES, Rein YES, Miller 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.

There were no public comments or communications.

Old and New Business

7. Consider approval of Resolution No. 111422-4, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS FOR YEAR-ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021, AS PREPARED BY VARNEY AND ASSOCIATES, CPAS, LLC.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Rein to approve Resolution No. 111422-4, **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS FOR YEAR-ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021, AS PREPARED BY VARNEY AND ASSOCIATES, CPAS, LLC.** Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Witt YES, Rein YES, Miller YES. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

8. Consider approval of Resolution No. 111422-2, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS CREATING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE, AN AD HOC COMMITTEE, AND ESTABLISHING ITS COMPOSITION, PURPOSE, AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Rein, to approve Resolution No. 111422-2, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS CREATING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE, AN AD HOC COMMITTEE, AND ESTABLISHING ITS COMPOSITION, PURPOSE, AND RESPONSIBILITIES.**

Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Witt YES, Rein YES, Miller YES. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

9. Consider approval of Resolution No. 111422-3, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS CREATING THE SPORTS COMPLEX TASK FORCE, AN AD HOC COMMITTEE, AND ESTABLISHING ITS COMPOSITION, PURPOSE, AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

Motion by Commissioner Rein, seconded by Commissioner Witt to approve Resolution No. 111422-3, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS CREATING THE SPORTS COMPLEX TASK FORCE, AN AD HOC COMMITTEE, AND ESTABLISHING ITS COMPOSITION, PURPOSE, AND RESPONSIBILITIES.** Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Witt YES, Rein YES, Miller YES. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

10. Consider approval of a bid from Linder Electric in the amount of \$79,704.50 for the purchase and installation of a 250 KW Generator for the Water Treatment Plant.

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Witt to approve the bid from Linder Electric in the amount of \$79,704.50 for the purchase and installation of a 250 KW Generator for the Water Treatment Plant. Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Witt YES, Rein YES, Miller YES. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

11. Consider approval of a bid from T & M Contractors in the amount of \$51,066.14 for various concrete street repairs in the City of Abilene.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve a bid from T & M Contractors in the amount of \$51,066.14 for various concrete street repairs in the City of Abilene. Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Witt YES, Rein YES, Miller YES. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

12. Consider approval of Resolution No. 111422-1, **A RESOLUTION APPROVING LONGEVITY PAY PER SECTION 13.16 OF THE EMPLOYEES POLICIES AND GUIDELINES OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS.**

Motion by Commissioner Rein, seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve Resolution No. 111422-1, **A RESOLUTION APPROVING LONGEVITY PAY PER SECTION 13.16 OF THE EMPLOYEES POLICIES AND GUIDELINES OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS.** Roll call vote: Marshall YES< Witt YES, Rein YES, Miller Yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Reports

13. City Manager reports

The quarter cent sales tax renewal failed last Tuesday. We need to determine our next steps.

The Senior Center floors are finished, and the center opened back up on November 4th.

A new water fountain has been installed at the north end of the Rose Garden. It was funded through memorial donations.

The Convention and Visitors Bureau received a marketing award at the Kansas Tourism Conference a few weeks ago. The award was the Destination (Community) Awareness Campaign Award for the Medium Community Marketing Budget category.

Julie has been hard at work promoting and finalizing arrangements for the World's Largest Belt Buckle. Jason Lahr is constructing the buckle and the anticipated unveiling is the middle of next month. Replica buckles are available for purchase to raise additional funds for the project. 70 have been sold so far.

Several staff and I will be attending the NLC Conference in Kansas City Thursday and Friday this week.

As of now there is nothing on the agenda for November 21st. We plan to cancel that meeting unless something changes. We will let you know by close of business on Wednesday.

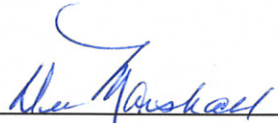
Finally, as I notified you last week, Leann Johnson has been promoted to be the new Finance Director. She is here today.

Adjournment

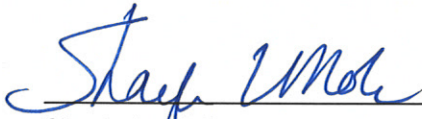
14. Consideration of a motion to adjourn the November 14, 2022, City Commission meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Miller to adjourn at 4:24 p.m. Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Witt YES, Rein YES, Miller YES. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.




Dee Marshall, Mayor

ATTEST:


Shayla L. Mohr
City Clerk