



Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
July 24, 2023, @ 4:00 pm.
Abilene, Kansas

1. Call to Order

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

Staff Present: City Manager Marsh, City Clerk Mohr, City Attorney Martin, Parks and Recreation Director Timbrook, Fire Chief Strunk, Police Chief Hatter, Water Treatment Plant Lead Operator Leusman, Streets and Utilities Superintendent Hawk, Administrative Manager-Public Works Hiatt, City Inspector Steerman, Assistant Fire Chief Stuck, Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Roller-Weeks, and Administrative Assistant Olson.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda

4. Approval of the Agenda for the July 24, 2023, City Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve the agenda as presented.
Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Miller YES, Rein YES. The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Consent Agenda

- 5. Consent Agenda** - Consent Agenda items are considered routine business items. The consent agenda can be acted upon by one motion unless a majority of the City Commission votes to remove an item for discussion and separate action.
- a. Meeting Minutes for July 10, 2023, Regular Meeting
 - b. Cereal Malt Beverage License (packaged sales) – AC Westside Market, LLC

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Miller YES, Marshall YES, Rein YES. The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

6. Public Comments and Communications

- a. Public Forum: Persons who wish to address the City Commission regarding items outside the agenda may do so when called upon by the Mayor. Speakers will be allowed a three-minute time limit.

Brad Dunlap, John's Service 425 N. Buckeye, spoke about concerns about abandoned vehicles on private property. He asked that an ordinance be passed that would allow the Police Department to be able to order vehicles towed off private property.

Chief Hatter and City Attorney Martin will discuss the matter.

7. Items for discussion

- a. Approval of Right-Of-Way Agreement with John and Joan Thayer

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve the Right-Of-Way Agreement with John and Joan Thayer. Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Miller YES, Rein YES. The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

8. Business Items

- a. Consider approval of Resolution No. 072423-1, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE CALLING OF A SPECIAL QUESTION ELECTION IN THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY THE QUESTION OF IMPOSING A ONE-QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT (0.25%) CITYWIDE RETAILERS' SALES TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING A LOCAL STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING FOR THE GIVING NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION.**

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Marshall to approve Resolution No. 072423-1, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE CALLING OF A SPECIAL QUESTION ELECTION IN THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY THE QUESTION OF IMPOSING A ONE-QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT (0.25%) CITYWIDE RETAILERS' SALES TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING A LOCAL STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING FOR THE GIVING NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION.** Roll call vote: Miller YES, Marshall YES, Rein YES. The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

- b. Consider approval of Ordinance No. 23-3431, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5-202 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS, PERTAINING TO THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY.**

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve Ordinance No. 23-3431, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5-202 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS, PERTAINING THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY.** Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Miller YES, Rein YES. The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

- c. Consider approval to authorize the utilization of the cooperative purchasing method as an approved procurement method for purchasing a new fire apparatus.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve the authorization of the utilization of the cooperative purchasing method as an approved procurement method for purchasing a new fire apparatus and approving the purchase of said apparatus. Roll call vote: Miller YES, Marshall YES, Rein YES. The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

9. Reports

a. City Manager's Report

The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee scheduled for last week was rescheduled to Wednesday, August 9 at 6 pm.

There will be a Veteran's Recognition Program on July 29 at 6 pm at Old Abilene Town.

The 14th Street Project is moving along on schedule so far.

The League of Kansas Municipalities Annual Conference is October 7-9 in Wichita. If you would like to attend, please contact Shayla or myself.

Parks and Recreation is planning to keep the pool open one week longer this year. The last day will be August 13 with Dog Days occurring August 14. From now until they close, they are also opening the pool on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 am to 11:30 am for swimmers 55+. This provides these swimmers an opportunity to enjoy the pools without the busyness of a typical day.

10. Recess of Regular Meeting

- a. Consider a motion to recess the July 24, 2023, City Commission Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Rein, seconded by Commissioner Marshall to recess the July 24, 2023, City Commission Meeting at 4:21 pm. Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Miller YES, Rein YES. The motion carried unanimously 3-0. The City Commission Study Session will begin at 4:36 pm.

11. Call to Order – July 24, 2023, City Commission Study Session

The City Commission Study Session was called to order at 4:36 pm.

12. July 24, 2023, City Commission Study Session Agenda

- a. CVB Office remodel discussion
- b. Resolution setting a public hearing for August 14, 2023, for the structure located at 604 S. Cedar
- c. 2024 Budget Review (Non-Tax Levied Funds and remaining funds)

13. Adjournment - Consider a motion to adjourn July 24, 2023, City Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to adjourn the July 24, 2023, City Commission Meeting at 5:01 pm. Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Miller YES, Rein YES. The motion carried unanimously 3-0.



ATTEST:

Shayla L. Mohr
City Clerk

Trevor D. Witt, Mayor