



Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
February 12, 2024, @ 4:00 pm.
Abilene, Kansas

1. Call to Order

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

Staff Present: City Manager Marsh, City Clerk Mohr, Finance Director Johnson, City Attorney Martin, Parks and Recreation Director Timbrook, Fire Chief Strunk, Police Chief Hatter, Community Development Director Zook, Public Works Director Anderson, Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Roller-Weeks, Streets and Utilities Superintendent Hawk, Administrative Manager-Public Works Hiatt, and Administrative Assistant Olson.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda

4. Approval of the Agenda for the February 12, 2024, City Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

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 January 22, 2024, Regular Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

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.

Frank Hottman, 300 Grand Blvd., spoke regarding who is responsible for the maintenance of Grand Blvd. Staff will do research regarding this.

Kayleigh Ferris, 672 2400 Ave, spoke regarding a beer garden around the band shell for the 100th Anniversary of the Central Kansas Free Fair celebration concert to kick off the fair. Staff will work with the CKFF Board regarding this once the paperwork is received from the CKFF Board.

7. Business Items

- a. Consider approval of Ordinance No. 24-3444 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 9 PERTAINING TO TOWING OF VEHICLES FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND ESTABLISHING A MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE TOWING AND STORAGE FEES TO BE CHARGED BY TOW OPERATORS, IN THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve Ordinance No. 24-3444 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 9 PERTAINING TO TOWING OF VEHICLES FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND ESTABLISHING A MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE TOWING AND STORAGE FEES TO BE CHARGED BY TOW OPERATORS, IN THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS. Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

- b. Consider approval of an agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for the City Connecting Link Improvement Project (CCLIP) #021-U-204-01 – UPRR to 5th Street and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

City Manager Marsh stated the City's share of this project would be \$778,766.00.

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Witt to approve an agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for the City Connecting Link Improvement Project (CCLIP) #021-U-204-01 – UPRR to 5th Street and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Roll call vote: Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff NO, Rein YES. The motion carried 4-1.

8. Items for Discussion

- a. State of the City
- b. Approval of the final plat for Abilene Court

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Witt, to approve the final plat for Abilene Court. Roll call vote: Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Rein Yes. The motion carried 5-0.

9. Reports

- a. City Manager's Report

Construction updates:

- 14th St: the retaining wall and sidewalk south of the cemetery are going in; work is resuming on the east end as it dries.
- CCLIP work: work on storm sewers is resuming as the area dries.
- Oak, Olive & Kuney St. Waterline Replacement: work continues.

Next week, we will send an RFP to upgrade the audio/visual in the commission meeting room and the multi-purpose room at the Community Center.

BNSF Railroad will replace a bridge over Mud Creek near SW 3rd & Cherry St. The project is expected to start April 1, 2024, and last 8-12 weeks.

Enclosed in your agenda packet are department and boards/commission year-end reports. If you have specific questions, please contact the department director.

The Police Department swore in Patrick Glasgow as a new police officer this morning. We welcome Patrick and his family to Abilene.

March is shaping up to be a busy month for meetings. March 4 at 4 pm is a joint city/county commission meeting to discuss options for the 14th and Van Buren St. intersection. The City Commission workshop to set goals and priorities is tentatively scheduled for March 18. Details are still being worked out, and I want you to be able to get these dates on your calendars. Both are open meetings and will be published.

City Manager Marsh gave a presentation on the Certified Public Manager program he completed last year.

10. Recess of Regular Meeting

- a. Consider a motion to recess the February 12, 2024, City Commission Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recess the February 12, 2024, City Commission Meeting for five minutes at 4:48 pm. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0. The City Commission Study Session will begin at 4:53 pm.

11. Call to Order – City Commission Study Session

The City Commission Study Session was called to order at 4:53 pm.

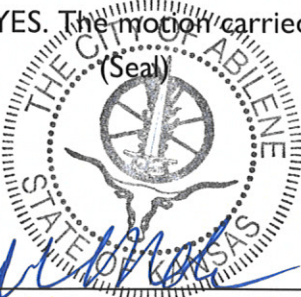
12. February 12, 2024, City Commission Study Session Agenda

- a. Rodeo Committee request to rename the arena at the Stadium to the Rawhide Portable Corral Arena
- b. Resolution calling for a Public Hearing on the RHID for Downtown Lofts by Rural Rental, LLC
- c. Professional Services Agreement with Olsson Engineering for the CCLIP Project
- d. Civic Center Parking Lot Design Agreement with Olsson Engineering

13. Adjournment

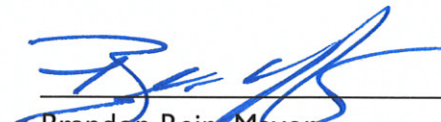
- a. Consider a motion to adjourn the February 12, 2024, City Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Kollhoff, seconded by Commissioner Witt, to adjourn the February 12, 2024, City Commission Meeting at 5:21 pm. Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.



ATTEST:

Shayla L. Mohr, CMC
City Clerk


Brandon Rein, Mayor