



Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
March 11, 2024, @ 4:00 pm.
Abilene, Kansas

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call – City Commission Present: Mayor Rein Commissioners, Kollhoff (via ZOOM), 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, 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 March 11, 2024, City Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Witt, 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 February 26, 2024, Regular Meeting
- b. Approval of a Cereal Malt Beverage License (packaged sales) for Jump Start Stores, Inc. – 2000 N. Buckeye

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.

James Price, Chairman of the Abilene Municipal Airport Board, commented on grants the airport has received for the beacon replacement, upgrades to the AWOS and rebuilding of hangars. He thanked Finance Director Leann Johnson for her hard work in applying for the grants.

Sidney Hammond, President of the Abilene Aviation Association invited the commission and city staff to their March 21, 2024, meeting at 7 pm at the airport. The guest speaker will be Ray Seif, Director of Aviation for the Kansas Department of Transportation.

7. Business Items

- a. Consider approval of a Reciprocal Road Maintenance Agreement with Grant Township.**

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg, to approve a Reciprocal Road Maintenance Agreement with Grant Township. Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

- b. Consider approval of Ordinance No. 24-3446, A CONTRACT FRANCHISE ORDINANCE GRANTED TO TWIN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC., A TELECOMMUNICATIONS LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE PROVIDER PROVIDING LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS.**

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg, to approve Ordinance No. 24-3446, A CONTRACT FRANCHISE ORDINANCE GRANTED TO TWIN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC., A TELECOMMUNICATIONS LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE PROVIDER PROVIDING LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS. Roll call vote: Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

8. Items for Discussion

There were no items for discussion.

9. Reports

a. City Manager's Report

Construction Updates:

- 14th Street: concrete is being poured on the east end.
- CCLIP: work on the storm sewers continues; the company that makes the concrete pipe, boxes, etc. had a fire and created a delay in receiving materials. They are working to catch up.
- Oak, Olive & Kuney St. Waterline replacement work: work continues.

The City Commission workshop for priorities facilitation is April 1. We plan to start at noon and go until 5. Location TBD

UPRR is planning to remove and replace their crossing on Elm Street. The tentative repair window is 4/29-5/3.

The Abilene Court groundbreaking on April 9 has been changed from 10 am to 2 pm.

The lot in GBH West has been purchased for the multifamily housing project. Site work has begun and work on expanding the retention pond has begun.

Three lots have been sold in GBH East since 1/1/24 for a total of 19 lots sold. There are 9 completed houses, 5 in some stage of construction and 5 waiting for permits to be pulled.

10. Recess of Regular Meeting

a. Consider a motion to recess the March 11, 2024, City Commission Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Witt to recess the March 11, 2024, City Commission Meeting at 4:17 pm. Roll call vote: Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0. The City Commission Study Session will begin at 4:30 pm.

11. Call to Order – City Commission Study Session

The City Commission Study Session was called to order at 4:30 pm.

12. March 11, 2024, City Commission Study Session Agenda

a. Insurance renewal

b. Insurance Savings in 2023 transfer request to Health Insurance Account

- c. Credit card processing fees discussion
- d. Tree Board Special Fund request/transfer
- e. Community Improvement District (CID) policy revision discussion
- f. Grand Boulevard Discussion

13. Adjournment

- a. Consider a motion to adjourn March 11, 2024, City Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to adjourn the March 11, 2024, City Commission Meeting at 6:02 pm. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.



ATTEST:

A blue ink signature of Shayla L. Mohr, written in a cursive style.

Shayla L. Mohr, CMC
City Clerk

A blue ink signature of Brandon Rein, written in a cursive style.

Brandon Rein, Mayor