



Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
April 22, 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, Water Treatment Plant Lead Operator Leusman, Administrative Manager-Public Works Hiatt, City Inspector Steerman, Water Treatment Plant Operator Blacketer and Administrative Assistant Olson.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda

4. Approval of the Agenda for the April 22, 2024, City Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Kollhoff, 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 April 8, 2024, Regular Meeting

b. Library Board Reappointment – Cindy Montgomery, 4-year term, expiring April 2028

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Kollhoff NO, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 4-1.

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.

Tim Geske, Seelye Foundation Board, requested use of the City's sewer vac truck to empty the pond at the Seelye Mansion.

Annie Hoekman, 410 NE 15th Street, requested that the City Commission relook at the drainage issue on her affecting her property and requested a concrete answer on what the City plans to do to fix the problem.

- b. Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation
- c. Arbor Day Proclamation
- d. H.O.P.E. Center 2024 Week of Emphasis Proclamation

7. Business Items

- a. Consider approval of Resolution No. 042224-2, 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 THREE AND ONE-HALF TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.35% CITYWIDE RETAILERS' SALES TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING QUAITY OF LIFE AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS AND PROGRAMS, TO INLCUDE MULTI PURPOSE BALL FIELDS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve Resolution No. 042224-2, 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 THREE AND ONE-HALF TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.35% CITYWIDE RETAILERS' SALES TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING QUAITY OF LIFE AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS AND PROGRAMS, TO INLCUDE MULTI PURPOSE BALL FIELDS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION. Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0..

- b. Consider approval of Resolution No. 042224-1, A RESOLUTION FIXING A TIME AND PLACE TO APPEAR TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THE STRUCTURE AT 212 COTTAGE AVENUE SHOULD NOT BE CONDEMNED AND ORDERED REPAIRED OR DEMOLISHED.**

Motion by Commissioner Kollhoff, seconded by Commissioner Witt, to reject this resolution due to the property being sold and the new owner working to fix the property. Roll call vote: Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

- c. Consider approval of a Vyve Business Services Agreement for internet and information technology services and authorize the City Manager to sign said agreement.**

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg, to approve the Vyve Business Services Agreement for internet and information technology services with the addition of cash basis compliance language and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement. Roll call vote: Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff NO, Meysenburg YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 4-1.

- d. Consider approval of Ordinance No. 24-3448, "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2828, TITLED AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FLUORIDATION OF THE WATER PROVIDED BY THE MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY", WHICH WAS PASSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS ON APRIL 14, 1997 AND BECAME EFFECTIVE ON JULY 10, 1997.**

Motion by Commissioner Kollhoff, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg to reject Ordinance No. 24-3448, "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2828, TITLED AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FLUORIDATION OF THE WATER PROVIDED BY THE MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY", WHICH WAS PASSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS ON APRIL 14, 1997 AND BECAME EFFECTIVE ON JULY 10, 1997.

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Witt to amend the first motion to table this item until the next meeting. Roll call vote: Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff NO, Meysenburg YES, Rein NO. The motion passed 3-2.

Roll call vote on tabling the item: Witt YES, Kollhoff NO, Meysenburg NO, Miller YES, Rein NO. The vote failed 2-3.

Motion by Commissioner Kollhoff, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg to reject Ordinance No. 24-3448. "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2828, TITLED AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING

AND DIRECTING THE FLUORIDATION OF THE WATER PROVIDED BY THE MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY”, WHICH WAS PASSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS ON APRIL 14, 1997 AND BECAME EFFECTIVE ON JULY 10, 1997. Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller NO, Witt NO, Rein NO. The motion failed 2-3.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve Ordinance No. 24-3448, “AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2828, TITLED AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FLUORIDATION OF THE WATER PROVIDED BY THE MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY”, WHICH WAS PASSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS ON APRIL 14, 1997 AND BECAME EFFECTIVE ON JULY 10, 1997. Roll call vote: Kollhoff NO, Meyenburg NO, Miller YES, Witt YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 3-2.

8. Items for Discussion

a. First Quarter Treasurer’s Report

b. Olsson Master Agreement Work Order No. 6 – Airport Projects

Motion by Commissioner Kollhoff, seconded by Commissioner Witt, to approve Olsson Master Agreement Work Order No. 6 for the Airport Projects in the amount of \$181,900.00, with a 90% FAA/10% City match. Roll call vote: Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

c. Abilene Municipal Airport Displaced Threshold Bid Discussion

There was no action taken on this item.

d. Central Kansas Free Fair request for fireworks display discussion

Motion by Commissioner Kollhoff, seconded by Commissioner Witt, to approve the Central Kansas Free Fair’s request to have a fireworks display on Saturday, July 27, as part of their 100-Year Celebration. 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 north side of Cedar-14th St. intersection will open and the south side of the intersection will close starting April 29 until school is out. At that point 14th from Cedar to

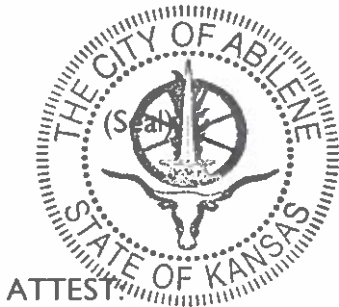
Buckeye will fully open to traffic and 14th will close from the west side of the Cedar intersection to the middle school driveway. This will be through the summer.

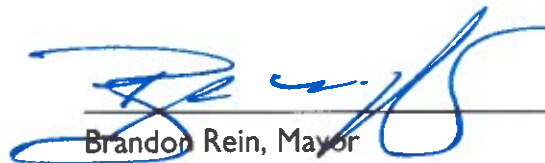
- CCLIP: work continues. All but two structures are in the ground and milling was scheduled to start today.
- UPRR plan to remove and replace their crossing on Elm Street is on hold due to contractor conflicts.
- The Eisenhower Marathon is this Saturday, April 27.
- The Recreation Commission will pursue opening a Parks and Recreation Fund at the Community Foundation at the end of the year. This will provide a mechanism for people to donate for the ball field project, pickleball courts, splash pad, etc.
- Congratulations to Bob Sims, he passed his Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Class I Certification.

10. Adjournment of Regular Meeting

- a. Consider a motion to adjourn the April 22, 2024, City Commission Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Kollhoff to adjourn the April 22, 2024, City Commission Meeting at 4:17 pm. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.




Brandon Rein, Mayor


Shayla L. Mohr, CMC
City Clerk