



Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
June 10, 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, City Attorney Martin, Parks and Recreation Director Timbrook, Fire Chief Strunk, Police Chief Hatter, Community Development Director Zook, Public Works Director Anderson, 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 June 10, 2024, City Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Miller, 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 May 28, 2024, Regular Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Witt, 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.

Kyle Becker, Smart Insurance, presented the City with a dividend check from EMC Insurance in the amount of \$27,98284.

Wendy Moulton, Abilene Public Library Director, invited the City Commission and community to view the art exhibit on display at the library by Parks and Green Spaces. The exhibit will be available until August 7th.

7. Business Items

- a. Consider approval of Resolution No. 061024-1, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS FOR YEAR-ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AS PREPARED BY VARNEY AND ASSOCIATES, CPA'S, LLC.**

Motion by Commissioner Kollhoff, seconded by Commissioner Miller to table this time until corrected copies can be received with the dates corrected on page 22 and page 38. Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

- b. Consider approval of a Letter of Intent with Mammoth Construction for continued work on renderings for sports complex improvements.**

Motion by Commissioner Kollhoff, seconded by Commissioner Witt to approve a Letter of Intent with Mammoth Construction for continued work on renderings for sports complex improvements. Roll call vote: Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

8. Items for Discussion

- a. Consider approval of a request for a Utility Easement from Twin Valley Communications, Inc.**

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg to approve a request for a Utility Easement from Twin Valley Communications, Inc. Roll call vote: Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff NO, Meysenburg YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 4-1.

9. Reports

a. City Manager's Report

- Construction updates:
 - 14th St: Underground drainage structures continue to be installed. Cedar St. intersection is open in all directions except West.
 - CCLIP: Final walkthrough last Thursday and punch list items were identified, and a certificate of substantial completion was issued. Striping is scheduled to be done Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday this week.
- On June 22, 1945, Dwight D. Eisenhower declared in his Homecoming Speech, "The proudest thing I can claim is that I am from Abilene." Now, 79 years later, the Abilene CVB is gearing up to honor him in a big way!

Join us on Friday, June 21 at 11:00 am for the unveiling of the World's Largest I Like Ike Button. This impressive button, created by Abilene artist Jason Lahr of Flutter's Creet Metalworks, will stand proudly at the northeast end of Little Ike Park, celebrating one of the most iconic campaign slogans.

So, wear your favorite I Like Ike Button and head to downtown Abilene to participate in this special event.

- The Kansas Forest Service identified 3,286 trees on public property, including the parks. Of those inventoried, 99 fell in the dead/dying category, only 3% of the inventory canopy. The Kansas Forest Service is currently working on getting us a map of all the dead and dying trees and the poorly rated ones.
- We have identified and are monitoring some concerns at the Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment Plants.
 - In both facilities, the control system for the operation of the plant is aging and obsolete. Parts and program cards for the system are becoming increasingly expensive, difficult to find, and often obsolete. We are working with engineers from Olsson to determine the approach.
 - The water treatment plant roof needs major repairs and possible replacement (previously discussed). We are currently working with BN Architects to address this issue.
 - We discovered a potential structural problem with a wall at the wastewater treatment plant. We contacted the General Contractors, Walters-Morgan Construction when the plant was built (1997), and they arranged for a structural engineer from BG Consultants to meet at the plant last Friday. We will keep you informed as we learn more.
 - We have submitted an application to the State to get placed on the State Revolving Fund list to help cover the costs for these projects. The State Revolving Fund is a low-interest loan from the state for water and wastewater projects. If approved for the list, we still need to apply for any projects we wish to use the fund for.

- We are in the process of selling 16 lots at Golden Belt Heights West, and closing is currently scheduled for July 1. R and R Developers plans to build 8 duplexes on the lots.
- Ron will be gone this Friday, June 14.

10. Recess of Regular Meeting

- Consider a motion to recess the June 10, 2024, City Commission Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Kollhoff to recess the June 10, 2024, City Commission Meeting at 4:32 pm. Roll call vote: The motion carried 5-0. The City Commission Study Session will begin at 4:37 pm.

11. Call to Order – City Commission Study Session

The City Commission Study Session was called to order at 4:37 pm.

12. June 10, 2024, City Commission Study Session Agenda

- Discussion regarding a request from St. Andrews Catholic Church for funding for a playground for their school.
- Discussion on current and future truck routes.
- Discussion of plans to open 14th Street from Vine to Van Buren for local traffic.

13. Adjournment

- Consider a motion to adjourn the June 10, 2024, City Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Kollhoff, seconded by Commissioner Witt, to adjourn the June 10, 2024, City Commission Meeting at 5:28 pm. Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

(Seal)




Brandon Rein, Mayor

ATTEST:


Shayla L. Mohr, CMC, City Clerk



Date: 6/10/24

CITY COMMISSION
MEETING ATTENDANCE SHEET
PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME & ADDRESS

1. Brent Dinkel
2. James Webb 1409 N. Van Buren st.
3. Kyle Becker Smart Insurance
4. April Swartz Vernon Assoc
5. Rebecca Perkont 301 Hilltop Drive
6. Andrea Taylor Abilene
7. Michael Nisius EPI/TVT
8. Ross Taftin
9. Cynthia Peters
10. Sharon Wilson
11. Tray Geiger
12. Ron Gierke
13. Chris Whitehair
14. Lee Muehl
15. Dr. Peter O'Donnell
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