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Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
August 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, Fire Chief Strunk, Community Development Director Zook, Public Works Director Anderson, Administrative Manager-Public Works Hiatt, Assistant Police Chief Wilkins, Police Sergeant Haaga Municipal Court Clerk/Office Manager Briand, City Inspector Steerman, Administrative Assistant Olson and City Engineer Bachamp.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Agenda

4. Approval of the Agenda for the August 12, 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 July 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.

Hank Royer, 309 N. Vine, spoke about past projects and explained how projects were done without spending much money. He urged Commissioners to use local contractors in the city and to be their own general contractors.

7. Business Items

   a. Consider approval of Resolution No. 081224-1, A RESOLUTION FIXING A TIME AND PLACE TO APPEAR TO HOW CAUSE WHY THE STRUCTURE AT 1601 W. 1ST ST. SHOULD NOT BE CONDEMNED AND ORDERED REPAIRED OR DEMOLISHED.

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Witt, to approve Resolution No. 081224-1, A RESOLUTION FIXING A TIME AND PLACE TO APPEAR TO HOW CAUSE WHY THE STRUCTURE AT 1601 W. 1ST ST. SHOULD NOT BE CONDEMNED AND ORDERED REPAIRED OR DEMOLISHED. Roll call vote: Kollhoff NO, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 4-1.

   b. Consider approval of a bid from Valor Automotive in the amount of $63,130.00 for the purchase of two police department vehicles and a bid from KA-Comm for the removal and installation of equipment in the vehicles in the amount of $21,031.22.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve a bid from Valor Automotive in the amount of $63,130.00 for the purchase of two police department vehicles and a bid from KA-Comm for the removal and installation of equipment in the vehicles in the amount of $21,031.22. Roll call vote: Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff NO, Rein YES. The motion carried 4-1.

   c. Consider approval of a Master Agreement Work Order with Olsson Engineering or the Scope of Services – Stormwater Drainage Study in the amount of $18,160.00.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve a Master Agreement Work Order with Olsson Engineering or the Scope of Services – Stormwater Drainage Study in the amount of $18,160.00. Roll call vote: Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff NO, Meysenburg YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 4-1.

d. Consider approval of a design option for the 2025 City Connecting Link Improvement Program (CCLIP) Project #021-U-2504-01 (UPRR to 5th Street) with recommended comments from KDOT Engineers during the on-site walk-through.

Commissioner Kollhoff expressed his opinions regarding this project.

James Price, 411 NE 7th, questioned the proposed removal of parking to make a loading zone and the location of the loading zone.

Hank Royer, 309 N. Vine, commented that the parking on the west side is the area that was proposed to be eliminated, which would create a parking issue. He stated the sidewalk around his building does not need to be replaced. The realigning of the 400 block of Buckeye is ridiculous. If sidewalks are done, we need to bid for them separately.

Diane Miller, 1600 Jayhawk, commented that she is fine with leaving the sidewalks and resurfacing Buckeye. Their sidewalks were replaced or partially replaced ten years ago and are still in good shape. The stoplights are fine; she doesn't think KDOT will make the city replace them, and the money would be better spent on street maintenance.

Sabrina Holland, 304 NE 13th, is not fond of the loading zone on the west side; delivery vehicles are only there for a short time.

Danny Meysenburg, 809 St. Michaels, commented the sidewalks in front of RHV are terrible and need to be replaced. The curbs and gutters are fine. We need to leave M & M alone and just do the overlay. We must concentrate on the sidewalks and gutter between 3rd and 4th Street.

Erin Signer, 1704 N. Mulberry, backed up Diane and Danny's comments and had a question about access to her family business at 105 NE 4th and the Donut Palace at 401 N. Buckeye. If the entrance to the Donut Palace on Buckeye is closed, that would cripple that business.

Mayor Rein said there would be access on 4th Street.

City Manager Marsh stated the city would meet with every affected business owner and make sure it made sense for the business.

Commissioner Witt stated the notes from KDOT on the map are just things they noticed, not necessarily what the design will be.

Susan Roberts, 2174 Fair Rd., disagrees with the concept of the loading zone on the west side, saying that we can't lose parking.

Motion by Commissioner Kollhoff, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg, to approve the mill and overlay of Buckeye and take a separate action for the repair/replacement of sidewalks.

After much discussion, Commissioner Witt moved to call the question to end the discussion on the current motion.

Roll call vote on the question being called: Witt YES, Kollhoff NO, Meysenburg NO, Miller NO, Rein YES. The motion failed 2-3.

Discussion continued.

Roll call vote on original motion by Commissioner Kollhoff: Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller NO, Witt NO, Rein NO. The motion failed 2-3.

Motion by Mayor Rein, seconded by Commissioner Witt, to approve the design option for the 2025 City Connecting Link Improvement Program (CCLIP) Project #021-U-2504-01 (UPRR to 5th Street) with recommended comments from KDOT Engineers during the on-site walk-through. Roll call vote: Meysenburg NO, Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff NO, Rein YES. The motion carried 3-2.

e. Consider approval of the Publication of the Notice to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate and the Budget Public Hearings, setting both for August 26, 2024, at 4:00 pm during the regular City Commission meeting for purposes of the 2025 Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Kollhoff to not approve the publication of the Notice to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate and the Budget Public Hearings. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Witt, to approve the Publication of the Notice to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate and the Budget Public Hearings, setting both for August 26, 2024, at 4:00 pm during the regular City Commission meeting for purposes of the 2025 Budget. Roll call vote: Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff NO, Meysenburg YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 4-1.

8. Items for Discussion

a. Consider approval of a bid from Diamond Roofing for the replacement of the roof at the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of $365,570.00.

Commissioner Kollhoff moved to table this item for the next meeting because it is not on the study session agenda. The motion failed due to a lack of second.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve a bid from Diamond Roofing for the replacement of the roof at the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of $365,570.00. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Kollhoff YES (reluctantly), Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

9. Reports

a. City Manager's Report

- Construction Updates:
  - 14th St: A walk-through is scheduled for August 15. The road should be open for traffic by the end of the week.
- Abilene Court will be changing its name for Abilene Terrace. Byron Adrian with Mennonite Housing is notifying the necessary entities.
- The new Utility Billing system will go live for training and migration the week of August 26. To facilitate the process, the front office of city hall will be closed each day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will open from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. for walk-in traffic.
- The Planning Commission completed training last Tuesday, August 6.
- Yesterday was the last day the city pool was open. The annual dog swim is today from 4-7 pm.
- The police department will be closed this Wednesday, August 14, in the morning so that department employees can attend a funeral.

10. Recess of Regular Meeting

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

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Witt to recess the August 12, 2024, City Commission Meeting at 5:30 pm. Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0. The City Commission Study Session will begin at 5:35 pm.

11. Call to Order – City Commission Study Session

The City Commission Study Session was called to order at 5:35 pm.

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

a. Discussion regarding the annual adoption of the Standard Traffic Ordinance (STO) and Uniform Public Offense Code (UPOC) for Kansas Cities.

b. 14th Street and Van Buren Intersection Discussion

Jacque Webb, 1409 N. Van Buren, expressed concerns about the design of the intersection.

Brad Dunlap, John's Service 425 N. Buckeye, spoke about keeping the wings on the roads and recommended removing trees in the area to make it safer.

Fred Bailey, 1611 NW 14th, expressed his opinions regarding truck traffic in this intersection. Trucks can navigate it well and there have been no accidents. He spoke against a roundabout.

Linda Rist, 2450 Flag Rd., thanked the commission for sharing information about this project and asked them to keep the public informed about this and future projects.

Terry Swearingen, 550 2700 Ave., expressed his concerns about the design for this project; the money would be better spent repairing the city's streets.

Martin Schneider, 723 2600 Ave., expressed that he is here for economic development. This intersection is cumbersome. A roundabout makes the most sense for the future. Misinformation is going out about how the property around this project will be obtained. Traffic will increase in this intersection; spend more money on this project in the future or spend it now.

Jessica Goodale, 1208 ½ N. Walnut, Executive Director of Dickinson County Economic Development, explained that we need to attract industries for our tax base to widen. We are trying to get the ball rolling and create the infrastructure to make the area attractive to industries. The current design of this intersection would not meet today's engineering standards. It is better to improve this intersection now instead of down the road.

c. Discussion regarding Dickinson County Rural Water #2 water rates.

13. **Optional Executive Session Motion:** Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Mayor Rein for the city commission recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss the City's agreement with Rural Water District No. 2, and issues related to the water rates charged thereunder, based upon the need for consultation with an attorney for the public body which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to K.S.A. 45-7319(b)(2). The open meeting will resume in this room at 6:50 pm.

No action was taken during the study session.

14. Adjournment

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

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Kollhoff, to adjourn the August 12, 2024, City Commission Meeting at 6:52 pm. Roll call vote: Meysenburg, YES, Meysenburg YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

(Seal)

Brandon Rein, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shayla L. Mohr, CMC
City Clerk

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