



Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
October 28, 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, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Clark, Facilities Maintenance Alvarez, and Administrative Assistant Olson.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda

4. Approval of the Agenda for the October 28, 2024, City Commission Meeting

Motion by Mayor Rein, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve the agenda with the addition of item 6b, the American Legion & Auxiliary Poppy Day Proclamation. 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 October 14, 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.

Commissioner Kollhoff spoke from the podium and demanded the immediate resignation of City Manager Ron Marsh.

Fire Chief Strunk spoke on behalf of all City of Abilene Department Directors, expressing their support for City Manager Marsh and the good things that are happening in Abilene.

- b. American Legion & Auxiliary Poppy Day Proclamation**

7. Business Items

- a. Consider approval of Resolution No. 102824-1, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE PAY PLAN OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS, TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE COMPENSATION FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AS COMPARED WITH THE COMPARABLE LABOR MARKET.**

Motion by Commissioner Kollhoff, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to table this item until the November 25th meeting. Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg NO, Miller YES, Witt YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 4-1.

- b. Consider approval of Resolution No. 102824-2, 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' SALE TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING RECREATION FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS, TO INCLUDE MULTIPURPOSE FIELDS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION.**

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve Resolution No. 102824-2, 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' SALE TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING RECREATION FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS, TO INCLUDE MULTIPURPOSE FIELDS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE GIVING

OF NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION. Roll call vote: Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

- c. Consider approval of the new Urban Boundary recommendations from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and the functional classification changes listed.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve the new Urban Boundary recommendations from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and the functional classification changes listed. Roll call vote: Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff NO, Meysenburg YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 4-1.

- d. Consider authorizing BG Consultants to proceed with engineering services for structural repair at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg, to authorize BG Consultant to proceed with engineering services for structural repair at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and direct City Attorney Martin to review the original contracts for the facility when it was built and update the city commission with his findings at the next meeting. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

8. Items for Discussion

- a. Discussion regarding the authorization of Finance Director Leann Johnson to electronically sign an engagement letter with Varney and Associates to audit the City of Abilene's financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Kollhoff to authorize Finance Director Leann Johnson to electronically sign an engagement letter with Varney and Associates to audit the City of Abilene's financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2024. Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

9. Reports

- a. City Manager's Report

The November 11 meeting is a holiday and will move to Tuesday, November 12.

Public Works held a day of snow and ice removal training on October 24.

Recently two Abilene Firefighters deployed to Geary County to help contain a wildfire. It was a good experience working with an inter-agency and the incident Command System.

Airport Project updates:

- The Displaced Threshold project should finish this week.
- The easement obstruction (tree removal) project is scheduled to start next week.

The LSLI has been submitted to KDHE. We are required to send out notifications to any connections with unknown service lines or any connection that we know has lead or GRR (Galvanized Requiring Replacement which means a galvanized pipe that is currently or was ever downstream of a lead line). This is not for internal plumbing materials, only the service lines, meaning from the water main to the foundation of the house, including the portion owned by the water system and the portion owned by the customer.

10. Recess of Regular Meeting

- a. Consider a motion to recess the October 28, 2024, City Commission Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Miller to recess the October 28, 2024, City Commission Meeting for five minutes at 4:50 pm. Roll call vote: Meysenburg, YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0. The City Commission Study Session will begin at 4:55 pm.

City Commission Study Session

1. Call to Order – City Commission Study Session

The City Commission Study Session was called to order at 4:55 pm.

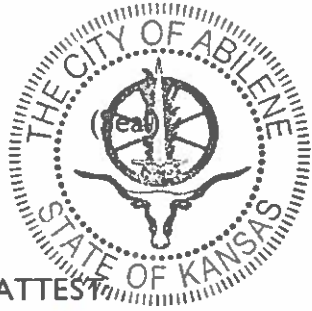
2. October 28, 2024, City Commission Study Session Agenda

- a. Kansas Quit Claim Deed – Highland Homes, LP drainage easement
- b. Printing and mailing RFP for Utility Bills
- c. GAAP Waiver Resolution

3. Adjournment

- a. Consider a motion to adjourn the October 28, 2024, City Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Kollhoff, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to adjourn the October 28, 2024, City Commission Meeting at 5:29 pm. Roll call vote: Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.




Brandon Rein, Mayor


Shayla L. Mohr, CMC
City Clerk



Date: 10/28/2024

CITY COMMISSION
MEETING ATTENDANCE SHEET
PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME & ADDRESS

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