



Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
November 12, 2024, @ 4:00 pm.
Abilene, Kansas

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call – City Commission Present: Mayor Rein Commissioners, Kollhoff (ZOOM), Witt, Miller (ZOOM) and Meysenburg.

Staff Present: City Manager Marsh, City Clerk Mohr, City Attorney Martin, Parks and Recreation Director Timbrook, Fire Chief Strunk, Community Development Director Zook, Public Works Director Anderson, City Inspector Steerman, Assistant Police Chief Wilkins, Parks Supervisor Jones and City Engineer Bachamp.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda

4. Approval of the Agenda for the November 12, 2024, City Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg, 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 October 28, 2024, Regular Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg, 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.

Lance Homman, 311 Charles Rd., asked the City Commission to consider hiring a third-party investigator to investigate Commissioner Kollhoff's claims regarding City Manager Marsh.

Commissioner Kollhoff echoed Mr. Homman's comments regarding hiring a third-party investigator to investigate City Manager Marsh.

7. Business Items

- a. Consider approval of the Kansas Quitclaim Deed, transferring the drainage easement within the Faith Avenue Detention Basin from Highland Homes, LP, to the City of Abilene.**

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg, to approve the Kansas Quitclaim Deed, transferring the drainage easement within the Faith Avenue Detention Basin from Highland Homes, LP, to the City of Abilene. Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

- b. Consider approval of the bid from InfoSend for the printing and mailing of the City of Abilene's monthly utility bills in the amount of \$33,664.80 annually.**

Motion by Commissioner Rein, seconded by Commissioner Witt, to approve the bid from InfoSend for the printing and mailing of the City of Abilene's monthly utility bills in the amount of \$33,664.80 annually. Roll call vote: Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff NO, Rein YES. The motion carried 4-1.

8. Items for Discussion

There were no items for discussion.

9. Reports

- a. City Manager's Report**

Police Chief Hatter and Assistant Police Chief Wilkins have been meeting with Central Kansas Mental Health about expanding their Mobile Crisis Program. CKMH is expanding its service to Dickinson County. The Unit is currently available M-F from 8 am to 10 pm and is expected to provide 24/7 services by summer 2025. The

Unit consists of a Case Manager and a Crisis Staff Member who can provide support to law enforcement to prevent people in crisis from having to go to the ER or jail in appropriate situations. This should be a valuable resource for Abilene PD, as there are many times they repeatedly deal with citizens experiencing mental health issues that do not meet the criteria for hospital or intake. APD works to calm them down and offer resources to individuals in crisis that they may not be aware of. The Mobile Crisis Unit will provide an option to call, especially after hours, to respond to the situation and free up the officer to continue with their normal activities. If the numbers show sufficient need, there may be a possibility of having a full-time unit for the County.

The Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau has been awarded a \$9,800 Kansas Tourism Marketing Grant to support the Kansas Gunsmoke Trail 2.0 initiative. The trail highlights cowboy-themed attractions in four historic cities: Wichita, Abilene, Hays and Dodge City, which played significant roles in the storyline of Gunsmoke, the longest-running Western in television history.

Public Works will assist BNSF Railroad in repairing the NW 8th St. crossing. The crossing will be closed on November 21 for two days (weather permitting) for repairs. Christmas trees and decorations will be put up starting tomorrow.

The Community Development Department met one of its goals by revamping permit applications to make them more user-friendly. Each application has been revamped to include all necessary components for customer convenience and staff review. A handout outlining the necessary information required for the permit to be applied for is included with each application. The goal is to streamline the processes and deter miscommunication with customers. The newly revamped forms went live on Friday, November 8.

10. Recess of Regular Meeting

- a. Consider a motion to recess the November 12, 2024, City Commission Meeting.**

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg, to recess the November 12, 2024, City Commission Meeting at 4:32 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 immediately.

City Commission Study Session

1. Call to Order – City Commission Study Session

The City Commission Study Session was called to order at 4:32 pm.

2. November 12, 2024, City Commission Study Session Agenda

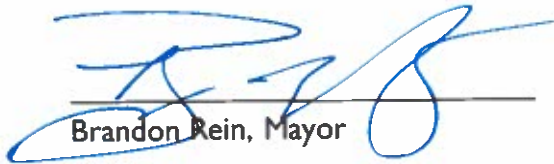
- a. Fee Schedule Resolution
- b. Longevity Pay Reso
- c. Engineering Services RFQ
- d. Dickinson County replat – Courthouse Addition

3. Adjournment

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

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg, to adjourn the November 12, 2024, City Commission Meeting at 4:53 pm. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.




Brandon Rein, Mayor

ATTEST:


Shayla L. Mohr, CMC
City Clerk



Date: 11/12/24

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