



Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
January 13, 2025, @ 4:11 pm.
Abilene, Kansas

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call – City Commission Present: Mayor Rein Commissioners, Kollhoff, Witt (Zoom), 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, Assistant Fire Chief Stuck, Street Maintenance Worker Sims, and Administrative Assistant Olson.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Selection of Mayor

Motion by Commissioner Meysenburg, seconded by Commissioner Miller to appoint Brandon Rein as Mayor. Roll call vote: Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

5. Selection of Vice-Mayor

Motion by Commissioner Kollhoff, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg to appoint Wendy Miller as Vice-Mayor. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

Agenda

6. Approval of the Agenda for the January 13, 2025, City Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda

7. 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 December 30, 2024, Regular Meeting

a. Approval of appointments/reappointments to the following Boards and Commissions

1. Kristyn Anderson – Planning Commission – 3-year term expiring January 2028
2. Travis Sawyer – Planning Commission – 3-year term expiring January 2028
3. Nicole Beck – Heritage Commission- -3-year term expiring January 2028
4. Jeff Radabaugh – Heritage Commission – 3-year term expiring January 2028
5. Tim Strunk – Tree Board – 3-year term expiring January 2028
6. Samantha Pryor – Convention & Visitors Bureau Board– 3-year term expiring January 2028
7. Barry Griffis – Building Standards Board – 3-year term expiring January 2028
8. Greg Hottman - Building Standards Board - 3-year term expiring January 2028
9. Max Linder – Building Standards Board -3-year term expiring January 2028
10. John Hultgren – Building Standards Board – 3-year term expiring January 2028
11. Cindy Whittington – Sister City Board – 3-year term expiring January 2028
12. Claire Anderson – Sister City Board - 3-year term expiring January 2028
13. Mary Montgomery – Sister City Board –3-year term expiring January 2028
14. Jennie Hiatt – Sister City Board – to fill an unexpired term, expiring January 2026
15. Jennifer Hager – Sister City Board – to fill an unexpired term, expiring January 2027
16. Bruce Youtsey – Airport Advisory Board – 3-year term, expiring January 2028
17. James Ferguson – Airport Advisory Board – 3-year term, expiring January 2028

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Kollhoff, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

8. 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.

Roger Seymour, property owner of 1601 W. First Street, gave an update of work done on the property and requested an extension of time.

John Kollhoff demanded accountability for City Manager Marsh in 2025.

Wendy Moulton, Abilene Public Library Director, thanked the Fire Department for helping staff to their vehicles and for shoveling around the library during the snow/ice storm.

Tim Holm, owner of Holm Automotive, thanked Public Works Director Brad and the entire Public Works Department for the snow removal. He also thanked the first responders.

b. National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month Proclamation 2025

c. National Stalking Awareness Month Proclamation 2025

9. Business Items

- a. Consider approval of Resolution No. 011325-1, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS, DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY.

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg to approve Resolution No. 011325-1, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS, DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY. Roll call vote: Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

10. Items for Discussion

There were no items for discussion.

11. Reports

- a. City Manager's Report

City Manager Marsh recognized the city crews that went above and beyond last week to help Abilene through last weekend's snow event. Our Public Works crews, Fire Department, Police Department and Parks and Recreation Department worked around the clock to ensure the safety and welfare of our citizens. I would encourage the Governing Body and all citizens to thank these dedicated professionals who are worth every penny they are paid. A rough estimate of hours and cost of the snow removal is 728 hours worked over and above the employee's normal schedule with a cost of approximately \$23,000.00; again, these are very rough estimates.

The cost breakdown for the 14th Street Project is at your seat. If you have any questions, please contact Leann or Ron.

The Spruceway Water Line Project is on hold for now.

The 2025 CCLIP project (Buckeye from UPRR to NW 5th Street) scheduled for this year has been rescheduled until 2026. KDOT has agreed to move the project back.

12. Recess of Regular Meeting

- a. Consider a motion to recess the January 13, 2025, City Commission Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg to recess the January 13, 2025, City Commission Meeting at 4:36 pm. Roll call vote: Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0. The City Commission Study Session began immediately.

City Commission Study Session

1. Call to Order – City Commission Study Session

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

2. January 13, 2025, City Commission Study Session Agenda

- a. Grant Agreement with the Department of Commerce
- b. Dickinson County RWD #2 response to letter dated August 28, 2024

Motion by Mayor Rein, seconded by Commissioner Kollhoff for the City Commission to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss with legal counsel the terms and conditions of the City's agreement with Rural Water District No. 2, and negotiation of amendments thereto, 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 5:11 pm.

The study session resumed at 5:12 pm.

There was no action taken in the executive session.

3. Adjournment

- a. Consider a motion to adjourn the January 13, 2025, City Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Kollhoff, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to adjourn the January 13, 2025, City Commission Meeting at 5:13 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: 1/13/2025

CITY COMMISSION
MEETING ATTENDANCE SHEET
PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME & ADDRESS

1. Jamie Shaw DVACK 148 N. Dakdale Salina
2. Roger Syngue.
3. Tim Holm Holm Auto 2005 N. Buckeye
4. Ross Taplin Holm Auto
5. Jessica Goodale DKEDC
6. Veronica E. Murray 1608 N. Campbell, Abilene
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