Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
January 27, 2025, 4:00 pm.
Abilene, Kansas

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Roll Call** – City Commission Present: Mayor Rein Commissioners, Kollhoff, 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, Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Roller-Weeks, Street Maintenance Worker Sims and Landscape Designer Maas.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Agenda

4. Approval of the Agenda for the January 27, 2025, City Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg, to approve the agenda, moving item 5b to item 6a and moving public comments to 6b. 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 January 13, 2025, 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. Catholic Schools Week Proclamation

   b. 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 thanked the city crews for the snow removal. He encouraged the City Commission to use good sense and do something with the industrial park land.

Elizabeth Weese, Community Foundation of Dickinson County Director, thanked the Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments for the snow removal and announced they would be having a pizza party to thank them.

Joy Maas, City of Abilene Landscape Designer, expressed her appreciation for City Manager Marsh and her disappointment in the way the Commission meetings have been conducted.

7. Business Items

   a. Consider approval of a Grant Agreement with the Kansas Department of Commerce for infrastructure improvements at the 14th Street Industrial Park.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg to approve the Grant Agreement with the Kansas Department of Commerce for infrastructure improvements at the 14th Street Industrial Park. Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

   b. Motion by Commissioner Kollhoff, seconded by Commissioner Witt to recess into executive session for ten 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 of the public body which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to K.S.A. 45-7319(b)(2). The open public meeting will resume in this room at 4:40 pm. Roll call vote: Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

The regular meeting resumed at 4:41 pm.

There was no action taken in the executive session.

8. Items for Discussion

There were no items for discussion.

9. Reports

   a. City Manager's Report

- The Fire Department has purchased a used brush truck to complement its current one. This will upgrade capabilities in fighting wildland, grass and other types of fires. The fire department's equipment reserve has $18,000 for such a truck, and Chief Strunk found one for $14,000.

    - The spur on the boot at Little Ike Park has broken off. Staff is looking into getting it fixed.

10. Recess of Regular Meeting

   a. Consider a motion to recess January 27, 2025, City Commission Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Miller to recess January 27, 2025, City Commission Meeting at 4:42 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 at 4:42 pm.

City Commission Study Session

1. Call to Order – City Commission Study Session

The City Commission Study Session was called to order at 4:42 pm.

2. January 27, 2025, City Commission Study Session Agenda

   a. Personnel Manual Updates

   b. Basketball Courts Resurfacing (Eisenhower Park)

   c. Department of Commerce Grant match funding options

3. Adjournment

   a. Consider a motion to adjourn the January 27, 2025, City Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg, to adjourn the January 27, 2025, City Commission Meeting at 5:39 pm. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

(Seal)

Brandon Rein, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shayla L. Mohr, CMC
City Clerk

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Date: 1/27/2025

CITY COMMISSION
MEETING ATTENDANCE SHEET
PLEASE *PRINT* YOUR NAME & ADDRESS

1. Shelly Crane - 109 S Buckeye Ave Abilene
2. Jay Maas, 502 E 3rd, Enterprise
3. Tony Geiger 210 NW 10th, Abilene
4. Martin Schneider 723 2600
5. Ramon Valtmon 1923-1400 Ave
6. Danielle Dockendorf DK CO
7. Austin Britt 3030 Golf Rd
8. Hank Royer Abilene
9. St. Andrew's School - Teachers + students
10. Larry & Connie Cooper 302 Wheatridge Dr
11. 902 Spruceway
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