



**Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street**  
**February 10, 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, 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, City Inspector Steerman, Street Maintenance Worker Sims, Street Maintenance Worker Reifsnnyder, and Administrative Assistant Olson.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda**

**4. Approval of the Agenda for the February 10, 2025, 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 January 27, 2025, Regular Meeting**

Motion by Commissioner Kollhoff, 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.

John Kollhoff spoke against City Manager Marsh.

## **7. Business Items**

- a. Resume Public Hearing from December 9, 2024, for the purpose of showing cause why the structure located at 1601 W. First Street in Abilene, Kansas, should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished.**

Mayor Rein opened the public hearing at 4:05 pm.

City Inspector Steerman gave an update on the project.

Roger Seymour, the property owner, asked the commission to give him longer to complete the work due to unprecedented snowfall.

Mayor Rein closed the public hearing at 4:16 pm.

- b. Consider approval of Resolution No. 021025-1, A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 1601 W. FIRST STREET, ABILENE, KANSAS, IS UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS AND DIRECTING THE STRUCTURE TO BE REPAIRED OR REMOVED AND THE PREMISES MADE SAFE AND SECURE.**

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Kollhoff to approve Resolution No. 021025-1, A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 1601 W. FIRST STREET, ABILENE, KANSAS, IS UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS AND DIRECTING THE STRUCTURE TO BE REPAIRED OR REMOVED AND THE PREMISES MADE SAFE AND SECURE extending the deadline to April 30, 2025, and requesting a report of substantial completion be given to the commission at that time. Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

- c. Consider approval of Resolution No. 021025-2, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE POLICIES AND GUIDELINES OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS.**

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Witt, to approve Resolution No. 021025-2, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE POLICIES AND GUIDELINES OF THE CITY OF ABILENE,

KANSAS removing the last clause of Section 10-7, 4. Roll call vote: Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

- d. Consider approval of a bid from Mid-America Courtworks for the resurfacing of the Eisenhower Park Basketball Courts and replacement of the basketball goal backboards and rims in the amount of \$32,800.00.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg to approve a bid from Mid-America Courtworks for the resurfacing of the Eisenhower Park Basketball Courts and replacement of the basketball goal backboards and rims in the amount of \$32,800.00. Roll call vote: Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

- e. Approval of Ordinance No. 25-3457, AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A THREE AND ONE-HALF TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.35%) SPECIAL PURPOSE RETAILERS' SALES TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING RECREATION FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS, TO INCLUDE MULTI-PURPOSE FIELDS.

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Kollhoff, to approve Ordinance No. 25-3457, AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A THREE AND ONE-HALF TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.35%) SPECIAL PURPOSE RETAILERS' SALES TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING RECREATION FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS, TO INCLUDE MULTI-PURPOSE FIELDS. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

## 8. Items for Discussion

- a. Consider approving a bid from ATHCO Acquisition Corp. for the purchase and installation of a shade structure for the Abilene Swimming Pool, with a total city responsibility of \$22,733.35. – Parks and Recreation Director Timbrook

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg, to approve a bid from GameTime. for the purchase and installation of a shade structure for the Abilene Swimming Pool, with a total city responsibility of \$14,460.37. Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

- b. Executive Session: Motion by Commissioner Kollhoff, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg, for the City Commission recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss with legal counsel certain legal issues, rights, and/or obligations arising under the Firefighters Relief Act, 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. 75-7319(b)(2). The open public meeting will resume in this room at 5:03 p.m.

The regular meeting resumed at 5:04 pm.

No action was taken in the executive session.

## **9. Reports**

### **a. City Manager's Report**

- The Water Treatment Plant roof replacement final/warranty inspection was last Monday and everything was good. We will get the warranty documentation in the next couple of weeks.
- The Spruceway waterline project is underway and moving along.
- Applications for the 2027/2028 CCLIP program are due at the end of March. Possible projects are surface preservation on Buckeye from NW 5<sup>th</sup> to NW 7<sup>th</sup> and Geometric Improvement of the intersection at 7<sup>th</sup> and Buckeye.
- End-of-the-year reports for departments and boards will be emailed tomorrow morning.

## **10. Recess of Regular Meeting**

- a. Consider a motion to recess the February 10, 2025, City Commission Meeting.**

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Kollhoff to recess the February 10, 2025, City Commission Meeting at 5.06 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 5:10 pm.

### **City Commission Study Session**

#### **1. Call to Order – City Commission Study Session**

The City Commission Study Session was called to order at 5:10 pm.

#### **2. February 10, 2025, City Commission Study Session Agenda**

- a. Funding for Department of Commerce Grant (City share)**

- b. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program for Airport
- c. Airport Hangar work order with Olsson
- d. Storm Siren bids
- e. NE Drainage Discussion continued
- f. Specials on Cedar Ridge lots transferred to Land Bank discussion

### 3. Adjournment

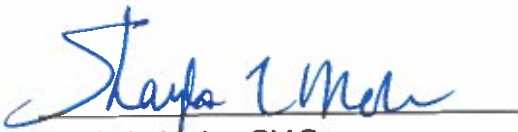
- a. Consider a motion to adjourn the February 10, 2025, City Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to adjourn the February 10, 2025, City Commission Meeting at 6:27 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