



Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
March 24, 2025, 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, Fire Chief Strunk, Police Chief Hatter, Public Works Director Anderson, Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Roller-Weeks, City Inspector Steerman, Street Maintenance Worker Sims, Street Maintenance Worker Reifsnnyder, Water Treatment Plant Operator Blacketer, Police Sergeant Haaga, and Administrative Assistant Olson.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda

4. Approval of the Agenda for the March 24, 2025, City Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Miller, 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 March 10, 2025, Regular Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Miller, 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.

Wendy Moulton, Library Director, presented the library's 2024 Annual Report to the City Commission.

John Kollhoff responded to City Manager Marsh's March 10, 2025, meeting comments.

Ray Miller spoke regarding Commissioner Kollhoff's negative comments about City Manager Marsh. The comments need to stop.

Greg Wilson, 2201 S. Washington, spoke about an independent investigation into Commissioner Kollhoff's comments and about taxes continuing to go up.

- b. First Responders Wellness Week Proclamation**

- c. Geocache Week Proclamation**

7. Business Items

- a. Consider approval of a funding option for the Industrial Park Infrastructure, CCLIP 2026 Project, and the Recreation Improvements in the amount of \$9,150,000.**

Diane Miller, 1601 Jayhawk, spoke regarding where the money was planned to come from to pay this funding, it should not come from street sales tax, possibly use money the City already has in CDs etc.

Motion by Commissioner Kollhoff, seconded by Commissioner Miller to table this item to the next meeting. Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt NO, Rein NO. The motion carried 3-2.

- b. Consider approval of the 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan**

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve the 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan. Roll call vote: Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff NO, Rein YES. The motion carried 4-1.

- c. Consider approval of city staff negotiating agreements and timeline for services with Energy Solutions Professionals (ESP) for the Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant**

and Millig DB for all other city properties for the Energy Conservation and Capital Reinvestment Program.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve city staff negotiating agreements and timeline for services with Energy Solutions Professionals (ESP) for the Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant and Millig DB for all other city properties for the Energy Conservation and Capital Reinvestment Program. Roll call vote: Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

- d.** Consider approval of the final design for the NE 15th Street Drainage Project and approve the Engineering Agreement with Olsson Engineering.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg, to approve Option Number 3 for the final design of the NE 15th Street Drainage Project and approve the Engineering Agreement with Olsson Engineering, the City Commission can approve if one or two detention basins will be constructed upon receipt of the bids for the work. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Kollhoff ABSTAINED due to conflict of interest regarding property ownership in project area, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

8. Items for Discussion

There were no items for discussion.

9. Reports

a. City Manager's Report

- Chief Hatter has stepped down from the 911 Advisory Board and Assistant Chief Wilkins has stepped into that spot. Fire Chief Strunk will be the voting delegate on the board for the city.

10. Executive Session

- a.** Executive Session: Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Miller, for the City Commission recess into executive session for ten minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), for the City Manager's quarterly review. The regular meeting will resume in this room at 5:09 pm. Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

The regular meeting resumed at 5:10 pm.

There was not action taken in executive session.

11. Recess of Regular Meeting

- a. Consider a motion to recess the March 24, 2025, City Commission Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Miller to recess the March 24, 2025, City Commission Meeting at 5:10 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 immediately.

City Commission Study Session

1. Call to Order – City Commission Study Session

The City Commission Study Session was called to order at 5:11 pm.

2. March 24, 2025, City Commission Study Session Agenda

- a. Bids for the purchase of a truck for the Water Treatment Plant.

3. Adjournment

- a. Consider a motion to adjourn the March 24, 2025, City Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to adjourn the March 24, 2025, City Commission Meeting at 5:22 pm. Roll call vote: Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.



ATTEST:

Shayla L. Mohr, CMC
City Clerk

Brandon Rein, Mayor



Date: 3/24/25

CITY COMMISSION
MEETING ATTENDANCE SHEET
PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME & ADDRESS

1. Elinabeth Weese 2997 Eden Rd
2. Veronica Murray 1608 N. Campbell St
3. Tony Geiger 210 NW 10th St.
4. Deane Miller 1601 Jay Hawk
5. Bruce Johnson 524 Ridge Ct Abilene
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