



Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
May 12, 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, Interim Finance Director Briand, City Attorney Martin, Parks and Recreation Director Timbrook, Fire Chief Strunk, Assistant Police Chief Wilkins, Community Development Director Zook, Public Works Director Anderson, Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Roller-Weeks, Facilities Maintenance Alvarez, Street Maintenance Sims, Street Maintenance Reifsnnyder City Inspector Steerman, and Administrative Assistant Olson.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda

4. Approval of the Agenda for the May 12, 2025, City Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Witt, 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 April 28, 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.

Hank Royer, 309 N. Vine, expressed concerns about the city streets not being cleaned by the street sweeper and about the dust produced by Flint Hills Grain causing illnesses.

Tanner Colburn, Guaranteed Roofing and Exteriors, spoke about roof repairs after the recent hail storm and recommended mid-roof inspections for better quality work.

7. Business Items

There were no business items.

8. Items for Discussion

- a. 1601 W. First St. – Nuisance Abatement Update**

City Inspector Steerman gave an update of work done at 1601 W. First Street. The roof is complete, and some clean-up needs to be done.

Roger Seymour, owner of 1610 W. First, spoke about the property and thanked the Commission for extending the deadline to complete the roof.

- b. Consider approval of Resolution No. 051225-1, A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS, PURSUANT TO CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 31, AND REPEALING ALL PRIOR DESIGNATIONS.**

Kim McGuire, Abilene Reflector Chronicle Publisher, explained how the paper's printed and online versions work and that they want to continue to do business with the City.

9. Reports

- Kelsey Briand will be the Interim Finance Director. She has a solid knowledge of Tyler ERP and will be able to help keep us moving forward during a time of transition
- We received a 2024-225 dividend check from EMC Insurance for \$28,543.60.

- The Community Foundation of Dickinson County and the City will collaborate to find a solution to the lack of public restrooms in downtown Abilene.
- The new shade structure at the pool has been installed.
- Parks and Recreation, with assistance from Public Works, will power wash the pool this week and begin filling it on Thursday.
- Ron will be on vacation Thursday – Monday, May 15-19.

10. Recess of Regular Meeting

- a. Consider a motion to recess the May 12, 2025, City Commission Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recess the May 12, 2025, City Commission Meeting at 4:37 pm. Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt 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 4:37 pm.

2. May 12, 2025, City Commission Study Session Agenda

- a. Fireworks Ordinance
- b. Mitigation Plan Resolution
- c. RHID-Heartland Housing Contract Discussion
- d. Architect for Sports Complex Discussion

3. Adjournment

- a. Consider a motion to adjourn the May 12, 2025, City Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Kollhoff, to adjourn the May 12, 2025, City Commission Meeting at 4:59 pm. Roll call vote: Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.



ATTEST

Shayla L. Mohr, CMC
City Clerk

Brandon Rein, Mayor



Date: 5/12/25

CITY COMMISSION
MEETING ATTENDANCE SHEET
PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME & ADDRESS

1. Ron Ginter
2. Andrea Taylor
3. Jeffrey A. Boddiger P.O. Box 151 Abilene KS
4. James Pierce 411 NE 7- 67410
5. Sandy Rein
6. George Cooper
7. Curtis Rein
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