



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

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call – City Commission Present: Mayor Rein Commissioners, Kollhoff, Witt, Miller (via Zoom) and Meysenburg.

Staff Present: City Manager Marsh, City Clerk Mohr, Interim Finance Director Briand, City Attorney Martin, Fire Chief Strunk, Police Chief Hatter, Community Development Director Zook, Public Works Director Anderson, Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Roller-Weeks, City Engineer Bachamp, Facilities Maintenance Alvarez, Street Maintenance Worker Sims, and Street Maintenance Worker Reifsnyder

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda

4. Approval of the Agenda for the May 27, 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 May 12, 2025, 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. 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.

Lisa Kijowski, of Old Abilene Town, spoke about recent visitors to Old Abilene Town, which is very relevant to Abilene. She asked the commission to consider investing in Old Abilene Town.

7. Business Items

- a. Consider approval of Ordinance No. 23-3459, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE PERMITTED DATES AND TIMES FOR SALE, POSSESSION AND DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS WITHIN THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS IN CONNECTION WITH THE JULY 4, 2025 HOLIDAY.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg, to adopt Ordinance No. 23-3459, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE PERMITTED DATES AND TIMES FOR SALE, POSSESSION AND DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS WITHIN THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS IN CONNECTION WITH THE JULY 4, 2025, HOLIDAY. Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

- b. Consider approval of Resolution No. 052725-1, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE KANSAS HOMELAND SECURITY REGION (F) HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Kollhoff, to adopt Resolution No. 052725-1, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE KANSAS HOMELAND SECURITY REGION (F) HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN. Roll call vote: Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

- c. Consider approval of Resolution No. 052725-2, A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS, PURSUANT TO CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 31, AND REPEALING ALL PRIOR DESIGNATIONS.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg, to adopt Resolution No. 052725-2, A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS, PURSUANT TO CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 31, AND REPEALING ALL PRIOR DESIGNATIONS. Roll call vote: Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

8. Items for Discussion

There were no items for discussion.

9. Reports

a. City Manager's Report

- The city has submitted initial applications to be placed on the list to apply for State Revolving Funds. The State Revolving Fund is a low-interest loan program through the Department of Commerce to help local governments with Water and Wastewater projects. The applications include Wastewater Treatment Plant, \$2 million to replace the control system and update blowers, digesters, influent pumps and the disinfection system; the Water Treatment Plant, \$2 million to replace the control system and repair walls damaged due to prior leaking. Water Distribution System, \$15 million to replace two water towers, aging water lines and add an additional line serving the city limits north of I-70. These initial applications are to determine if we have a qualified project to be on the shortlist to apply. If not, we go on the waiting list. If we do make the list, any applications for funding will be brought to the governing body for approval. Of course, this is dependent on continued funding from the federal government.
- New Police Officer Kevin Reyes will start with the city on June 9. He has four years of prior law enforcement experience and is bilingual.
- The Police Department Administrative Offices will be closed on Thursday from 2-4.
- This is a reminder that the city is still under a water conservation watch. Even with the snow received over the winter and the recent rains, the water table is still low, and the wells continue to be pushed.
- We are having an employee appreciation lunch at the Fire Station this Thursday, May 29, from 11 am to 1 pm.

10. Executive Session

- a. Executive Session: Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg, for the City Commission to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss a personnel matter involving a department head, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel. The open public meeting will resume in

this room at 4:23 pm. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

The regular meeting resumed at 4:23 pm. There was no action taken in the executive session.

11. Recess of Regular Meeting

- a. Consider a motion to recess the May 27, 2025, City Commission Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg, to recess the May 27, 2025, City Commission Meeting at 4:24 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 at 4:30 pm.

City Commission Study Session

1. Call to Order – City Commission Study Session

The City Commission Study Session was called to order at 4:30 pm.

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

- a. Discussion regarding bids received for the purchase of a skid steer for the Public Works Department.
- b. Discussion regarding the purchase of a street sweeper for the Public Works Department.
- c. Discussion regarding a change of Section 3-201 for the City Code concerning definitions applicable to regulating alcoholic liquor.
- d. Discussion regarding the Agreement for Engineering Services with Olsson for the Industrial Park Project.
- e. Discussion regarding a resolution authorizing and providing for improvements included in the multi-year Capital Improvement Plan – Industrial Park
- f. Discussion regarding a resolution authorizing and providing for improvements in the multi-year Capital Improvement Plan and authorizing the Sale Resolution for the issuance of General

Obligation Bonds for the funding of the Industrial Park Infrastructure, CCLIP 2026 Project and the Recreation Improvements.

g. Discussion regarding the RHID-Heartland Housing Contract.

h. Discussion regarding the hiring of a new City Manager.

3. Adjournment

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

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg, to adjourn the May 27, 2025, City Commission Meeting at 5:22 pm. Roll call vote: Meysenburg YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.



ATTEST:

A blue ink signature of Brandon Rein, Mayor, written over a horizontal line.

Brandon Rein, Mayor

A blue ink signature of Shayla L. Mohr, City Clerk, written over a horizontal line.

Shayla L. Mohr, CMC
City Clerk



Date: 5/27/25

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MEETING ATTENDANCE SHEET
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