Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
January 12, 2026, 4:00 pm.
Abilene, Kansas

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call – City Commission Present: Mayor Rein, Commissioners Kollhoff, Witt, and Meysenburg. Absent: Commissioner Miller.

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Quinday (via Zoom), Deputy City Manager/Community Development Director Zook, City Clerk/Human Resources Director Mohr, Finance Director Briand, City Attorney Martin, Parks and Recreation Director Timbrook, Fire Chief Strunk, Police Chief Wilkins, Public Works Director Anderson, Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Roller-Weeks, Administrative Manager-Community Development Olson, Recreation Supervisor Ediger, Recreation Program Supervisor Wilkins, Firefighter Hargrave, Police Officer Reyes, Police Officer Huntley, Court Administrator Anguiano, Street Maintenance Worker Adee, Street Maintenance Worker Sims, and Police Sergeant Pratt.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. City Commission Installation

a. Oath off Office to Commissioners Elect, John Kollhoff and Cy Taylor. Commissioner Lytle's Oath of Office was given to her on January 5th at City Hall due to a pre-planned vacation.

5. Presentation of Plaques to outgoing Commissioners Trevor Witt and Wendy Miller

6. Mayor and Vice Mayor Selection

Motion by Commissioner Meysenburg, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to select Brandon Rein as Mayor. Roll call vote: Taylor YES, Kollhoff NO, Meysenburg YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 3-1.

Motion by Mayor Rein, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg, to select Cy Taylor as Vice-Mayor. Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Taylor YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 4-0.

7. Agenda

a. Approval of the Agenda for the January 12, 2026, City Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Meysenburg, seconded by Mayor Rein, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Meysenburg YES, Taylor YES, Kollhoff YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 4-0.

8. Recognition of New City Employees in 2025

a. Keaton Hargrave – Firefighter
b. Tyler Ediger – Recreation Supervisor
c. Kevin Reyes – Police Officer
d. Madison Anguiano – Court Administrator
e. Amber Seiler-Johnson – Facilities Custodian
f. Dakotah Whiteley – Public Works Maintenance Worker
g. Slade Adee - Public Works Maintenance Worker
h. Brandon Huskey – Volunteer Firefighter
i. Allison Huntley – Police Officer
j. Konnor Weber – Police Officer

9. Recognition of City Employees receiving Service Awards in 2025

a. Kari Zook – Deputy City Manager/Community Development Director – 5 Years of Service
b. Susan Alexander – Part-time Adult Recreation Instructor - 5 Years of Service
c. Angie Wilkins – Recreation Program Supervisor – 15 Years of Service
d. Mark Haaga – Patrol Lieutenant – 20 Years of Service
e. Kellee Timbrook – Parks and Recreation Director – 20 Years of Service
f. Jason Wilkins – Police Chief – 20 Years of Service

10. 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 December 22, 2025, Regular Meeting

b. Appropriation Ordinance A-011226-1

c. AP Payment Register – 011226

d. Approval of appointments/reappointments to the following Boards and Commissions:

1. Eric Anderson – Planning Commission, 3-year term expiring January 2029
2. Bill Marshall - Planning Commission, 3-year term expiring January 2029
3. Rod Boyd – Planning Commission, 3-year term expiring January 2029
4. Andrew Pankratz – Heritage Commission, 3-year term expiring January 2029
5. Barry Arp - Heritage Commission, 3-year term expiring January 2029
6. Kevin Bailey - Heritage Commission, 3-year term expiring January 2029
7. Samantha Geissinger – Sister City, 3-year term expiring January 2029
8. Jennie Hiatt – Sister City, 3-year term expiring January 2029
9. Kim Shafer - Sister City, 3-year term expiring January 2029
10. Kimmy Phillips – CVB Board, 3-year term expiring January 2029
11. Elizabeth Weese - CVB Board, 3-year term expiring January 2029
12. Sarah Anderson – CVB Board, 3-year term expiring January 2029
13. Lisa Kijowski – CVB Board, 3-year term expiring January 2029
14. Steve Flynn – Tree Board, 3-year term expiring January 2029
15. Hayley Whitehair – Tree Board, 3-year term expiring January 2029
16. Rebecca Perkins, Airport Board, fill an unexpired term, expiring January 2027

Motion by Commissioner Meysenburg, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Taylor YES, Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 4-0.

11. Public Comments and Communications

e. 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.

Julie Roller-Weeks, Convention and Visitors Bureau Director, thanked the Community Foundation of Dickinson County for the grant that paid for the new banners along Buckeye. She also thanked the Public Works Department for installing the banners.

Bruce Johnson, 524 Ridge Rd., suggested using stormwater crawler tractors to locate blockages in storm drainpipes and said the blockage at NW 2nd Street under the railroad tracks needs to be addressed.

12. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

13. New Business

a. Discussion and direction to staff regarding the updating of the City of Abilene Water Conservation Plan

The City Commission directed City Staff and City Attorney Martin to draft an ordinance amending the City Code to implement the City of Abilene Water Conservation Plan.

b. Discussion and direction to staff regarding a City Facilities Naming Rights Policy

The City Commission directed City Staff to draft a City Facilities Naming Policy for discussion at the next study session.

c. Discussion and potential action regarding the 2026-2034 Capital Improvement/Equipment Reserve Plans for Water and Sewer

No action was taken regarding the 2026-2034 Capital Improvement/Equipment Reserve Plans for Water and Sewer.

d. Discussion and potential action regarding the Department of Commerce – First Amendment to the Kansas Department of Commerce Grant Agreement

Motion by Mayor Rein, seconded by Commissioner Kollhoff, to approve the First Amendment to the Kansas Department of Commerce Grant Agreement. Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Taylor YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 4-0.

14. City Manager and Department Reports

Interim City Manager Quinday reported that City staff have been working with Vyve to reduce the costs of the internet contract. Vyve initially reduced the bill by 10%, and after further negotiations, it was reduced by 14%; just under $20,000 will be saved in 2026.

15. Executive Session

a. Motion by Commissioner Kollhoff, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg for the city commission recess into executive session for fifteen minutes to discuss with legal counsel the terms and conditions of an amendment to the interim city manager agreement, 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. 75-4319(b)(2). The open meeting will resume in this room at 5:28 p.m. Roll call vote: Meysenburg YES, Taylor YES, Kollhoff YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 4-0.

The regular meeting resumed at 5:28 pm.

b. Possible public action to follow

Motion by Mayor Rein, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the First Amendment to the Agreement for Interim City Manager. Roll call vote: Taylor YES, Kollhoff NO, Meysenburg YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 3-1.

16. Adjournment of Regular Meeting

a. Consider a motion to adjourn the January 12, 2026, City Commission Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner, seconded by Commissioner, to adjourn the January 12, 2026, City Commission Meeting at 5:34 pm. Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Meysenburg YES, Taylor YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 4-0.

THE CITY OF ABILENE (Seal) STATE OF KANSAS

Brandon Rein, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shayla L. Mohr, CMC
City Clerk

ABILENE
KANSAS

Date: 1-12-26

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FIRST AMENDMENT TO
AGREEMENT FOR INTERIM CITY MANAGER

This First Amendment to Agreement for Interim City Manager (this "Amendment") is made and entered into effective as of January 30, 2026, by and between the City of Abilene, Kansas, a Kansas municipal corporation (the "City"), and Jon R. Quinday (the "Interim City Manager").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City and the Interim City Manager entered into that certain Agreement for Interim City Manager, dated June 25, 2025 (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the City has not yet completed the recruitment and hiring of a permanent city manager; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Interim City Manager desire to amend the Agreement for the limited purpose of extending the term of the Agreement and updating the Interim City Manager's weekly service and on-site commitments; and

WHEREAS, except as expressly amended herein, the parties desire that all terms and conditions of the Agreement remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. Amendment to Section 2 - Term. The Term provision of the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

> 2. **Term.** The term of this Agreement shall commence on July 1, 2025, and shall continue until the date on which a permanent city manager commences employment with the City, unless earlier terminated as provided herein. Either party may terminate this Agreement, with or without cause, upon fourteen (14) days' written notice to the other party.

2. Amendment to Section 4 - Hours of Work. The Hours of Work provision of the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

> 4. **Hours of Work.** Interim City Manager shall provide services to the City no fewer than three (3) days per week. At least one (1) day per week shall be spent on-site in the City of Abilene, Kansas, and the Interim City Manager may conduct work off-site during the remaining working days each work. During working days when Interim City Manager is working off-site, he shall remain reasonably available to City staff. Interim City Manager shall be available outside of regular business hours only for emergency matters, and non-emergency matters shall be addressed during regular business hours unless otherwise prearranged. It

is recognized that Interim City Manager may devote additional time outside of regular business hours on City business, and he shall be allowed to establish an appropriate work schedule that accommodates both onsite obligations and reasonable flexibility for other activities of Interim City Manager, which will include time away from the City for preplanned vacations and family activities. For planning purposes, Interim City Manager will periodically provide the City Commission and staff with a tentative calendar of upcoming on-site workdays. To the extent possible, Interim City Manager shall be present at all regular City Commission meetings, which occur on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

3. No Other Amendments. Except as expressly amended by this Amendment, all terms, covenants, and conditions of the Agreement are hereby ratified, confirmed, and shall remain in full force and effect. In the event of any inconsistency between this Amendment and the Agreement, the terms of this Amendment shall control.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, City has caused this Agreement to be executed on its behalf by its Mayor, and duly attested by its City Clerk, and Interim City Manager has executed this Agreement, effective as of the date first above written.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER

Jon R. Quinday

CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS

By: Brandon Rein, Mayor

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

By: Shayla L. Mohr, CMC, City Clerk