



Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
January 26, 2026, 4:00 pm.
Abilene, Kansas

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call – City Commission Present: Mayor Rein, Commissioners Taylor, Kollhoff, Lytle, and Meysenburg.

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Quinday, 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, and Investigations Lieutenant Reynolds, Patrol Sergeant Pratt and Police Officer Reyes.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Agenda

a. Approval of the Agenda for the January 26, 2025, City Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Meysenburg, seconded by Commissioner Kollhoff, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Lytle YES, Meysenburg YES, Taylor YES, Kollhoff YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

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 12, 2026, Regular Meeting

b. Appropriation Ordinance A-012626-1

c. AP Payment Register – 012626

d. 4th Quarter 2025 Treasure's Report

- e. 4th Quarter 2025 Investment Report
- f. Appointment of Public Works Director Anderson as Voting Delegate and City Clerk/HR Director Mohr as Alternate Voting Delegate for the Kansas Rural Water Association 57th Annual Meeting of Membership.

Motion by Commissioner Kollhoff, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Taylor YES, Kollhoff YES, Lytle YES, Meysenburg 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.

Police Chief Wilkins presented Commendation Awards to Sergeant Grant Pratt and Officer Kevin Reyes for exceptional police action during their field duties in response to a call and in de-escalating a potentially dangerous situation on January 16, 2026.

Commissioner Kollhoff inquired whether the study session should be held at the library due to weather concerns, a short agenda, and the doors being locked at City Hall.

City Attorney Martin stated that the concern of the doors remaining unlocked during the study session has been addressed.

- a. Catholic Schools Week Proclamation
- b. Human Trafficking Awareness Month Proclamation
- c. Stalking Awareness Month Proclamation
- d. America Celebrates 250 Proclamation
- e. Dickinson County Economic Development Council 2025 Report – Natalie Muruato – Director DKEDC

This item will be moved to the February 9th agenda due to illness.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Consider approval of Resolution 012626-1, Adopting a Comprehensive Economic Development Incentive Policy and Standard Application**

Motion by Mayor Rein, seconded by Commissioner Kollhoff, to table this resolution until the July 13, 2026, regular meeting and review and update each policy individually, beginning with the CID Policy being placed on the February 9, 2026, study session. Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Lytle YES, Meysenburg YES, Taylor YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

- b. Consider approval of the 2026-2034 Capital Improvement/Equipment Reserve Plans for Water and Sewer.**

Motion by Commissioner Meysenburg, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the 2026-2034 Capital Improvement/Equipment Reserve Plans for Water and Sewer. Roll call vote: Lytle YES, Meysenburg YES, Taylor YES, Kollhoff YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

- c. Consider approval of Ordinance No. 26-3471, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7, SECTIONS 7-1003, 7-1004, 7-1005, AND 7-1010 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE PERTAINING TO THE WATER CONSERVATION PLAN AND PROGRAM, AND CONSERVATION MEASURES DURING A DECLARED WATER WATCH, WATER WARNING AND WATER EMERGENCY WITHIN THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS; AND REPEALING EXISTING SECTIONS 7-1003, 7-1004, 7-1005, AND 7-1010.**

Motion by Mayor Rein, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg, to approve Ordinance No. 26-3471, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7, SECTIONS 7-1003, 7-1004, 7-1005, AND 7-1010 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE PERTAINING TO THE WATER CONSERVATION PLAN AND PROGRAM, AND CONSERVATION MEASURES DURING A DECLARED WATER WATCH, WATER WARNING AND WATER EMERGENCY WITHIN THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS; AND REPEALING EXISTING SECTIONS 7-1003, 7-1004, 7-1005, AND 7-1010. Roll call vote: Meysenburg YES, Taylor YES, Kollhoff NO, Lytle YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 4-1.

- d. Consider approval of Ordinance 26-3472 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7, SECTIONS 7-901, 7-902, AND 7-903 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE PERTAINING TO WATER RATES AND PROHIBITIONS OUTSIDE WATERING DURING PEAK**

HOURS AND WATER WASTE WITHIN THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS; AND REPEALING EXISTING SECTIONS 7-901, 7-902, AND 7-903.

This item will be considered for approval at the February 9, 2026, meeting.

8. New Business

- a.** Discussion and potential action regarding bids received for the purchase and outfitting of two police cars for the Police Department.

Motion by Mayor Rein, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the purchase of two police cars from Valor Automotive in the amount of \$61,630.00 and outfitting of the cars from Special Vehicle Source in the amount of \$19,799.79. Roll call vote: Taylor YES, Kollhoff NO, Lytle YES, Meysenburg YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 4-1.

9. Department Reports

- a.** Community Development/Inspection - Code Violation Summary December 2025
- b.** Community Development/Inspection – Permit Summary December 2025
- c.** Fire Department - December 2025
- d.** Police Department – December 2025
- e.** Public Works –November 2025

10. Executive Session

- a.** Motion by Commissioner Kollhoff, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to recess into executive session for ten minutes to discuss the terms of employment applicable to a City employee, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), based upon the need to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. The open meeting will resume in this room at 6:01 pm.

Commissioner Kollhoff left the executive session at 5:58 pm.

- b.** Possible action to follow

Motion by Mayor Rein, seconded by Commissioner Meysenburg, to approve a one-time deviation of the City's Personnel Policy to authorize a current department head to receive increased vacation leave benefits consistent with the employee's original offer for employment. Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Lytle YES, Meysenburg YES, Taylor YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

11. Adjournment of Regular Meeting

- a.** Consider a motion to adjourn the January 26, 2026, City Commission Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Meysenburg, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to adjourn the January 26, 2026, City Commission Meeting at 6:04 pm. Roll call vote: Lytle YES, Meysenburg YES, Taylor YES, Kollhoff YES, Rein YES. The motion carried 5-0.

(Seal)

Brandon Rein, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shayla L. Mohr, CMC
City Clerk