



Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
May 9, 2022 @ 4:00 p.m.
Abilene, Kansas

1. Call to Order

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

Staff Present: City Manager Marsh, Human Resources Director/City Clerk Mohr, Finance Director Rothchild, City Attorney Martin, Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Roller-Weeks, Parks and Recreation Director Timbrook, Fire Chief Strunk, Community Development Director Zook, Police Chief Hatter, Public Works Director Schrader, Administrative Assistant Briand, Deputy City Clerk Efurd and Streets and Utilities Superintendent Hawk.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda

- 4. Agenda Approval for the May 9, 2022, City Commission Meeting**
- 5. Meeting minutes: April 25, 2022, Regular Meeting**

Motion by Commissioner Rein, seconded by Commissioner Witt to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Miller YES, Witt YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Public Comments and Communications

6. Persons who wish to address the City Commission may do so when called upon by the Mayor.

Julie Roller Weeks, Convention and Visitors Bureau Director announced that Abilene is once again a finalist in the USA Today Best Historic Small-Town contest.

Old and New Business

7. Consider approval of Ordinance No. 22-3415, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE, CONSUMPTION AND POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR AT A SPECIFIED LOCATION ON THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AND APPROVING THE CLOSURE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY FOR ARTS AND ALES, AN ARTS COUNCIL OF DICKINSON COUNTY FUNDRAISER.**

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Kollhoff to approve Ordinance No. 22-3415, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE, CONSUMPTION AND POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR AT A SPECIFIED LOCATION ON THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AND APPROVING THE CLOSURE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY FOR ARTS AND ALES, AN ARTS COUNCIL OF DICKINSON COUNTY FUNDRAISER.** Roll call vote: Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Rein YES, Miller YES, Marshall YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

8. Consider approval of new Library Board reappointment application form.

Wendy Moulton, Library Director, informed the Commission that other libraries she has contacted only require an email to the Library Director stating their interest in being reappointed.

Sheila Biggs expressed her dislike regarding the reappointment process being requested for the Library Board.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Rein to approve the Library Board reappointment form.

Motion by Commissioner Witt to amend his previous motion and move to table this item until the May 16th City Commission meeting for further discussion at the next regular meeting of the Library Board. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Rein YES, Miller YES, Kollhoff YES, Marshall YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

9. Consider approval of a bid from JCI in an amount not to exceed \$36,171.00 to rebuild Influent Pump #1 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion by Commissioner Rein, seconded by Commissioner Witt to approve the bid from JCI in an amount not to exceed \$36,171.00 to rebuild Influent Pump #1 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Kollhoff YES, Miller YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

10. Multi-family home water meter discussion.

City Manager Marsh updated the Commission about the meeting between City staff and the Mobile Home Park owners. The meeting was very productive and City staff believes a mutual agreement will be met that will satisfy both the Mobile Home Park owners and the City of Abilene.

11. Executive Session: Motion by Commissioner Kollhoff, seconded by Commissioner Witt to recess into executive session for thirty minutes based upon the need for preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6). The meeting will resume in this room at 4:56 p.m. Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Miller YES, Rein YES, Witt YES, Marshall YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

The open public meeting resumed at 4:56 p.m.

Reports

12. City Manager reports

We closed on the sale of 8 more lots in Golden Belt Heights East on Friday, April 29th. There are approximately twenty-six more lots that have been reserved and could close within 90 days. This also means we will need to look at the possibility of extending some of the infrastructure. I have contacted Olssen Engineering regarding this.

Police Department remodel update: We are still waiting on some punch list items to be finalized and the electrical work needs to be completed. The delay with the electrical subcontractor is a supply chain issue and is looking like July before components could be received. We are working with the architect and general contractor to ensure all avenues are being pursued and all other work is completed.

Julie plans to open the Visitors Center starting after Memorial Day.

NW 14th Street update: Olssen Engineering is working on the stormwater drainage for the project. Still shooting for a Fall bid letting with construction starting in 2023.

At your seat you will find the budget calendar for the 2023 budget cycle. If you have any questions, please let Marcus or I know.

Adjournment

13. Consideration of a motion to adjourn the May 9, 2022, City Commission meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Commissioner Rein to adjourn at 5:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Witt YES, Rein YES, Miller YES, Kollhoff YES, Marshall YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

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Dee Marshall, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shayla L. Mohr
City Clerk