



**Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street**  
**September 28, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.**  
**Abilene, Kansas**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call** – City Commission Present: Mayor Ostermann, Commissioners Rein, Marshall, and Shafer.  
Absent: Commissioner Witt.

Staff Present: City Manager Foltz, City Clerk Soukup, City Attorney Martin, Finance Director Rothchild, Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Roller-Weeks, Public Works Director Schrader, and City Inspector Steerman.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**Consent Agenda**

- 4. Agenda Approval for the September 28, 2020 City Commission Meeting**
- 5. Meeting minutes: September 14, 2020, 2020 Regular Meeting**
- 6. Meeting minutes: September 23, 2020 Special Meeting**
- 7. Approval of annual league meeting voting delegates -Mayor Chris Ostermann and Commissioner Dee Marshall, alternate voting delegate Commissioner Brandon Rein.**

Mayor Ostermann amended item No. 7 on the Consent Agenda – voting delegates for the annual league meeting are Mayor Chris Ostermann and Commissioner Brandon Rein and the alternate is Commissioner Dee Marshall.

**Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Rein to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Roll call vote: Shafer YES, Marshall YES, Rein YES, Ostermann YES. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.**

**Public Comments and Communications**

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

Nathan Cole, 800 NE 7<sup>th</sup>, spoke about a notice he received from the City regarding a fence that was put up around his pool.

City Inspector Steerman explained the issues with the location of the fence and the pool in the City right-of-way.

This issue will be discussed further at the study session on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **Old and New Business**

### **9. Consider Sister City Board appointments**

Motion by Commissioner Rein, seconded by Commissioner Marshall to appoint Jerry Rankin to the Sister City Board. Roll call vote: Ostermann YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES, Shafer YES. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Commissioner Marshall recused herself from voting on the next appointment.

Motion by Commissioner Rein, seconded by Commissioner Shafer to appoint Bill Marshall to the Sister City Board. Roll call vote: Shafer YES, Rein YES, Ostermann YES, Marshall ABSTAINING. Motion carried 3-0.

### **10. Levee rehabilitation construction access verification signatures.**

Public Works Director Schrader presented information regarding the levee rehabilitation.

Motion by Commissioner Shafer, seconded by Commissioner Rein to approve signatures on the levee rehabilitation construction access. Roll call vote: Rein YES, Marshall YES, Shafer YES, Ostermann YES. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

## **Reports**

### **11. City Manager reports**

The new dump truck has arrived, the old one was traded in.

The two new police vehicles have arrived that were ordered in February from the 2019 budget, two old cars were traded in.

We are still waiting on the Parks Department truck to come in.

Work continues on the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Project.

Construction has started on 206 SW 2<sup>nd</sup>; the property was damaged by fire.

The grant for the development in the Highlands has been submitted, we should hear back in November.

The new Police Chief starts Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. The swearing in will take place at the Study Session on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

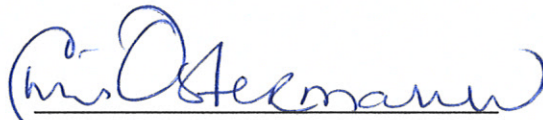
City staff continues to gather information on solar panels to present to the Commission at a future date.

**Adjournment**

**12. Consideration of a motion to adjourn the September 28, 2020 City Commission meeting.**

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Rein to adjourn at 4:21 p.m. Roll call vote: Rein YES, Marshall YES, Shafer YES, Ostermann YES. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.



  
Chris Ostermann, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Penny L. Soukup, CMC  
City Clerk