



Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
June 26, 2023, @ 4:00 pm.
Abilene, Kansas

1. Call to Order

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

Staff Present: City Manager Marsh, City Clerk Mohr, Finance Director Johnson, City Attorney Martin, Parks and Recreation Director Timbrook, Police Chief Hatter, Street and Utility Superintendent Hawk, Recreation Supervisor Mullen, Recreation Specialist Wilkins, Horticulturist Maas, Administrative Manager-Public Works Hiatt, City Inspector Steerman, and Administrative Assistant Olson.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda

4. Approval of the Agenda for the June 26, 2023, City Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Kollhoff, seconded by Commissioner Rein, to amend the agenda, moving item #12a from the study session agenda to item 7b under discussion items. Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Rein YES, Miller YES, Marshall YES, Witt YES. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Motion by Commissioner Rein, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve the amended agenda. Roll call vote: Rein YES, Marshall YES, Miller YES, Kollhoff YES, Witt YES. The motion carried unanimously 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 June 12, 2023, Regular Meeting

b. Reappoint Billy Hansen to the Recreation Commission – 4-year term expiring August 2027

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Miller YES, Rein YES, Kollhoff YES, Witt YES. The motion carried unanimously 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.

There were no public comments or communications.

- b. Park and Recreation Month Proclamation

7. Items for discussion

- a. Ordinance No. 23-3430, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE, CONSUMPTION AND POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR AT A SPECIFIED LOCATION ON THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY, LITTLE IKE PARK, AND THE ADJOINING CITY PARKING LOT, AND APPROVING THE CLOSURE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY FOR THE ABILENE OKTOBERFEST.**

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Rein, to approve Ordinance No. 23-3430, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE, CONSUMPTION AND POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR AT A SPECIFIED LOCATION ON THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY, LITTLE IKE PARK, AND THE ADJOINING CITY PARKING LOT, AND APPROVING THE CLOSURE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY FOR THE ABILENE OKTOBERFEST.** Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Rein YES, Miller YES, Kollhoff YES, Witt YES. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

- b. Ordinance No. 23-3431, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 5-202 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS, PERTAINING TO THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY.** After discussion by commissioners, staff was directed to amend section 5-202 of ordinance 3299 to authorize the City Manager to approve the consumption of alcohol on all city property.

8. Business Items

- a. Consider a motion to approve the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) for KP&F members eligible for full retirement.

Motion by Commissioner Kollhoff, seconded by Commissioner Rein, to approve the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) for KP&F members eligible for retirement. Roll call vote: Kollhoff YES, Rein YES, Miller YES, Marshall YES, Witt YES. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

- b. Consider approval of Resolution No. 062623-1, **A RESOLUTION FIXING A TIME AND PLACE TO APPEAR TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THE STRUCTURE AT 604 C. CEDAR SHOULD NOT BE CONDEMNED AND ORDERED REPAIRED OR DEMOLISHED.**

Motion by Commissioner Rein, seconded by Commissioner Marshall to approve Resolution No. 062623-1, **A RESOLUTION FIXING A TIME AND PLACE TO APPEAR TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THE STRUCTURE AT 604 S. CEDAR SHOULD NOT BE CONDEMNED AND ORDERED REPAIRED OR DEMOLISHED.** Roll call vote: Rein YES, Marshall YES, Miller YES, Kollhoff YES, Witt YES. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

9. Reports

- a. City Manager's Report

The community survey for the Comprehensive Plan is out and will be available through Monday, July 10. The information collected will be instrumental in determining the focus and growth for Abilene over the next 20 years. Citizens can access the survey via the City website and Community Engagement Dashboard, from the City's Facebook page, and through QR codes around town. Paper copies will also be available at City Hall, the Community Center and the Senior Center. Please encourage people to participate.

The first public meeting for the Comprehensive Plan will be held tomorrow night, June 27, at 6:00 pm in the library.

We received our 2023 Estimated Assessed Valuation from the County. It is \$64,836.320.00. This is a 5.5% increase over last year.

The fireworks show for July 4 will look a little different this year. The display will be set to music in the Abilene Stadium (rodeo arena). The best viewing will be from the west stands and to the north, although it will be visible from most of the town. Information is available on the Community Engagement Dashboard.

Construction on 14th Street will begin the week of July 17.

10. Adjournment of Regular Meeting

- a. Consider a motion to cancel the June 26, 2023, study session and adjourn the June 26, 2023, City Commission Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to cancel the June 26, 2023, City Commission Study Session and adjourn the June 26, 2023, City Commission Meeting at 4:40 pm. Roll call vote: Marshall YES, Miller YES, Rein YES, Kollhoff YES, Witt YES. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

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Trevor D. Witt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shayla L. Mohr
City Clerk