



Abilene City Commission Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW Fourth Street
November 22, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.
Abilene, Kansas

1. Call to Order

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

Staff Present: City Manager Marsh, Human Resources Director/City Clerk Mohr, Finance Director Rothchild, City Attorney Martin, Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Roller-Weeks, Public Works Administrative Assistant Hiatt, Fire Chief Strunk, Police Chief Hatter and Public Works Director Schrader.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda

4. Agenda Approval for the November 22, 2021, City Commission Meeting

5. Meeting minutes: November 8, 2021, Regular Meeting

6. Appointment of Corey Jones to the Tree Board

7. Resolution No. 112221-1, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN SIGNATURES ON DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS AT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FOR THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS.**

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

Public Comments and Communications

8. Recognition of John Barbur – 30 Years on Tree Board

Mayor Rein recognized John Barbur for his 30 years as a member of the Abilene Tree Board.

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

Hank Royer presented Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Roller-Weeks with a grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 on behalf of the Jeffcoat Foundation in recognition of her accomplishments promoting the Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau especially during the Covid pandemic during which tourism took a big financial hit.

Hank Royer also spoke about the need to keep business local.

Elizabeth Weese, Community Foundation Director, spoke about the need to keep business local.

Old and New Business

10. Enterprise Fleet Management Agreement

Finance Director Rothchild gave an update on other comparable cities that use Enterprise Fleet Management, all are very happy with the service provided.

Tim Holm, Holm Automotive, spoke regarding the importance of keeping business local and urged the Commission not to approve the agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management.

Commissioner Witt inquired as to how much Holm Automotive business would be hurt if the vehicles were delivered through Holm Automotive and they were able to apply Holm's sticker to the car and collect the delivery fees.

Commissioner Marshall inquired if the approval of this agreement would cause Holm Automotive to get rid of employees.

Tim Holm replied no.

Mayor Rein inquired about the proposal that was requested from Mr. Holm for a fleet management agreement with Holm Automotive.

Mr. Holm was unable to prepare an agreement due to lack of inventory.

Ken Olsen, Enterprise Fleet Management explained the specifics of the fleet management agreement.

Hank Royer spoke against the approval of the fleet management agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Witt, seconded by Mayor Rein to authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management. Roll call vote: Ostermann NO, Shafer NO, Witt YES, Rein YES, Marshall NO. Motion failed 2-3.

Reports

11. City Manager reports

Construction on the PD remodel continues. We are still waiting to hear from a structural engineer on shoring up the ceiling and trusses and associated costs.

We will begin initial coordination meetings in the next few weeks for the NW 14th Street reconstruction project. We anticipate beginning construction in the Spring of 2023.

Several staff members attended the emergency management tabletop exercise sponsored by Dickinson County Emergency Management last week. It was a good introduction to start the process of preparing for disaster response. There will be a follow up 2 ½ day functional exercise April 11-13, 2022.

We have received final approval from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to begin drilling and construction of well #23.

Reminder the City Christmas Party will be by December 11th at the Elks.

There will be no meeting next week as it is the fifth Monday of the month.

Adjournment

12. Consideration of a motion to adjourn the November 22, 2021 City Commission meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Witt to adjourn at 5:12 p.m. Roll call vote: Shafer YES, Witt YES, Rein YES, Marshall YES, Ostermann YES. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

(Seal)

Brandon Rein, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shayla L. Mohr
City Clerk

UNAPPROVED