

NOTICE OF STUDY SESSION

For Abilene City Commission
 4 p.m. **MONDAY** July 2, 2018
 Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Building
 419 N. Broadway Avenue, Abilene, Kansas

TO: Abilene City Commission
FROM: Austin Gilley, City Manager

PURPOSE

The City Commission's Study Sessions are for the purpose of providing the Commission the opportunity to study items in more detail. The City Manager is responsible for the meeting and helping manage discussion.

OPEN FORUM

This is an opportunity to bring up items to be informally addressed.

STUDY ITEMS

- **2018-19 Priority list update:** Status of projects related to the City Commission's priorities.
- **2019 Draft Budget:** While we are still working on this, I plan to spend our time talking through where we are at with a draft copy of the complete budget form. We plan to hear the final presentations from the Community Organizations on July 9. Attached is the letter of invitation that we sent. By the final meeting in July we will need to have a consensus on a version to publish for the public hearing. Below is our schedule that we have been following.

January 8	Financial Review (State of the City)
January 22	Compensation program review
February 12	Debt service review
February 26	Project priorities and budget objectives
March 12	Project priorities
March 26	Capital Expenses
April 9	Utility Rate Review
April 23	Utility Operations
May 14	Special Revenue operations
May 28	Meeting
June 11	Streets
June 25	General operations
July 9	Property tax review, draft budget documents
July 23	Fee schedule, final budget draft
August 13	Public Hearing, Adoption of 2019 Budget

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The City of Abilene is in the process of planning for the 2019 budget. You are receiving this letter because your organization has received funding or in-kind contributions in the past from the City. In an effort to help the process, we are inviting you to give a brief presentation about your organization at the July 9, 2018, City Commission meeting at the Library. In addition, below is a table of funding history for these organizations since 2015 including what we are prepared to present for discussion for the 2019 budget. We are working on a methodology to quantify in-kind contributions, but do not have a clear path. Your suggestions are welcome. If you would like to change this 2019 amount, please send me a letter similar to the attached example provided by the Heritage Center.

Table with 6 columns: Organization, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 Budget. Rows include Sister City, Municipal Band, Fair Board, Heritage Center, Old Abilene Town, (TRT), and DKEDC.

For your letter and your presentation to the Commission, we ask that you be sure to include the following:

- 1. Overview of your organization.
2. The added value you provide the community through this funding.
3. And an explanation of how you will promote the City's sponsorship

The meeting will be held at the Abilene Public Library at 4:00 pm on July 9, 2018. Thank you for your continued support of the Abilene community. If you have any questions please contact Marcus Rothchild at 785-263-2550.

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2019 Budget Request

The Dickinson County Historical Society would like to respectfully request \$20,000 for the 2019 Budget. The Dickinson County historical society continues to preserve important historical documents and artifacts which tell the stories about Dickinson County with an emphasis on Abilene.

As the Heritage Center strives to be the educational foundation for Dickinson County history, school groups continue to be our major focal demographic, but with the advancement of technology; updates on the museum become a critical piece for survival.

Our facilities are full and continue to fill with the artifacts, specific to Abilene's history. Our existing facilities need to be repaired so to prevent deterioration of the artifacts and archives. Over the past year we had to fix the heating, air-conditioning, leaks from the exterior buildings and the extensive lighting in our museum.

The extra funds which we are asking would help keep the Volkman Cabin sealed from the elements, the schoolhouse and grocery store preserved, and the phone building eliminated of rodent issue. The warehouse has several leaks in the tin roof and continuous work to fix the troubled areas is critical to preserve the artifacts housed within.

The list of programs for 2018 includes re-enactors, storytellers and poets to bring to life the stories of Dickinson County. In 2017, national historians were lined up to bring additional programs for the historical society members. It is the goal of this institution to bring history to life, and make the society members feel like they are getting something back for their dues. Memories of the Prairie, National Day of the Cowboys, Christmas in the Cabin, the Kansas Statehood Ball, Pioneer Camp, Carrie Nation's evening of temperance, the Chisholm Trail Symposium, the Governor's Proclamation Day, Chisholm Trail Days and Trails, Rails and Tales

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are key events that are made special by the professionals that bring the pages of history to life, but funding is how they justify their vocation.

We continue to work on our Capital Campaign for an enlarged facility. Our goal for the first phase is \$250,000. We continue to collect pledges and money. We have obtained pledges for \$224,000. We are working to reach a benchmark of \$400,000 so we can apply to the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation of Tulsa. At the present time the Dickinson county Historical Society is negotiating with Tri-County Telephone to become a major contributor to our campaign.

In 2016 the county commission authorized \$10,000 for our capital campaign. The Dickinson County Historical society would like to ask for your continue support again this year. This is a major step for the historical society and how we can preserve the history of Dickinson County.

The Dickinson County Historical Society continues to work with the communities of the county to develop programs and to preserve our heritage. We are very proud of the comments we receive from our visitors.

We greatly appreciate the support, allowing us to survive as the educational foundation of Dickinson County, for students and adults, through museum artifacts, movies, microfilm and books. The Heritage Center provides a critical piece to the preservation and research of this great county.

Submitted by:

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Director

Dickinson County Historical Society

April 19, 2017