

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 2, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas met in Regular Session on November 2, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 Walnut St. Mayor Weldon Hurt was present and presiding, along with Mayor Pro-tem Shane Price, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Lynn Beard, and Councilmembers Blaise Regan, Brian Yates, Kyle McAlister, and Travis Craver. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson.

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Lynn Beard delivered the invocation.

Brantley Fields and Case Elam, both 5th Graders from Eula Elementary, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and State of Texas Flag.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Service Awards:
 - Craig Jordan – 25 Years – Police Department
 - John “Jeff” Hogue – 25 Years – Police Department
 - Thomas “Jody” Peavy – 25 Years – Police Department
 - Shawna Atkinson – 5 Years – City Secretary

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 3-8. No items were pulled for individual consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Hurt opened the public comment period. The following addressed the city council:

- Eddie Pugh
- Anne Rutledge
- Tammy Fogle
- Eric Bengs

With no other speakers coming forward, the public comment period was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember McAlister moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of items 3-8. Councilmember Yates seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Price, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard, and Councilmembers Regan, Yates, McAlister and Craver
NAYS (0): None

3. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Appointing Members to Various Boards and Commissions per the City Charter
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 203-2023]

Board	Term End Date
<i>Abilene Housing Authority</i>	
Tanis Jones [New]	November 2025
Vanessa Fay [New]	November 2025
<i>Abilene-Taylor County Public Health Advisory Board</i>	
Travis Craver [Reappointment]	November 2026
Tim Farrar [Reappointment]	November 2026
Garrett Turner [Reappointment]	November 2026
James McCoy [Reappointment]	November 2026
<i>Abilene-Taylor County Venue District Board</i>	
Anthony Williams [Reappointment]	November 2025
Kyle McAlister [Reappointment]	November 2025
<i>Board of Adjustment</i>	
Jon Loudermilk [Regular] [Reappointment]	November 2025
Joy Ellinger [Regular] [New (moving to regular spot)]	November 2024 [unexpired term]
<i>Library Advisory Board</i>	
Joe Biles [New]	November 2026
Kristi Brokaw [New]	November 2026

4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Casting a Vote to Nominate a Member to the Taylor County Appraisal District Board of Directors
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 204-2023]
5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the purchase of one (1) 2023 Caterpillar 420CE Backhoe Loader from Warren Cat through Sourcewell Co-operative Contract # 032119-CAT, Quote 281403-01 for Water Distribution
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 205-2023]
6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the purchase of one (1) 2024 Caterpillar 120 JY Motor Grader for the Streets Division from Warren Cat through Sourcewell Contract # 032119-CAT
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 206-2023]
7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing the City Manager to enter an Agreement with Broker to Sell Real Property, and Authorizing the Sale of Real Property located at Lake Fort Phantom, Jones County, Abilene, Texas
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 207-2023]
8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approval of an Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Abilene, Taylor County, and the Abilene-Taylor County Events Venue District for Election Costs
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 208-2023]

REGULAR AGENDA

9. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2023-30: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a request from the City of Abilene, represented by Jacob & Martin, to change the zoning of approximately 225.93 acres from Agricultural Open to Planned Development District 184, to allow base zoning districts of General Commercial along SE 11th Street and Loop 322 and Agricultural Open, for the Abilene Zoo. Located at 2070 Zoo Lane and 1042 Loop 322
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 63-2023]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced property from Agricultural Open (AO) to Planned Development District 184 (PDD-184).

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. With no speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Pro-tem Price moved to approve the item with restaurant added in the permitted uses within the Zoo boundary. Councilmember Regan seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Price, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard, and Councilmembers Regan, Yates, McAlister and Craver

NAYS (0):

10. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2023-32: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a request from Weatherbee Construction Inc, represented by Civetta Solutions LLC, to amend the terms and conditions and concept plan of Planned Development District 104. Specifically, to allow Self-storage and General Commercial uses in Tract 2 and to remove Exhibit C to expand the scope of the permitted uses in Tract 1. Located on the west side of Oldham Lane from S. 27th to Loop 322
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 64-2023]

Mayor Hurt had a conflict of interest on this item and abstained from voting on the item. A Conflict of Interest Affidavit was filled out before the meeting and filed with the City Secretary's office. Mayor Pro-tem Price presided over this item.

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced property to amend the terms and conditions and concept plan of Planned Development District 104 (PDD-104).

Mayor Pro-tem Price opened the public hearing. The following spoke in favor of Z-2023-32:

- Cheryl Sawyers

With no other speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Craver seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Pro-tem Price, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard, and Councilmembers Regan, Yates, McAlister and Craver

NAYS (0):

ABSTAINED (1): Mayor Hurt

11. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2023-32: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a request from Aaron & Andrea Robison, represented by Jacob & Martin, to change the zoning of approximately 3.21 acres from General Commercial to General Retail. Located at 5308 HWY 277 S
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 65-2023]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced property from General Commercial (GC) to General Retail (GR).

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. The following spoke in favor of Z-2023-32:

- Tal Filingham

With no other speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember McAlister moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Craver seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Price, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard, and Councilmembers Regan, Yates, McAlister and Craver

NAYS (0):

EXECUTIVE SESSION

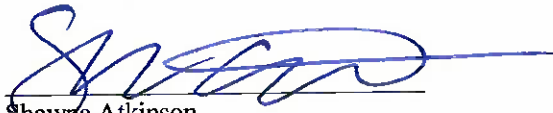
Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 9:16 a.m., pursuant to the following of the Open Meetings Act, with the following issues discussed during this session, as listed on the agenda and authorized by the noted Texas Government Code Section:

- 12. A. 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)
 - 1. The Woodlands Pride, Inc. et al v. Angela Colmenero, Interim AG of Texas
 - 2. Council Ethics Training
 - 3. Eminent Domain – 212 ES 11th Street
- 12. F. 551.74 (Personnel Matters)
 - 1. City Manager

The Executive Session ended at 9:53 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Hurt reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.


Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary


Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: November 16, 2023

