

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 9, 2025 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 January 9, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 Walnut St. Mayor Weldon Hurt was present and presiding, along with Mayor Pro-tem Kyle McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Travis Craver, and Councilmembers Shane Price, Lynn Beard, Blaise Regan, and Brian Yates. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson.

Councilmember Shane Price led a moment of silence for the passing of President Jimmy Carter.

Mayor Weldon Hurt delivered the invocation.

Salem Fenwick, 5th grader from Bonham Elementary led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the State of Texas Flag.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 4-8. No items were pulled for individual consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Hurt opened the public comment period. The following addressed the City Council:

- Eddie Pugh
- Eric Bengs

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro-tem McAlister moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of 4-8. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver the motion. Motion carried.

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

4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on December 19, 2024
5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Awarding Annual Material Bid to Strong Ready Mix, Bid #CB-2505
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 01-2025]
6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Closure of N 20th Street between Hardy Street and North Treadaway Boulevard
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 02-2025]

7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Layout, Fountain, Benches, and Rebar Trees for Storybook Gardens 2
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 03-2025]
8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Name, "Clear Fork Bank Storybook Garden," and Sign Location for Storybook Gardens 2
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 04-2025]

REGULAR AGENDA

9. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on an Ordinance of the City of Abilene, Texas, and Providing for the Extension of the Boundary Limits of the City of Abilene, Texas, and for the Annexation of Certain Territory - 440.2 acres - Lying Adjacent and Contiguous to the Present Boundary Limits of the City of Abilene, and Granting to All the Inhabitants of Territory, all the rights and Privileges of other citizens and Binding the Inhabitants by All of the Acts, Ordinances, Resolutions and Regulations of the City of Abilene; and Adopting a Service Plan Agreement
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 01-2025]

Michael Rice, Assistant City Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would annex the above referenced property into the City limits of Abilene.

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

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

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

10. Ordinance (Final Reading) CUP-2024-11: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the Owner, to Apply a Conditional Use Permit to Approximately 0.15 Acres to Allow a 150' Monopole Tower within General Retail (GR), Located at 2560 X Barrow Street
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 02-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would apply a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to the above referenced property, to allow for a 150' monopole tower.

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. The following spoke in favor of the item:

- Laddie Galloway

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

Councilmember Price moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Yates seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

11. Ordinance (Final Reading) CUP-2024-12: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the Owner, to Apply a Conditional Use Permit to Approximately 2.75 Acres to Allow for a Tattoo Parlor, More Specifically Applied to Building 4, Suite 403, Located at 4601 Antilley Road, Suite 403
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 03-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would apply a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to the above referenced property, to allow for a tattoo parlor.

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. The following spoke in favor of the item:

- Clayton Farrow
- Allie Anderson

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

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

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

12. Ordinance (Final Reading) OAM-2024-02: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the City of Abilene to Amend the Land Development Code to Amend the Sign Regulations. Specifically, to Allow for Type III Off-Site Signage and Provide Development Standards Including, but Not Limited to, Size, Location, and Separation
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 04-2025]

Mayor Pro-tem McAlister had a conflict of interest on this item and left the room during deliberation, and abstained from voting on that item. A Conflict of Interest Affidavit was filled out before the meeting and filed with the City Secretary's office.

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would amend the sign regulations to allow for type III off-site signage.

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

Councilmember Yates moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Beard seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Hurt, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Regan, and Yates
NAYS (0): None
ABSTAIN (1): Mayor Pro-tem McAlister

13. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2024-32: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the Owner, to Change the Zoning of Approximately 2.59 acres from Planned Development District 28 (PDD-28) to General Commercial (GC), Located at the 4300 block of Southwest Drive

[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 05-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would change the zoning of the above referenced property from Planned Development District 28 (PDD-28) to General Commercial (GC).

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

Mayor Pro-tem McAlister moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Yates seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

14. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2024-35: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the Owner, Represented by Jacob & Martin, to Change the Zoning of Approximately 64.25 Acres from Agricultural Open to Planned Development District 191, Specifically, to Have a Residential Single-Family Base Zoning, Located at 7501 Old Forrest Hill Road

[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 06-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would change the zoning of the above referenced property from Agricultural Open Space (AO) to Planned Development District 191 (PD-191), specifically to have a Residential Single-Family Base Zoning.

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. The following spoke in favor of the item:

- Clayton Farrow

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

Councilmember Price moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Regan seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

15. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2024-36: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the Owner, to Change the Zoning of Approximately 134.86 Acres from Agricultural Open (AO) to General Retail (GR), General Commercial (GC), and Multi-Family (MF), Located at 7450 HWY 83-84

[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 07-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would change the zoning of the above referenced property from Agricultural Open Space (AO) to General Retail (GR), General Commercial (GC), and Multi-Family (MF).

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. The following spoke in favor of this item:

- Clayton Farrow

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

Councilmember Beard moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Price seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

16. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Repealing Ordinance 53-2000 and Permanently Terminating the Fluoridation of Water Supplies Within the City of Abilene's Water Distribution System
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 08-2025]

Rodney Taylor, Director of Water Utilities, presented the item. Adoption of the item would repeal ordinance 53-2000 and permanently terminate the fluoridation of water supplies within the City of Abilene's water distribution system.

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. The following spoke in favor of the item:

- Jennifer Bell

The following spoke in opposition to the item:

- Tammy Fogle
- Eric Bengs

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

Mayor Hurt moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Beard seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (5): Mayor Hurt, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Beard, Regan, and Yates
NAYS (2): Mayor Pro-tem McAlister and Councilmember Price

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 9:42 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:

- 17.A.551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)
 - 1. City Manager Separation Agreement
- 17.D.551.074 (Personnel Matters)
 - 1. City Manager

The Executive Session ended at 10:23 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Hurt reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

REGULAR AGENDA

18. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Appointing Members to Various Boards and Commissions per the City Charter
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 05-2025]

Adoption of the item would approve the (re)appointments of the following board and commission members, per the city Charter:

Board	Term End Date
<i>Board of Building Standards</i>	
Will Dugger [Regular] [Reappointment]	November 2026

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. The following spoke on the item:

- Tammy Fogle

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

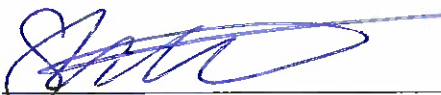
Mayor Pro-tem McAlister moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Regan seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.


Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary


Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: January 23, 2025