

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 8, 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 May 8, 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 Lynn Beard, and Brian Yates. Councilmembers Shane Price and Blaise Regan were absent. Also present were City Manager Mindy Patterson, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson.

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Travis Craver led the invocation.

Makenzie Johnson and Abriella Loza, both 5th graders from Purcell 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

- Recognition:
 - Kim Cheek from Wylie High School introduced and recognized their Destination Imagination Teams for this year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Rev. Andrew Penns
- Tammy Fogle

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

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on April 24, 2025.

There were no corrections to the minutes.

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

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

AYES (5): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Beard and Yates

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (2): Councilmembers Price and Regan

4. Ordinance (Final Reading) CUP-2025-07: 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 Allow Reconstruction of a 120' Monopole within General Retail (GR). Located at 920X Westview Drive.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 35-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) at the above referenced location, to allow for the reconstruction of a 120' monopole within General Retail (GR).

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. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (5): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Beard and Yates

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (2): Councilmembers Price and Regan

5. Ordinance (Final Reading) CUP-2025-08: 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 Allow a Tattoo Parlor in Neighborhood Retail (NR). Located at 1720 S Clack Street
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 36-2025]

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

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

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

AYES (5): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Beard and Yates

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (2): Councilmembers Price and Regan

6. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2025-05: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Amend The Terms And Conditions Of Planned Development District 15 (PDD-15) To Allow Freight Containers. Located At 4250 Ridgemont Dr.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 37-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would amend the terms and conditions of Planned Development District 15 (PDD-15) at the above referenced location to allow for freight containers.

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. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (5): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Beard and Yates

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (2): Councilmembers Price and Regan

7. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2025-08: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the Owner, to Change the Zoning of Approximately 1.31 Acres from Heavy Commercial (HC) to a Planned Development District (PDD-193). Specifically, to Allow a Base Zoning of Patio Homes (PH) with Alternative Setbacks and Lot Dimensions. Located at 1402 Pine Street.

[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 38-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would change the zoning of the above referenced location from Heavy Commercial (HC) to Planned Development District 193 (PDD-193), to allow for a base zoning of Patio Homes (PH).

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

- Tal Filinghim, agent

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

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

AYES (5): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Beard and Yates

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (2): Councilmembers Price and Regan

8. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2025-09: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the Owners, to Rezone Approximately 6.49 Acres from Medium Density (MD) to Patio Home (PH). Located Along Nikhil Lane and Nitin Way.

[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 39-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would change the zoning of the above referenced location from Medium Density (MD) to Patio Home (PH).

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

- Tal Filinghim, agent

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

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

AYES (5): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Beard and Yates

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (2): Councilmembers Price and Regan

9. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Amending Chapter 18, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," Article XIII, "Schedules," Section 18-286, "Decreased Speed Limits-School Zones," of the Abilene Municipal Code
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 40-2025]

Max Johnson, Director of Public Works, presented the item. Adoption of the item would amend Chapter 18 of the City Code, to create a school zone for Wylie West Elementary School on Waldrop Drive. This school zone would extend from Tuscany Drive to Hardwick Road.

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

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

AYES (5): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Beard and Yates

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (2): Councilmembers Price and Regan

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 9:05 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:

10.A.551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)

1. PFAS Litigation

2. CWS Investments v. City of Abilene, City of Abilene Board of Building Standards

10.D.551.074 (Personnel Matters)

1. Municipal Court Judge

10.E.551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices)

1. Cyberattack on City

10.F.551.087 (Business Prospect/Economic Development)

1. DCOA Project Surf

The Executive Session ended at 9:37 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Hurt reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

REGULAR AGENDA – END

11. 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. 86-2025]

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

Place #	Board	Term End Date
	<i>West Central Texas Municipal Water District</i>	
1	Russell Berry [Reappointment]	May 2027
3	Robert Benham [Reappointment]	May 2027
6	Norm Archibald [Reappointment]	May 2027

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.

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

AYES (4): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmember Beard

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (2): Councilmembers Price and Regan

ABSTAIN (1): Councilmember Yates

12. Oral Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Appointing a City Manager
[ORAL RESOLUTION]

Adoption of the item would approve the Mayor's appointment of Emily Crawford as City Manager.

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

Councilmember Beard moved to approve the appointment of Emily Crawford as City Manager. Mayor Pro-tem McAlister seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (5): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Beard and Yates

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (2): Councilmembers Price and Regan

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.



Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary



Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on:

May 22, 2025