

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 11, 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 September 11, 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 Brian Yates, and Councilmembers Shane Price, Lynn Beard, Miguel Espinoza and Travis Craver. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Blaise Regan was absent. Also present were City Manager Emily Crawford, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson.

Councilmember Lynn Beard led the invocation.

TJ Starks and Zoie Johnson, both 2nd graders from Bassetti 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

- Proclamations:
 - Suicide Prevention Month – accepted by Hailey Shirley
 - National Service Dog Month – accepted by Hardin Simmons University and Hendricks

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 3-13.

Item(s) pulled for individual consideration:

- Item 8 – Councilmember Price

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Melissa Weaver
- Josue (no last name provided)
- Tammy Fogle
- Hardin Watson
- Monica Walker
- Sphere Ranford
- Jo Bengs
- Samuel Garcia

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Price moved to approve the consent agenda, now consisting of items 3-7 and 9-13. Councilmember Beard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Espinoza and Craver
NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan

3. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on August 28, 2025
4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Taylor County Expo Center's FY 2026 Budget
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 172-2025]
5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Acknowledging Receipt of the Abilene-Taylor County Events Venue District's FY 2025 Revised Budget and FY 2026 Budget
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 173-2025]
6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau FY 2026 Budget
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 174-2025]
7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council FY 2026 Budget
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 175-2025]
9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on Awarding Bid #CB-2552 S. 14th St. Rehabilitation (Willis St. to Sayles Blvd.) to J.H. Strain & Sons, Inc.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 177-2025]
10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on Awarding Bid #CB-2556 Water Department Street and Miscellaneous Repair Work (South) 2025-2026 to Bontke Brothers Construction Co., Inc.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 178-2025]
11. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on Awarding Bid #CB-2557 Water Department Street and Miscellaneous Repair Work (North) 2025-2026 to Bontke Brothers Construction Co., Inc.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 179-2025]
12. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Amending Chapter 18, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," Article XIII, "Schedules," Section 18-285, "Increased Speed Limits," of the Abilene Municipal Code
13. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Amending Chapter 10, "Fire Protection and Prevention," Article III, "Fire Prevention Code," Division 2, "Smoking Restrictions," Section 10-87, "Exemptions From Prohibition," of the Code of Ordinances regarding Retail Tobacco Stores

ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Approval of the Acquisition of Network Switches and Security Products and Services from CDW-G
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 176-2025]

Having pulled the item, Councilmember Price would like the not to exceed amount to be adjusted to reflect the actual amount before it is published. Troy Swanson, IT Director, presented the item. Adoption of the item would support the implementation of new network infrastructure from CDW-Government.

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 Price moved to approve the item with the updated amount. Mayor Pro-tem Yates seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Espinoza and Craver

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan

REGULAR AGENDA

14. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action to Consider and Adopt a Resolution Directing Publication of Notice of Intention to Issue Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation for TWDB Lead Projects
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 180-2025]

Marjorie Knight, Director of Finance, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve a notice of publication for the intention to issue combination tax and surplus revenue certificates of obligation for TWDB Lead Projects.

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 Craver seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Espinoza and Craver

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan

15. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2025-21: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action On A Request From The Owner, To Rezone Approximately 30.91 Acres From A Planned Development District (PDD-58) To A Planned Development District (PDD-195). Located At 1873 Maple Street.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 65-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning and Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would change the zoning at the above referenced location from a Planned Development District (PDD-58) to a Planned Development District (PDD-195), to allow for residential homes.

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

- Clayton Farrow, agent for the applicant

The following spoke on the item:

- Josue (no last name provided)

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

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

AYES (6): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Espinoza and Craver

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan

16. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2025-22: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action On A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 33.89 Acres From Medium Density (MD) And General Retail (GR) To Agricultural Open (AO). Located In The 1600 Block Of E. Lowden St., Parcel ID 75888.

[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 66-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning and Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would change the zoning at the above referenced location from Medium Density (MD) and General Retail (GR) to Agricultural Open Space (AO), to allow for an RV park.

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

- Larry Hill, owner/applicant
- Clint Rosenbaum, agent for applicant

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

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

AYES (6): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Espinoza and Craver

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan

17. Ordinance (Final Reading) CUP-2025-15: 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 33.89 Acres Currently Zoned Medium Density (MD) And General Retail (GR) But Seeking A Re-Zone To Agricultural Open (AO) To Allow For An RV Park. Located In The 1600 Block Of E. Lowden St., Parcel ID 75888.

[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 67-2025]

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

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

- Josue (no last name provided)

The following spoke in support of the item:

- Larry Hill, owner/applicant
- Clint Rosenbaum, agent for applicant

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

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

AYES (6): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Espinoza and Craver

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan

18. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2025-23: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action On A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 4.46 Acres From Planned Development (PDD-42) To Agricultural Open (AO). Located At 4051 W Lake Road. **[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 68-2025]**

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning and Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced location from a Planned Development (PDD-42) to Agricultural Open Space (AO), to allow the applicant to build their personal home at the front of the property.

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 Price seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Espinoza and Craver

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan

19. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2025-24: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action On A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 140.25 Acres From Agriculture Open (AO) To Patio Home (PH). Located At 3802 Stewart Road. **[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 69-2025]**

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning and Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above reference location from Agricultural Open Space (AO) to Patio Home (PH), to allow for residential homes.

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. The following spoke in opposition to the item:

- Michael Janiece

The following spoke in support of the item:

- Kelly Gomez, agent for applicant

The following spoke on the item:

- Josue (no last name provided)

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

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

AYES (6): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Espinoza and Craver

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 9:49 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:

20.A.551.072 (Consultation with Attorney)

1. Regulation of Performances and Events on City-owned Property
2. Clyde Water

20.D.551.074 (Personnel Matters)

1. City Attorney (and agenda item #21)
2. City Secretary (and agenda item #22)
3. Municipal Court Judge Applications
4. Boards & Commissions (re)Appointments

The Executive Session ended at 11:13 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Hurt reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

Mayor Pro-tem Yates left the meeting after Executive Session

REGULAR AGENDA – END

21. Oral Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving the Annual Evaluation of the City Attorney
[ORAL RESOLUTION]

Earlier in the meeting, under Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) of the Open Meetings Act, the item was discussed during the Executive Session, which started at 9:49 a.m., and ended at 11:13 a.m. No votes or actions were taken at that time.

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

- Chad Carter

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

Councilmember Beard moved to approve the annual evaluation of the City Attorney. Councilmember Price seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (5): Mayor Hurt, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Espinoza and Craver

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (2): Mayor Pro-tem Yates and Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan

21. Oral Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving the Annual Evaluation of the City Secretary
[ORAL RESOLUTION]

Earlier in the meeting, under Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) of the Open Meetings Act, the item was discussed during the Executive Session, which started at 9:49 a.m., and ended at 11:13 a.m. No votes or actions were taken at that time.

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

Councilmember Craver moved to approve the annual evaluation of the City Secretary. Councilmember Espinoza seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (5): Mayor Hurt, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Espinoza and Craver

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (2): Mayor Pro-tem Yates and Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.


Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary


Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: September 25, 2025

