

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 25, 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 25, 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, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Blaise Regan, and Councilmembers Shane Price, Lynn Beard, Miguel Espinoza and Travis Craver. Also present were City Manager Emily Crawford, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson.

Councilmember Travis Craver led the invocation.

Lorin Espinoza and Kayson Weir 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

- Councilmember Travis Craver presented the following proclamations:
 - Domestic Violence Awareness Month – Accepted by the Noah Project
 - Fire Prevention Week – Accepted by the Abilene Fire Marshal's Office
- Council recognized Deputy City Manager Mindy Patterson for her years of service to the City, as she is retiring on September 30th.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 4-23. Item 17 was pulled from consideration prior to the meeting. No items were pulled for individual consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Erica Lonsford
- Kristi Andrew
- Danielle Delhomme
- Marelyn Shedd
- Eddie Pugh
- Bambi Pugh
- Dawn Utley
- Tammy Fogle

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro-tem Yates moved to approve the consent agenda, now consisting of items 4-16 and 18-23. Councilmember Beard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

4. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on September 11, 2025
5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to Approve the Purchase of an Oshkosh Striker 4x4 1,500-Gallon Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Vehicle Through CB-2544
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 181-2025]
6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Purchase of FF&E (Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment) for the New Main Library at Abilene Heritage Square from GL Seaman & Company Under OMNIA Partners and TIPS Purchasing Cooperative Contracts
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 182-2025]
7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Approval to Acquire Professional Services and Amendment for Geographical Information Services in the Fiscal Year 2026 with Resource Data, Inc. via GSA Contract #GS-35F-0229S
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 183-2025]
8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council FY 2026 Budget
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 184-2025]
9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Approval to Acquire a Professional Services Contract with Gartner, Inc. as a Provider of Information Technology Consulting Services through the Texas DIR Contract No. DIR-CPO-5253
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 185-2025]
10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Approval of the Acquisition of Cisco Enterprise Agreement and Software Assurance Services from CDW-G through the Texas DIR-CPO-5347 Contract
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 186-2025]
11. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Designating First Financial Bank as Primary Depository Bank for the City
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 187-2025]
12. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Amending Authorizing Representatives for TexPool Local Government Investment Pool Account
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 188-2025]
13. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on the Purchase of Body Armor for the Abilene Police Departments Specialty Units from G.T. Distributors Inc.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 189-2025]
14. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Developers Agreement with Aaron Waldrop
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 190-2025]

15. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Developers Agreement with Kyle Paul
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 191-2025]
16. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on Approving the Emergency Change Order No. 1 to the Contract with Vortex Services LLC for the 36-Inch Aerial Sewer UV CIPP Liner Project
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 192-2025]
18. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2025-25: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on A Request From The Owners, To Amend The Terms And Conditions Of A Planned Development District (PDD-104), Specifically To Allow For Multi-Family (MF) Base Zoning In Tract 4. Located Along East South 27th Street.
19. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2025-27: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 0.23 Acres From Multi-Family (MF) To Mixed Use (MX). Located At 1365 Sayles Boulevard.
20. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2025-28: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 32.55 Acres From Agriculture Open (AO), Multi-Family (MF) And General Commercial (GC) To General Commercial (GC). Located At 1755 E Stamford Street.
21. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2025-29: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 106.76 Acres From Residential Single-Family (RS-8) To Residential Single-Family (RS-6). Located At The 6700 Block Of Lantana Avenue.
22. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2025-30: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 99.45 Acres From Agricultural Open (AO) To Residential Single-Family (RS-6). Located At The 6600 Block Of HWY 277 S.
23. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2025-31: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 5.10 Acres From Heavy Industrial (HI) To Light Industrial (LI). Located At 4325 Burl Harris Dr.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSIDERATION

17. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving Amendments to the Abilene-Taylor County Child Advocacy Center Advisory Board's Bylaws
[NOT CONSIDERED]

REGULAR AGENDA

24. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Awarding Bids for Purchase of Bulk Chemicals to be Used by Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants in Fiscal Year 2026
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 194-2025]

Matthew Dane, Director of Water Utilities, presented the item. Adoption of the item would award a bid to purchase bulk chemicals to be used by the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants for Fiscal Year 2026. For one of the bids, staff received two bids for the same amount, therefore, the Mayor must draw one of the names

to choose the winning bid. The City Secretary presented Mayor Hurt with a bucket with the two names inside. Mayor Hurt drew International Dioxide as the winning bidder.

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. The following spoke:

- Max McKinney

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

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

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

25. 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 18-285, "Increased Speed Limits," of the Abilene Municipal Code
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 70-2025]

Max Johnson, Director of Public Works, presented the item. Adoption of the item would decrease the speed limit from 40 mph to 30 mph on Waldrop Drive between Hardwick and South Clack.

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

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

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

26. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, 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
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 71-2025]

Stanley Smith, City Attorney, presented the item. Adoption of the item would amend Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances to allow retail tobacco stores to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages in compliance with the new BYOB ordinance, and still remain exempt from the smoking restrictions ordinance.

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

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 9:24 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:

27.A.551.072 (Consultation with Attorney)

1. Brennon & Brittany Manske, et al. v. City of Abilene, Case No. 1:25-cv-00172-H
2. Eddie Pugh v. Rise Church et. Al; Cause No 52301-A
3. Child Advocacy Center Bylaws (agenda Item 17)

27.D.551.074 (Personnel Matters)

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

The Executive Session ended at 10:22 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Hurt reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

REGULAR AGENDA – END

28. 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. 195-2025]

Councilmember Beard had a conflict of interest on this item and abstained from voting. A Conflict of Interest Affidavit was filled out before the meeting and filed with the City Secretary's office.

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

Board	Term End Date
<i>Airport Development Board</i>	
Christie Eckhardt [New]	November 2029

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

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

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSTAIN (1): Councilmember Beard

Mayor Hurt announced items 29 and 30 would not be considered.

29. Oral Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving the Annual Evaluation of the City Attorney
[NOT CONSIDERED]

30. Oral Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving the Annual Evaluation of the City Secretary
[NOT CONSIDERED]

ADJOURNMENT

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


Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary


Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: October 9, 2025

