

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 23, 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 October 23, 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.

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Blaise Regan led the invocation.

Paislee Thompson, Milah Winslow, and Olivia Diltz, all fifth graders from Dyess 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

- Councilmember Lynn Beard presented the following proclamations:
 - Disability Awareness Month – accepted by the Mayor’s Advisory Board for People with Disabilities board members

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 3-20. No items were pulled for individual consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Frederick Jackson Hadlock
- Eddie Pugh
- Tammy Fogle

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Beard moved to approve the consent agenda, consisting of items 3-20. Councilmember Espinoza 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

Councilmember Beard had a conflict of interest on item 4 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. The vote for item 4 alone was:

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

3. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on October 9, 2025
4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to Approve a Contract with Informa Princeton, LLC to Perform Air Service Development Consulting Services
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 205-2025]
5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Purchase of Four (4) 2026 Autocar ACX64 Side Loader Refuse Trucks with Heil Automated DuraPack Rapid Rail Body from Chastang Enterprises Inc of Houston, Texas for Solid Waste Services
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 206-2025]
6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Purchase of One (1) 2024 Takeuchi TB290CL with Cab, Segmented Rubber Tracks and Multiple Attachments from Kirby-Smith Machinery Inc, Abilene, TX for Stormwater Utilities
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 207-2025]
7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to Approve a Resolution Requesting TXDOT Approval of a Local On-System Improvement Project
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 208-2025]
8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Purchase of FF&E (Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment) for the New Recreation Centers (Cesar Chavez & G.V. Daniels) from Marathon Fitness
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 209-2025]
9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Approval of the Acquisition of a Microsoft Enterprise License Agreement from SHI
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 210-2025]
10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Approval of the Acquisition of Cisco Wireless Access Points and Products from CDW-G
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 211-2025]
11. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to Approve a Resolution to Appoint the Child Advocacy Director as the Authorized Official for the OVAG Grant
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 212-2025]
12. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on Awarding Bid# CB-2601 Texas Ave. Culvert Replacement Project to Bontke Brothers Construction Co., Inc.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 213-2025]

13. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on Approving the Contract with Parkson Corporation for the Purchase and Replacement of Two Rotoshear Drum Screens at the Hamby Water Reclamation Facility
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 214-2025]
14. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Change Order to the Contract Between Siddons Martin Emergency Group, LLC and the Abilene Fire Department, for the Purchase of Four (4) Pierce Custom-Built Fire Apparatus
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 215-2025]
15. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2025-32: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 20.61 Acres From Agricultural Open (AO) And Medium Density (MD) To Multi-Family (MF). Located At The 400 Block Of Jolly Rogers Road.
16. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2025-34: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 2.88 Acres From RS-8/COR And AO/COR To GR/COR. Located at 6144 Buffalo Gap Road
17. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2025-35: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Amend The Terms And Conditions Of A Planned Development District (PDD-136). Located at 1699 S. 1st Street
18. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2025-36: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 5.23 Acres From Agricultural Open (AO) To Heavy Commercial (HC). Located at 3329 Maple Street.
19. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2025-37: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 44.90 Acres From Agricultural Open (AO) To Residential Single-Family (RS-6) And General Commercial (GC). Located At 3009 Dub Wright Boulevard And 3010 Bishop Road.
20. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2025-38: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 0.48 Acres From Heavy Industrial (HI) To Light Industrial (LI). Located At 525 S Treadaway Blvd

REGULAR AGENDA

21. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing and Take Action to Amend the Fee Schedule Ordinance to Increase Passenger Fares for CityLink
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 78-2025]

Don Green, Director of Transportation Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would update the fee schedule to increase CityLink passenger fares on November 3, 2025 and October 1, 2026, to help offset high operating costs due to very high inflationary periods from 2020-2023.

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

- Eddie Pugh

The following spoke in favor of the item:

- JoAnne Fluke

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

Councilmember Craver 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

22. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action to Amend the Fee Schedule Ordinance to Increase the Permit Fee For Certain Food Establishment Permits
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 79-2025]

Annette Lerma, Director of Public Health, presented the item. Adoption of the item would update the fee schedule to bring food establishment permits in compliance with HB2844 and SB1008, to cover a decrease in lost revenue due to these changes.

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

- Tammy Fogle
- Eddie Pugh

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

Councilmember Beard moved to table the item. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan seconded the motion. Council discussed options on tabling versus denying the item. Ms. Lerma reminded Council that there are changes that have to be made to make us in compliance with the above mentioned legislation and those would need to be enacted today. Councilmember Beard withdrew his motion.

Councilmember Price moved to approve the item with the only these changes: express processing fee for temporary event vendors removed, plan review fee removed, preliminary inspection fee removed, catering permit add-on removed, and temporary permit fee decreased to \$52 per event. 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

23. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Amending Chapter 18, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article I, In General, Section 18-11, Use of Golf Carts on Public Streets
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 80-2025]

Stanley Smith, City Attorney, presented the item. Adoption of the item would amend the City code to allow the use of golf carts on public streets by Pioneer Drive Baptist Church during its campus renovations. Council asked if this was temporary, but we do not have a mechanism for that. Mr. Smith will make a note to bring this back to Council to repeal it when the construction is complete.

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

- Jon Whitten
- Mark Owen
- Eddie Pugh

With no other 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 9:41 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:

24.A.551.072 (Consultation with Attorney)

1. Brennon and Brittany Manske, et al v. City of Abilene et al; Case No 1:25-cv-00172-H
2. Eddie Pugh v. Rise Church et. Al; Cause No 52301-A
3. Kevin Young v. Matthew Clopton; Case No 1:24-CV-00113-H

24.D.551.074 (Personnel Matters)

1. City Manager
2. Discussion Regarding Applicants for Municipal Court Judge Position

24.D.551.087 (Business Prospect/Economic Development)

1. Project Surf
2. Project Rainy Creek

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. 216-2025]

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

Board	Term End Date
Abilene Housing Authority	
Vanessa Faz [Reappointment]	November 2027
Board of Adjustment	
John Havard [Regular] [New]	November 2027
Jon Loudernilk [Regular] [Reappointment]	November 2027
Melissa Sparks [Regular] [Reappointment]	November 2027
Board of Building Standards	
Jeremy McBrayer [Regular] [Reappointment]	November 2027
Mark Aldriedge [Alternate] [Reappointment]	November 2027
Will Duncan [Alternate] [New]	November 2026
Joe Don Murman [Alternate] [Reappointment]	November 2027
Library Advisory Board	
Terry Young [New]	November 2028
Judith Phaneuf [Reappointment]	November 2028
Neighborhood Services Advisory Board	
Kelly Barneche [New]	November 2027
David Wahl [Reappointment]	November 2027
Geoffrey Turner [Reappointment]	November 2027
Lauren Cantrell [Reappointment]	November 2027
Bill Enrriquez [Reappointment]	November 2027
Planning and Zoning Commission	
Brad Benham [Reappointment]	November 2028
Kristen Dressen Kyker [Reappointment]	November 2028
Tyson Strauser [New]	November 2028
Kevin Halliburton [Reappointment]	November 2028

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

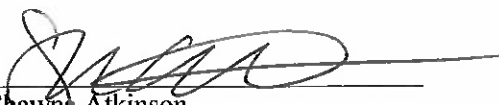
Councilmember Craver moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Price seconded the motion; motion carried.

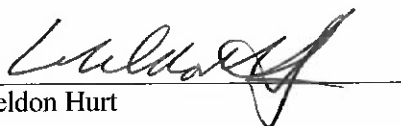
AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Espinoza and Craver

NAYS (0): None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.


Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary


Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: November 6, 2025

