CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 22, 2026 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 22, 2026, 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 Deputy City Secretary Kaitlin Richardson.

Mayor Weldon Hurt led the invocation.

Blair Watson, 5th Grader at Alcorta Elementary, and Elijah Steed, 3rd Grader at Austin 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

- Dyess Airmen Exceptional Performance Recognition:
  - Councilmember Price presented the following airmen with awards:
    - Technical Sergent Valerie Stabler
    - Staff Sergent Kaige Stone
- Proclamations:
  - National Mentoring Month – accepted by Big Brothers Big Sisters

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 4-20.

Item(s) pulled for individual consideration:

- Item 10 – Councilmember Price
- Item 19 – Councilmember Price

Item(s) pulled from consideration prior to the meeting:

- Item 6

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Erik Johnson
- Tammy Fogle
- Jerod Crockett

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Craver moved to approve the consent agenda, consisting of items 4-5, 7-9, 11-18 and 20. Councilmember 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

4. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on January 8, 2026

5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to Purchase One 2027 Freightliner M2 M2-106 Cab & Chassis with a Leech 2R3 Rear Load Refuse Body from Lonestar Truck Group, Abilene, Texas for Public Works
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 06-2026]

7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to Purchase Eight 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Pick-up Trucks from Caldwell Country Chevrolet, Caldwell, Texas for Signs, Signals and Lighting, Street Services, Wastewater Collection, Engineering, Water Distribution and Parks and Recreation
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 08-2026]

8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to Purchase Eight 2026 Ford F-250 Pick-up Trucks from Randall Reeds Planet Ford 635 (Prestige), Garland, Texas for Parks and Recreation, Signs, Signals and Lighting, Water Distribution, Solid Waste and Stormwater
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 09-2026]

9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to Purchase Two 2026 Ram 3500 with Knapheide Body and One 2026 Ram 2500 with Knapheide Body Utility Trucks from Grapevine Dodge, Chevrolet, Jeep, Grapevine, Texas for Water Production and Water Distribution
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 10-2026]

11. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing Submission of Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) Application for Purchase of a Utility Services Vehicle (Bucket Truck) for Dyess Air Force Base
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 12-2026]

12. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Approval of the Acquisition of Cisco Network Devices and Products from CDW-G
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 13-2026]

13. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Purchase of FF&E (Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment) for the Main Library at Abilene Heritage Square from Museum Arts, Inc.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 14-2026]

14. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Amending the Contract with 720 Design, Inc. for FF&E Consulting Services for the Main Library at Abilene Heritage Square
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 15-2026]

15. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Amending the FY26 Bulk Chemical Bid Awards to Approve Rebids for Alum and Polymer
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 16-2026]

16. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Contract with Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc. (Leopold) for the Northeast Water Treatment Plant (NEWTP) Filter #4 Media and Underdrains in the Amount of $180,000.00
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 17-2026]

17. Ordinance (First Reading) CUP-2026-01: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Apply a Conditional Use Permit to a Property to Allow Contractor Services. Located at 8050 Buffalo Gap Road.

18. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2026-01: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 2.5 Acres from Residential Single-Family (RS-6) to General Commercial (GC). Located at 1900 West Stamford Street.

20. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2026-04: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 3.23 Acres from General Retail (GR) to Light Industrial (LI) Zoning. Located at 28 Windmill Circle.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSIDERATION

6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to Award the Bonanza Drive Extension (New Airport Access Road) Construction Contract to Bontke Brothers Construction, Inc.
[NOT CONSIDERED]

ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to Purchase One 2026 Ford F450 Regular Cab with Aerial F4G (VSW-25754) from Rockdale Country Ford, Rockdale, Texas for Facilities Maintenance
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 11-2026]

Having pulled the item, Councilmember Price wanted to point out why the amount for this purchase is not the same in the resolution as in the contract.

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 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

19. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2026-03: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 1.43 Acres from Residential Single Family (RS-6) to General Commercial (GC). Located at 2502 Minter Lane.

Having pulled the item, Councilmember Price stated he doesn't agree that General Commercial is the best fit for this location. General Commercial is more intensive use than what the current zoning is, in the middle of a neighborhood. He would like to see a comparison with Neighborhood Retail in the second reading.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

21. 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 Waterworks and Sewer Improvements
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 18-2026]

Marjorie Knight, Director of Finance, presented the item. Adoption of the item would direct staff to issue the publication of Notice of Intention to Issue Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation for Waterworks and Sewer Improvements. Matthew Dane, Director of Water Utilities, also spoke on the item and went over the needs for these certificates of obligation in relation to upcoming water projects.

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

22. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Awarding Bid #CB-2613 to Justice Construction for the Brush Center Building Project
[DENIED]

Lesli Andrews, Director of Parks & Recreation, presented the item. Adoption of the item would award the bid to Justice Construction for the Brush Center building project. Council discussed the scope of the project at length, stating concerns on the pricing of the project.

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

- Mike Thompson
- Jo Bengs
- Eric Bengs

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

Councilmember Beard moved to deny the item. 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

23. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Authorizing the Initiation of Condemnation Proceedings Necessary to Complete Public Right-of-Way and Drainage Improvements along Maple Street, to Include Portions of Property Located on Maple Street, Hollywood Drive, and South 14th Street
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 20-2026]

Max Johnson, Director of Public Works, presented the item. Adoption of the item would authorize the initiation of condemnation proceedings to acquire public right-of-ways along Maple Street, Hollywood Drive and South 14h Streets.

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 Yates 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 9:30 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.551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)
    17. Brennon and Brittany Manske v. City of Abilene; Case No. 1;25-cv-000172-H
    21. Peer Cities and Meet & Confer Agreements
24. B.551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property)
    1. Maxwell Golf Course
24. E.551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices)
    1. Cyber Security Update

The Executive Session ended at 10:34 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Hurt reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

REGULAR AGENDA – END

25. 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. 21-2026]

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

Board	**Term End Date**
Abilene-Taylor County Venue District Board	
Kyle McAlister [New]	November 2027
Board of Building Standards	
Cache Tankersley [Regular] [New]	November 2027
Civil Service Commission	
Tammy Kister [New]	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 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

26. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Facilities Management and Operation Agreement with Lone Star Golf Course Management, LLC., for Maxwell Golf Course
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 22-2026]

Lesli Andrews, Director of Parks & Recreation, presented the item. Adoption of the item would authorize a facilities management and operation agreement with Lone Star Golf Course Management, LLC for Maxwell Golf Course.

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

- Kyle King, Lone Star Golf Course Management
- Tammy Fogle

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

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan 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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary

Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: February 12, 2026