

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 12, 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 February 12, 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 City Secretary Shawna Atkinson.

Councilmember Shane Price led the invocation.

Lena Spaulding and Johnny Belliveau, both 5th graders at McMurry Center for Innovation, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the State of Texas Flag.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 2-20.

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:

- Tammy Fogle

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Beard moved to approve the consent agenda, now consisting of items 2-7 and 9-20. 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

2. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on January 22, 2026, and the Special Retreat Meeting Held on February 5, 2026
3. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Ordering a City of Abilene General Election to be Held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, for the Purpose of Electing Members to City Council Place 3, Place 4, and Mayor
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 23-2026]

4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing a Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with Taylor County for a General Election to be Held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, and Authorizing the Extension of this Contract to Cover a Runoff Election, if Needed
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 23-2026]
5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Casting a Vote to Nominate a Member to the Taylor County Appraisal District Board of Directors to Fill a Vacancy
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 25-2026]
6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to Purchase One Kenworth T180 Cab and Chassis with a Dur-a-lift DPM2 Two-Person Bucket Body with Hoist from MHC Kenworth Abilene of Tye, Texas for the Signs, Signals and Lighting Division
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 26-2026]
7. 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.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 27-2026]
9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Street Use License Agreement Extended Term with Energy Transfer Fuel, LP
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 29-2026]
10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Street Use License Agreement Extended Term with West Texas Rehabilitation Center Foundation
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 30-2026]
11. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on Amending Chapter 27, "Solid Waste," Article IV, "Prohibitions," Section 27-26, "Prohibited Acts" and 27-27, "Exceptions," of the Abilene Municipal Code.
12. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Commissioning of Christopher Robin (100 Acre Woods Series) Sculpture, the Acceptance of the Christopher Robin Sculpture on Winnie, and Reinstallation and Acceptance of the Green Bunny Sculpture as part of the City Sculpture Series
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 31-2026]
13. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Abilene Convention Center Hotel Development Corporation's FY 2026 Revised Budget
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 32-2026]
14. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving Assignment and Assumption of Development Agreement Between the City of Abilene, Texas and Red Dirt Holdings, LLC, Assignor, to Lantana Meadows, LLC, Assignee
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 33-2026]
15. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Approval to Acquire Professional Services with Computer Task Group (CTG), Inc. as a Provider of Network Services
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 34-2026]

16. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Approval to Acquire Professional Services with Computer Task Group (CTG), Inc. as a Provider of Project Services
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 35-2026]
17. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Entering into a Economic Development Agreement with Continued Growth LLC for the Construction of Two New Single-Family Residences
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 36-2026]
18. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Entering into an Economic Development Agreement with West Texas Custom Builders for 1241 Locust St.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 37-2026]
19. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2026-02: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 3.65 Acres from Planned Development District (PDD-116) to General Commercial (GC) Zoning. Located at 2002 Jameson Street.
20. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2026-07: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 3.87 Acres from General Retail (GR) to Light Industrial (LI) Zoning. Located at 5601 Memorial Dr.

ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to Approve Change Order 1 to the Contract with Bontke Brothers for Bonzana Drive Extension
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 28-2026]

Having pulled the item, Councilmember Price asked about the removal of part of the sidewalks from the proposal, and that he would like to see those be fully funded through the Minor Improvement Fund instead. Don Green, Director of Transportation, presented the item. He clarified that they pulled a portion of the sidewalks out of the plan on the west side of the road to fund other necessary items, and as that area is developed, the developer will then be responsible for putting in the sidewalks at that time.

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. 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

REGULAR AGENDA

21. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approval of Bid #CB-2622 for the Fire Station 6 Bathroom Repair and Remodel
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 38-2026]

Cande Flores, Fire Chief, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve the bid from RHS Construction for the bathroom renovation and repair at Fire Station 6.

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. 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 Take Action on Awarding RFP #CB-2620 for the Abilene Zoo- Africa (Phase 1 of Master Plan) to The Crowe Group, Inc.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 39-2026]

Lesli Andrews, Director of Parks & Recreation, presented the item. Adoption of the item would award the bid to The Crowe Group, Inc. for the Abilene Zoo Africa Phase 1 portion of the Zoo Master Plan. This bid was awarded previously, but due to a technical error with the newspaper posting, it had to be rebid. Council discussed the bids at length and what the scoring mechanisms were for the bidding process. Council would like to discuss that process in depth at a later date. Council was comfortable with that approach.

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

- Russ Garrison
- Janelle Benham
- Jay Crowe – representative from the Crowe Group
- Darryl Knight

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

23. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Resolution of Support and Confirming No Objection for a Senior Apartment Complex Located at 1333 N 6th St.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 40-2026]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve a “Support and Confirmation of No Objection” letter for a senior apartment complex at the above referenced location.

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

- Jason Lane, applicant

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

Councilmember Price 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

24. Ordinance (Final Reading) CUP-2026-01: 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 a Property to Allow Contractor Services. Located at 8050 Buffalo Gap Road.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 09-2026]

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

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 with the removal of the number of employees submitted in the plan of operation as a requirement of the CUP. 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) Z-2026-01: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, 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.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 10-2026]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced location from Residential Single-Family (RS-6) to General Commercial (GC).

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 (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) Z-2026-03: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 1.43 Acres from Residential Single Family (RS-6) to General Commercial (GC). Located at 2502 Minter Lane.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 11-2026]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced location from Residential Single Family (RS-6) to General Commercial (GC). Due to the concerns presented by Councilmembers during the first reading of this ordinance, Mr. Littlejohn also presented several other options for Council to consider that would allow the applicant to operate 24 hours, including a PDD and Mixed Use.

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

- Megan Dunbar, applicant

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

Councilmember Price moved to approve a Planned Development District (PDD-196) with Mixed Use Zoning, without the requirement of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a center-based daycare facility. 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

27. Ordinance (Final 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.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 12-2026]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced location from General Retail (GR) to Light Industrial (LI) Zoning.

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

- Clint Rosenbaum, agent

With no other 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

28. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Contract with Dowtech Specialty Contractors, Inc. for the Rental, Emergency Installation, and Operation of Temporary Blower and Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) Systems at the Hamby Wastewater Reclamation Facility
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 41-2026]

Matthew Dane, Director of Water Utilities, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve a contract with Dowtech Specialty Contractors for the rental, emergency installation, and operation of a temporary blower and variable frequency drive systems at the Hamby Wastewater Reclamation Facility, for emergency repairs related to power failures in June of 2025. Mr. Dane went over the emergency and how it was fixed, as well as what still needs to happen.

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

- Luke Roberson

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

29. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Emergency Contract with United Rentals, Inc. for Sewer Bypass Pumping Services Related to an Emergency Sewer Overflow
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 42-2026]

Councilmember Craver left the meeting during the presentation of this item at 10:39 a.m.

Matthew Dane, Director of Water Utilities, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve an emergency contract with United Rentals, Inc. for the sewer bypass pumping services related to an emergency sewer overflow into Cedar Creek. Mr. Dane went over the event and how the repairs were made.

Councilmember Beard would like to have the Water Utility employees that worked around the clock on these repairs come to a Council meeting to be recognized in the future.

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. Mayor Pro-tem Yates seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Councilmember Craver

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt announced that there was no business to discuss during executive session so it was not held.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.


Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary


Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: February 26, 2026