

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 26, 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 26, 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.

Councilmember Travis Craver led the invocation.

Robert Wade-Quezada and Caleb McRae, both 4th graders at Alcorta 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

Water Utility employees were recognized for their dedication and prompt response to a sewer main break during the Thanksgiving holiday.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 3-9. No items were pulled for individual consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Jarrod Crockett
- Melissa Weaver
- Tammy Fogle

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Price moved to approve the consent agenda, consisting of items 3-8. 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

Councilmember Espinoza had a conflict of interest on item 9 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 9 alone was:

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSTAIN (1): Councilmember Espinoza

3. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on February 12, 2026
4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to Purchase One 2027 Freightliner M2 Cab and Chassis with 14ft Ledwell Flatbed Dump Body from Lonestar Truck Group, Abilene, Texas for Parks and Recreation
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 43-2026]
5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Awarding a Contract for Printing Services to HVC RAM, LLC dba AlphaGraphics
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 44-2026]
6. Ordinance (First Reading) CUP-2026-02: 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 a Recreation Vehicle Park in Agricultural Open (AO) and General Commercial (GC) Zoning. Located at 309 Arnold Boulevard.
7. Ordinance (First Reading) CUP-2026-03: 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 an RV Park in Agricultural Open (AO) and General Commercial (GC) Zoning within 239.86 Acres. Located at 3799 N Danville Drive.
8. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2026-05: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 1.54 Acres from Planned Development (PDD-59) to General Retail (GR) Zoning. Located at 4541 Catclaw Drive
9. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2026-06: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 2.80 Acres from Agricultural Open (AO) to Residential Single-Family (RS-6) Zoning. Located at the 1500 Block of Wildlife Trails Parkway.

REGULAR AGENDA

10. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, 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.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 13-2026]

Max Johnson, Director of Public Works, presented the item. Adoption of the item would provide clarification in the City Code on what Solid Waste Services is able to collect.

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. 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

11. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2026-02: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, 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.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 14-2026]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced location from Planned Development District (PDD-116) to General Commercial (GC) Zoning.

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. 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

12. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2026-07: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, 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.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 15-2026]

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 for the applicant

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

Mayor Pro-tem Yates 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

13. Presentation: Receive a Report and Hold a Discussion on the January 23, 2026, Winter Weather Event

Vincent Cantu, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented the item. Mr. Cantu gave a brief overview of the recent winter storm in January that included a snapshot of the weather event itself, how the City and EOC were activated during that time, the impacts on various City facilities, services and infrastructure, how messaging was put out and how that can be improved in the future, and the need for critical facility freeze checks that has been noted from this event and years past. Council asked questions about the warming shelters and if shelters were at capacity during this time. Mr. Cantu explained when the City is able to step in for shelters, and the partners they work with when the City cannot.

This item was for presentation only. No votes or action were taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 9:08 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:

- 14.A.551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)
 - 7. The Woodlands Pride Inc., et al v. Ken Paxton, AG of Texas, et al
 - 8. PFAS Litigation
 - 21. Peer Cities
- 14. D.551.074 (Personnel Matters)
 - 2. Boards & Commissions (re)Appointments

The Executive Session ended at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Hurt reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

Mayor Hurt gave a reminder on the dates for the Primary Election in March and Municipal Election coming up in May, as well as the State of the City address scheduled for March 3rd.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.



Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary



Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: March 12, 2026