

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 12, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.**

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas met in Special Session on May 12, 2025, at 1:00 p.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, Travis Craver, and Miguel Espinoza. Also present were City Manager Emily Crawford, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson.

Councilmember Shane Price led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the State of Texas Flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

2. At this time, the City Secretary presented Council with their \$1 salary checks for the year.
3. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Canvassing the Returns and Declaring the Results of the General Election Held in the City of Abilene on May 2, 2026, and Ordering a Runoff Election to be Held on June 13, 2026 for City Council Place 4  
**[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 85-2026]**

Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary, presented the item. Adoption of the item would canvass the returns and declare the results of the General Election held on May 2, 2026. The election results reported that Jay Patterson received 100% of the votes for City Council Place 3, Weldon Hurt received 100% of the votes for Mayor, and no candidate received a majority of the votes for Place 4. Therefore, Jay Patterson has been duly elected to Place 3, Weldon Hurt has been duly elected to Mayor, and a runoff election is ordered for Place4, to be held on June 13, 2026.

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

4. Issue the following to Councilmember-Elect Jay Patterson & Mayor-Elect Weldon Hurt:
  - Certificate of Election
  - Oath of Office: Administered by City Secretary Atkinson

5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Appointing a Mayor Pro-tem & Deputy Mayor Pro-tem  
**[ORAL RESOLUTION]**

Mayor hurt stated that according to the rotation, Councilmember Shane Price would be Mayor Pro-tem, and Councilmember Lynn Beard would be Deputy Mayor Pro-tem.

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

Mayor Pro-tem Yates moved to approve the appointment of Councilmember Price Mayor Pro-tem and Councilmember Beard as Deputy Mayor Pro-tem. Councilmember Craver seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.



Shawna Atkinson  
City Secretary



Weldon Hurt  
Mayor

Minutes approved on: May 28, 2024