SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
May 12, 2020 at 11:15 a.m.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS
VIRTUAL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas met in Special Session on the May 12, 2020, at 11:15 a.m., virtually, via Zoom meeting. Mayor Anthony Williams was present and presiding with Mayor Pro-tem Weldon Hurt, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Donna Albus and Councilmembers Shane Price, Jack Rentz, Kyle McAlister and Travis Craver. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson, and various members of the City staff.

Mayor Pro-tem Weldon Hurt delivered the invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and State of Texas Flag.

This meeting was broadcast over a teleconference to allow the public to call in via telephone, since the meeting and City Hall were closed to the public during the current disaster situation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Williams recessed into Executive Session at 11:15 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:

2. A. 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)
1 Water Partnership Interlocal Agreement

The Executive Session ended at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened to Open Session at 12:08 p.m. Mayor Williams reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

AGENDA ITEMS

2. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Authorizing the Execution of an Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Midland, the City of Abilene, and the City of San Angelo Regarding Assignment of an Untreated Groundwater Supply Contract between the City of Midland and Fort Stockton Holdings, L.P.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 88-2020]

Earlier in the meeting, under Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) of the Open Meetings Act, the item was discussed during the Executive Session, which started at 11:15 a.m. and ended at 12:06 p.m. No votes or actions were taken at that time.

Robert Hanna, City Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve an interlocal agreement with the City of Midland and San Angelo regarding assignment of an untreated groundwater supply contract between the City of Midland and Fort Stockton Holdings, L.P. The City of Midland has already approved their contract for approximately 28,400 acre feet of water. Abilene's portion of this water would be approximately 8,400 acre feet, with payments on an annual basis until year 2070.

Scott Hibbs, with Enprotec-Hibbs & Todd, also addressed Council on his professional opinion of the deal and answered questions Council had on specific parts of the deal.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. The following addressed the Council:

- David Swart – questioned why the City had to hold a special meeting just for this item and not include it in the regular meeting on Thursday. Also questioned if we will be getting more water from Lake Ivie in a swap with this deal and if the City is still going forward with the Cedar Ridge Reservoir project.

Mayor Williams and City Manager Hanna addressed Mr. Swart's concerns, letting him know that the Cedar Ridge Reservoir project will be brought before Council in the future, after working through various options with water consultants on the project.

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

Mayor Pro-tem Hurt left the meeting at this time.

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

AYES (5): Mayor Williams and Councilmembers Price, Rentz, McAlister and Craver
ABSTAIN (1): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Albus
ABSENT (1): Mayor Pro-tem Weldon Hurt

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary

Anthony Williams
Mayor

Minutes approved on: May 28, 2020