

**CIVIC ABILENE, INC.**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Tuesday, November 13, 2018 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Regular Meeting – Abilene Convention Center – Meeting Room 201/2**

**1100 N. 6<sup>th</sup> – Abilene TX 79601**

**PRESIDING: Mr. Mike Warren – Chair**

**PRESENT**

Mr. Joe Alcorta  
Ms. Neomia Banks  
Mr. Tom Boecking  
Mr. David Gist  
Mr. Iziar Lankford  
Mr. Steven Leggett  
Mrs. Peggy Manning  
Mr. Shaun Martin  
Mr. Clint Rosenbaum  
Mr. John Thomas  
Mr. Mike Warren

**ABSENT**

Mrs. Laura Donaway  
Mr. Charles Perkins

Molly Moser, Manager  
Sylvia Reed, Box Office Coordinator  
Mindy Patterson, Deputy City Manager  
Kelley Messer, Legal Rep., City of Abilene  
Mykayla Perez, Legal Intern  
Kevin Smith, Abilene Philharmonic  
Sidney Levesque, Abilene Cultural Affairs Council

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** The regular monthly meeting of the Civic Abilene, Inc. Board of Directors was called to order by Mr. Mike Warren - Chair on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 4:05 p.m.

**2. INVOCATION:** Led by Mr. Joe Alcorta

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Clint Rosenbaum made the motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on August 14, 2018. Motion was seconded by Mr. Shaun Martin and approved by all members present.

**4. FINANCIAL REPORT:** Ms. Molly Moser gave the Financial Report for August, September and October 2018

	<b>Checking Account</b>	<b>Investment Account</b>	<b>Cash Position</b>
August 2018	\$110,697.25	\$38,280.00	\$148,977.25
September 2018	\$113,558.41	\$38,286.50	\$151,844.91
October 2018	\$107,889.13	\$38,292.79	\$146,181.92

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A question was posed as to why the balances are so high. Ms. Moser explained that we are awaiting approval by City Administration to proceed with projects.

There being no corrections, the report was filed for audit.

**5. OPERATIONS REPORT:** Ms. Molly Moser gave the Operations Report for August, September and October 2018

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

**a. Discussion and possible vote to approve Auditorium Beverage Policy:** Ms. Moser stated that promoters and patrons have requested for beverages to be allowed in the auditorium. In 1985, City Council approved alcohol at the Abilene Convention Center with the exception of the auditorium area. Currently, no food or beverages are allowed in the auditorium. Ms. Moser updated the board on current policy issues. One major issue is that we must remain competitive with other venues. Molly stated that staff completed a city comparison survey, which showed all cities are serving, or in the process of serving, alcohol in their auditoriums. Ms. Moser proposed the following be approved: 1) Allow beverages in the auditorium, 2) All beverages to be served in a spill-proof souvenir cup, 3) Submit a request for proposal for a one-year agreement with one vendor to service auditorium events. There being no further discussion, Mr. Iziar Lankford made the motion to approve beverages in the auditorium. Mr. Clint Rosenbaum seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members, with the exception of Mr. Joe Alcorta, who voted against. City Council will need to take final action on this item.

**b. Discussion and possible vote to approve funding for rental of Convention Center Christmas Tree:** Ms. Moser stated that it was time, again, to discuss funding for the Convention Center Christmas Tree. Ms.

Moser reiterated that the price would remain the same, \$4,000, and includes the set-up, decorations, teardown and removal. After a brief discussion, Mr. Joe Alcorta made the motion to approve the funds for the Christmas tree. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shaun Martin and approved by all members present.

**c. Facility Improvements Update:** Ms. Molly Moser briefed the Board on updates that had taken place in the facility. The auditorium sound system and acoustical treatment was completed in August. Ms. Moser stated that we have received very positive feedback from promoters and

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patrons regarding the new sound system. New lighting and ceiling tiles have been installed in the Greenroom. In the next few months the steps on the north side of the building would be demoed. We are working with Tim McCarty to redesign the north plaza. After a brief discussion, Mr. Clint Rosenbaum motioned that all outside steps be re-done and LED lights be installed for better lighting. The motion was second by Mr. Tom Boecking and approved by all members present.

**7. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

  
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Mike Warren, Chair

  
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Sylvia Reed, Secretary

  
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Molly Moser, Manager