

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, to be held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on Thursday, December 4, 1980, at 9:00 a.m.

CITY COUNCIL: Mayor Oliver Howard; Council - Seaton Higginbotham, Dick Bowen, Leo F. Scott, S.M. Moore, Jr. L. D. Hilton, and Kathy Webster.

1. Call to Order
2. INVOCATION: Councilman Leo F. Scott.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Last Regular Meeting held November 20, 1980.

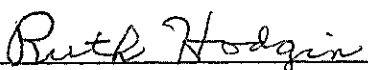
CONSENT AGENDA

4. Ordinances
  - a. Consider on first reading - reclassification request from AO (Agricultural Open Space) to RS-6 & RM-3 (Residential Single Family & Residential Multi-Family) Districts, located one mile south of Wylie east of Buffalo Gap Road & set a public hearing for December 18, 1980, at 9:00 a.m.
  - b. Consider on first reading - changing the name of Sycamore Street to Spindletop Drive south of Industrial Blvd., for a distance of 1,418 feet & set a public hearing for December 18, 1980, at 9:00 a.m.
  - c. Consider on first reading - reclassification request from AO (Agricultural Open Space) to GC (General Commercial) District, located on West Highway 80 & set a public hearing for December 18, 1980, at 9:00 a.m.
  - d. Consider on first reading - reclassification request from RM-3 (Residential Multi-Family) to CB (Central Business) District, located on Sycamore Street between South 4th & South 6th Streets & set a public hearing for December 18, 1980, at 9:00 a.m.
  - e. Consider on first reading - reclassification request from AO (Agricultural Open Space) to RS-6 & RS-8 (Residential Single Family) District, located on Buffalo Gap Road, one mile south of Wylie & set a public hearing for December 18, 1980, at 9:00 a.m.
  - f. Consider on first reading - Thoroughfare Abandonment, being the southeast 500' X 60' of Harbour Town in the Fairways & set a public hearing for December 18, 1980, at 9:00 a.m.
  - g. Consider on first reading - reclassification request from AO (Agricultural Open Space) to PI (Park Industrial) District, located in the 5400 Block of S. Clack & set a public hearing for December 18, 1980, at 9:00 a.m.
  - h. Consider on first reading - reclassification request from AO & HC (Agricultural Open Space & Heavy Commercial) to LI (Light Industrial) District, located on South Treadaway & set a public hearing for December 18, 1980, at 9:00 a.m.
5. Resolutions
  - a. Approving contract with Taylor County for Fire Service, Health Department, Bookmobile, Animal Control, Ambulance Service & District Attorney Investigating Services.
  - b. Appointing Auditors for 1980-81.
  - c. Appointing a member to the Housing Finance Authority.
6. Award of Bids
  - a. Carver Multi-Purpose Court.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Public Hearings
  - a. Consider on second and final reading - amendment to the Municipal Code concerning Permits for Food Establishments.
  - b. Consider Bumper Gate Road Land Use Study.
  
8. Ordinances
  - a. Withdrawn
  - b. Consider on first reading - Thoroughfare Abandonment, being a north-south alley between Poplat & Palm and between South 16th & South 17th Streets & set a public hearing for December 18, 1980, at 9:00 a.m.
  - c. Consider on first reading - Thoroughfare Abandonment, being a north-south alley between Blocks 54 & 87 and also South 5th Street between Sycamore & Chestnut Streets & set a public hearing for December 18, 1980, at 9:00 a.m.
  - d. Tabled by P & Z
  
9. Other Business
  - a. WORK SESSION: Discussion on Crime Awareness in Abilene.

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall of the City of Abilene, Texas on the 1st day of December, 1980, at 8:55 A.M.

  
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City Secretary

CHAMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL,  
CITY HALL, THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS.

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, met in Regular Session, Thursday, December 4, 1980, at 9:00 a.m. with Mayor Oliver Howard, present and presiding. Councilmen Seaton Higginbotham, Dick Bowen, Leo F. Scott, S.M. Moore, Jr., L. D. Hilton & Councilwoman Kathy Webster, present. City Manager Ed Seegmiller, Assistant City Attorney Gary Landers & City Secretary Ruth Hodgins, present.

Invocation by Councilman Leo F. Scott.

Minutes of last Regular Meeting were approved as written.

Councilman Moore moved passage of the consent items on the agenda listed below, with the exception of 4-d, which needed to be voted on separately. The motion was seconded by Councilman Higginbotham. The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmen Higginbotham, Bowen, Scott, Moore, Hilton, Councilwoman Webster & Mayor Howard.

NAYS: None.

#### 4. Ordinances

- a. Consider on first reading - reclassification request from AO (Agricultural Open Space) to RS-6 & RM-3 (Residential Single Family & Residential Multi-Family) Districts, located one mile south of Wylie east of Buffalo Gap Road & set a public hearing for December 18, 1980, at 9:00 a.m. ZONING-RE  
AO TO RS-6 &  
RM-3, One Mile  
S. of Wylie E. of  
Buffalo Gap Rd.  
1ST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, "ZONING," OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL CODE, BY CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AFFECTING CERTAIN PROPERTIES, AS DESCRIBED BELOW; DECLARING A PENALTY, AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

- b. Consider on first reading - changing the name of Sycamore Street to Spindletop Drive south of Industrial Blvd., for a distance of 1,418 feet & set a public hearing for December 18, 1980, at 9:00 a.m. STREET NAME  
CHANGE - FROM  
SYCAMORE TO  
SPINDLETOP DR.  
1ST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, CHANGING THE NAME OF SYCAMORE STREET TO SPINDLETOP DRIVE.

- c. Consider on first reading - reclassification request from AO (Agricultural Open Space) to GC (General Commercial) District, located on West Highway 80 & set a public hearing for December 18, 1980, at 9:00 a.m. ZONING-RE  
AO TO GC  
ON WEST HWY.80  
1ST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, "ZONING," OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL CODE, BY CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AFFECTING CERTAIN PROPERTIES, AS DESCRIBED BELOW; DECLARING A PENALTY, AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

- d. Consider on first reading - reclassification request from RM-3 (Residential Multi-Family) to CB (Central Business) District, located on Sycamore between South 4th & South 6th Streets & set a public hearing for December 18, 1980, at 9:00 a.m. ZONING-RE  
RM-3 TO CB  
ON SYCAMORE, BET.  
S.4 & S.6  
1ST READING

Councilman Hilton moved passage of the ordinance on first reading reclassifying from RM-3 to CB District, located on Sycamore between South 4th & South 6th Streets & set a public hearing for December 18, 1980, at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Higginbotham. The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmen Higginbotham, Scott, Hilton & Mayor Howard.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAINED: Councilmen Bowen, Moore & Councilwoman Webster.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, "ZONING," OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL CODE, BY CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AFFECTING CERTAIN PROPERTIES, AS DESCRIBED BELOW; DECLARING A PENALTY, AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

- e. Consider on first reading - reclassification request from AO (Agricultural Open Space) to RS-6 & RS-8 (Residential Single Family) Districts, located on Buffalo Gap Road, one mile south of Wylie & set a public hearing for December 18, 1980, at 9:00 a.m.

ZONING-RE  
AO TO RS-6 &  
RS-8, ON BUF.  
GAP RD. 1 MILE  
S. OF WYLIE  
1ST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, "ZONING," OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL CODE, BY CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AFFECTING CERTAIN PROPERTIES, AS DESCRIBED BELOW; DECLARING A PENALTY, AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

- f. Consider on first reading - Thoroughfare Abandonment, being the southeast 500'X 60' of Harbour Town, in the Fairways & set a public hearing for December 18, 1980, at 9:00 a.m.

THOROUGHFARE  
ABANDONMENT-  
IN THE FAIRWAY  
1ST READING

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY; PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH ABANDONMENT, AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

- g. Consider on first reading - reclassification request from AO (Agricultural Open Space) to PI (Park Industrial) District, located in the 5400 Block of S. Clack & set a public hearing for December 18, 1980, at 9:00 a.m.

ZONING-RE  
AO TO PI  
5400 BLK. OF  
S. CLACK  
1ST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, "ZONING," OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL CODE, BY CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AFFECTING CERTAIN PROPERTIES, AS DESCRIBED BELOW; DECLARING A PENALTY, AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

- h. Consider on first reading - reclassification request from AO & HC (Agricultural Open Space & Heavy Commercial) to LI (Light Industrial) District, located on South Treadaway & set a public hearing for December 18, 1980, at 9:00 a.m.

ZONING-RE  
AO & HC TO LC  
ON S. TREADAWA  
1ST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, "ZONING," OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL CODE, BY CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AFFECTING CERTAIN PROPERTIES, AS DESCRIBED BELOW; DECLARING A PENALTY, AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

5. Resolutions

- a. Approving contract with Taylor County for Fire Service, Health Department, Bookmobile, Animal Control, Ambulance Service & District Attorney Investigating Services.  
b. Appointing Auditors for 1980-81.  
c. Appointing a member to the Housing Finance Authority.

TAYLOR  
COUNTY  
CONTRACTS  
AUDITORS APPT.  
1980-81  
APPT. MEMBER  
TO HOUSING  
FINANCE AUTH.  
PARKS- AWARD  
OF BIDS-MULTI-  
PURPOSE COURT  
HEALTH-CODE

6. Award of Bids

- a. Carver Multi-Purpose Court.

Mayor Howard opened public hearing on an ordinance amending the Municipal Code concerning Permits for Food Establishments.

Mayor Howard asked Mr. Glenn Brown, Assistant to the City Manager, to brief the Council on the amendment.

AMENDED-PERMIT  
FOR FOOD  
ESTABLISHMENTS  
FINAL READING

Mr. Brown explained that they were recommending the following Annual Permits:

- Class A Annual Permit - \$35.00
- Class B Annual Permit - \$30.00
- Class C Annual Permit - \$15.00
- Class D Itinerant Establishments \$5.00 per occasion.

Mr. Brown also explained that the Board of Health had met and concurred in the recommendation.

There being no one present and desiring to be heard, Mayor Howard closed the public hearing.

Councilwoman Webster was absent for the voting.

Councilman Bowen moved passage of the ordinance on second and final reading amending the Municipal Code concerning Permits for Food Establishments in the Health Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott. The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmen Higginbotham, Bowen, Scott, Moore, Hilton & Mayor Howard.

NAYS: None.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13, "FOOD AND FOOD PRODUCTS" BY AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS AS SET OUT BELOW; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING A PENALTY.

Councilman Scott moved to remove from the table the Bumper Gate Road Land Use Study. The motion was seconded by Councilman Higginbotham. The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmen Higginbotham, Bowen, Scott, Moore, Hilton & Mayor Howard.

NAYS: None.

PLANNING-  
BUMPER GATE  
ROAD LAND USE  
STUDY

Councilwoman Webster returned to the meeting.

Tony Neitzler, Assistant Director of Planning & Community Development, said that since this is a relatively undeveloped area of the City (in the area of Bumper Gate Road), and since it is one of the major approaches to the City, it was recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission that a study be developed called the Bumper Gate Road Land Use Study.

Carol Foy, Planner, presented the characteristics to the area and said that the study comprises approximately 1,290.5 acres or about 2.02 square miles, located in the westernmost part of the city, immediately adjacent to the Tye city limits. Study area boundaries are the Tye city limits to the west, and Fulwiler Road on the east. North and South boundaries are north section of Fulwiler Road and U. S. Hwy.80 respectively. She pointed out that this area is bounded by the Dyess study area to the south.

After discussion, Councilman Higginbotham moved approval of the Bumper Gate Road Land Use Study, to be used as a guideline for the Council in making decisions in the area. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott. The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmen Higginbotham, Bowen, Scott, Moore, Hilton, Councilwoman Webster & Mayor Howard.

NAYS: None.

Mr. Collier presented the final report of the Planning Commission providing for a Thoroughfare Abandonment, being a north-south alley between Poplar & Palm and between South 16th & South 17th Streets.

THOROUGHFARE  
ABANDONMENT-  
N-S ALLEY  
BET. POPLAR &  
PALM & BET. S.16  
& S. 17  
FIRST READING

After discussion, Councilman Moore moved passage of the ordinance on first reading providing for a Thoroughfare Abandonment, being a north-south alley between Poplar & Palm and between South 16th & South 17th Streets & set a public hearing for December 18, 1980, at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hilton. The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmen Higginbotham, Bowen, Scott, Moore, Hilton, Councilwoman Webster & Mayor Howard.

NAYS: None.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY; PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH ABANDONMENT, AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

Mr. Collier presented the final report of the Planning Commission providing for a Thoroughfare Abandonment, being a north-south alley between Blocks 54 and 87 and also South 5th Street between Sycamore & Chestnut Streets.

THOROUGHFARE  
ABANDONMENT-  
N-S ALLEY BET.  
BLK. 54 & 87 &  
S. 5, BET. SYCA-  
MORE & CHESTNUT  
1ST READING

After discussion, Mayor Howard moved passage of the ordinance on first reading providing for a Thoroughfare Abandonment, being a north-south alley between Blocks 54 and 87 and also South 5th Street between Sycamore & Chestnut Streets and set a public hearing for December 18, 1980, at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Higginbotham. The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmen Higginbotham, Scott, Hilton & Mayor Howard.


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: Councilmen Bowen, Moore & Councilwoman Webster.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY; PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH ABANDONMENT, AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

There being no further business, Mayor Howard adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

  
CITY SECRETARY

  
MAYOR

POLICE TRAINING ROOM  
CITY HALL, THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS.

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, met in Work Session, Thursday, December 4, 1980, at 11:00 a.m. with Mayor Oliver Howard, present and presiding. Councilmen Seaton Higginbotham, Leo F. Scott, S.M. Moore, Jr. L. D. Hilton & Councilwoman Kathy Webster, present. Councilman Dick Bowen absent. City Manager Ed Seegmiller, Assistant City Attorney Gary Landers, & City Secretary Ruth Hodgkin, present.

Senator Grant Jones, Representative Walter Grubbs, Representative Gary Thompson, District Judge J. Neil Daniel, and other City Administrators were also present. Dr. Thompson's Public Administration Class from Abilene Christian University was also present.

Dr. Thompson said that he felt that since crime was on an increase, the City of Abilene was doing good in looking at it before it becomes a crisis. He introduced Dr. David McKenna, Professor of Criminal Justice at the University of Texas, at Arlington.

Dr. McKenna, in his presentation, showed the rise of crime here, state-wide and nationally. The City of Abilene's crime rate has increased greatly, by 163%, while crime has increased nationwide by 39%. Although the percentage is high, the City of Abilene still has one of the lowest crime rates in the nation.

Dr. McKenna said that a steep upward crime trend began in the late 1950s, but the statistics were ignored for many years by Americans who believed that the news media fabricated the figures for sensational value or that improved police reporting methods accounted for the hike. He said that more people are believing what he feels are actually conservative estimates of criminal activity now, he thought.

Dr. McKenna<sup>said</sup> that the FBI Uniform Crime Report statistics show 34.7% more burglaries committed in Abilene in 1980, and 66% more murders/non-negligent homicides this year than last. This is cause for concern and he commended the Administration, in trying to find a way to control crime more effectively, within the City.

Dr. McKenna brought out several ways that other cities are trying to prevent crime. He pointed out that the Police Department should have a Crime Analysis Program, and use the data which is collected in helping decrease crimes within the City.

Dr. McKenna discussed other cities crime prevention methods, some of which are distribution of crime prevention pamphlets, property identification programs, media crime warnings, nosy neighbors block watchers and citizen cooperation in alerting police to suspicious activity.

It was noted that the City of Abilene is already doing some of the things which were mentioned to deter crime within the City.

The Council discussed several ways in which they felt that it would help in control of burglaries within the City.

Mr. Seegmiller said that he felt that some way of involving the community would be the best way of helping control crime. He also brought out that higher budgeting in the police department was not the answer, in his opinion. He brought out performance as the answer to better police protection.

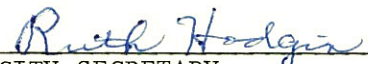
It was brought out that in trying to deter crime, officials also should study what happens to criminals after they have been apprehended. Frequent plea bargains or light jail sentences can contribute to rising crime.

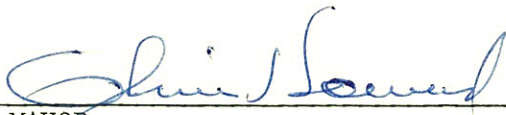
Many crimes are committed by 14 to 25 year old people, Dr. McKenna said and officials agreed that Juvenile crime should be better addressed in Abilene.

Dr. McKenna said that some cities have enlisted the help of Citizens Band Radio Clubs, taxicab operators, bus drivers, and others in using their radios to alert police when they see something suspicious going on.

After much discussion, it was decided that there would be another meeting in a few months to bring the Council up to date on what is being done to lower the crime rate in the City.

There being no further business, Mayor Howard adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

  
CITY SECRETARY

  
MAYOR