

**PRE-COUNCIL WORK SESSION, THURSDAY
November 2, 1995, 8:30 A.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS,
BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL**

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, met in a Pre-Council Work Session on November 2, 1995, at 8:30 A.M. in the Basement Conference Room of City Hall. Mayor Pro Tempore Russell Berry was present and presiding with Councilmen Paul R. Vasquez, A. Don Drennan, Jimmy McNeil, Ray Ferguson, and Councilwoman Kay Alexander. Also present were City Manager Lanny Lambert, Assistant City Manager Roy L. McDaniel, City Attorney Harvey Cargill, Jr., City Secretary Jo Moore, Assistant to the City Manager Debra Guerra, and various members of the City staff. Mayor McCaleb was absent from the Pre-Council Session.

The Council briefly discussed various consent and regular agenda items. Martha Castillo, Abilene Transit General Manager, briefed the Council on item 4.1, purchase of two trolley buses for CityLink. Assistant City Manager Roy McDaniel discussed item 5.3, Resolution electing 1996-97 Board Members for Central Appraisal District of Taylor County, recommending 800 votes for Harold Nixon and 237 for Mike Young, but emphasized the fact that votes can be divided however the Council decides. There being no further discussion, the meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m. for the regular Council Meeting.

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 2, 1995, 9:00 A.M.**

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

Mayor McCaleb reconvened the City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, into Regular Session November 2, 1995, at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall.

Invocation was given by Councilman Russell Berry.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kelly Garcia, 5th grader at College Heights Elementary. Miss Garcia was accompanied by her principal, Mr. Jaime Torres.

Mayor McCaleb, assisted by Assistant to City Manager Debra Guerra, presented the Employee of the Month award for October to Edward Mason, Custodian at the Library.

General Northington, Dyess AFB, presented to Mayor McCaleb on behalf of the Secretary of Defense the flag, a WWII commemorative plaque, and the 50th commemorative pin.

Mayor McCaleb presented proclamations as follows:
November 6 through 10 as World War II Commemorative Week;
November as National Home Care Month; and
November 12 through 18 as Youth Appreciation Week.

Councilman Vasquez moved to approve the minutes of the Pre-Council Session and Regular City Council Meeting held October 19, 1995. The motion was seconded by Councilman McNeil and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Vasquez, Drennan, McNeil, Berry, Ferguson, Councilwoman Alexander and Mayor McCaleb.

NAYS: None.

Councilman Drennan moved to approve consent agenda item 3.1 as recommended by the staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman McNeil and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Vasquez, Drennan, McNeil, Berry, Ferguson, Councilwoman Alexander and Mayor McCaleb.

NAYS: None.

Award of Bid:

3.1 Police uniforms, **Bid #CB6005**. The bid was awarded to Texas State Distributors, as recommended by staff.

REGULAR AGENDA

4.1 **Request to Advertise**

James Condry, Assistant Director of Development Services for Public Works, briefed the Council on the Purchase of two trolley buses for CityLink for a downtown circular route. He then introduced Martha Castillo, General Manager of Abilene Transit, who discussed Federal and State funding, and Sheldon Greene, Chair of the Reinvestment Zone (TIF) downtown parking committee and a member of the Downtown Association, who addressed growth, parking problems, and the fact that trolleys will help alleviate the problem. Mr. Greene then recognized the Downtown Association members present. Staff is recommending approval of authorization to advertise for this purchase.

Following discussion among Council and staff, Councilman Vasquez moved to authorize advertising for the purchase of two trolley busses for CityLink, as recommended by the staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman McNeil and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Vasquez, Drennan, McNeil, Berry, Ferguson, Councilwoman Alexander and Mayor McCaleb.

NAYS: None.

Other Business:

Mayor McCaleb recessed the Council into executive session pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.074 of the Open Meetings Act, and to seek the advice of the City Attorney with respect to pending and contemplated litigation and to consider the appointment and evaluation of public officers.

The Council reconvened from executive session and reported no action taken.

Councilman McNeil moved to approve the Resolution electing the 1996-97 Board Members for Central Appraisal District of Taylor County as follows: 207 votes each for Downing Bolls Sr., Robert Grimes, Bob Gill, and Mike Young, and 209 votes for Harold Nixon. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Vasquez, Drennan, McNeil, Berry, Ferguson, Councilwoman Alexander, and Mayor McCaleb.

NAYS: None.

The Resolution is numbered 36-1995 and contains no caption.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Jo Moore
City Secretary

Gary D. McCaleb
Mayor