

**PRE-COUNCIL WORK SESSION, THURSDAY
January 11, 1996, 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 January 11, 1996, at 8:30 A.M. in the Basement Conference Room of City Hall. Mayor Gary D. McCaleb was present and presiding with Councilmen Paul R. Vasquez, A. Don Drennan, Jimmy McNeil, Russell Berry, Ray Ferguson, and Councilwoman Kay Alexander. Also present were City Manager Lanny Lambert, Assistant City Manager Roy L. McDaniel, Assistant City Attorney Sharon Sneed, City Secretary Jo Moore, Assistant to the City Manager Debra Guerra, and various members of the City staff.

City Manager Lanny Lambert distributed information to the Council on the City's turnover rate, which is a low 7.03%. Corrections to the December 21 minutes were submitted by Councilman Ferguson on paragraph 2, page 5 to read ".Councilman Ferguson stated his professional ethics requires him to abstain unless the proponents, City Council, and all other appropriate parties give him permission to vote. The Council briefly discussed various consent and regular agenda items, and there being no further discussion, the meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m. for the regular Council Meeting.

Between the Pre-Council Session and the Regular Council meetings, the Council walked through the Traffic Office to view the accident location map to be better informed on traffic and safety issues for the January 25 Judge Ely Blvd. presentation.

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 11, 1996, 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 January 11, 1996, at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall.

Invocation was given by Councilman Don Drennan.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clayton Smith, a fifth grader at Jackson Elementary; accompanied by Jennifer Raney, Principal.

Jo Moore, City Secretary, assisted Mayor McCaleb in presenting **Employee Service Awards** to the following individuals for their years of service:

25 Years	Billy W. Adams	Refuse Route Supervisor Refuse Collection
25 Years	Floyd W. Jones	Airport Custodian Airport
20 Years	Robert Killion	Equipment Mechanic II Equipment Services

Debra Guerra, Assistant to the City Manager, assisted Mayor McCaleb in the presentation of the December Employee of the Month Award to Steve Taylor, Fire Lieutenant.

Mayor McCaleb presented a Proclamation for January as March of Dimes Birth Defects Prevention Month.

Corrections to the December 21, 1995 meeting as discussed in the Pre-Council session were noted. There being no further corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of the Pre-Council Session and Regular City Council Meeting held December 21, 1995; Councilman Berry moved to approve the minutes as corrected. 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.

Councilman McNeil moved to approve consent agenda items 3.1, 3.2, and 3.5, and approval of first reading of consent agenda items 3.3 and 3.4, as recommended by the staff. 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.

Resolutions:

3.1 Oral Resolution accepting DCOA's Report of Activities for period ending 9/30/95.

Bid Awards

3.2 Automatic Steam Sterilizer for Health Division, **Bid #CB6014**. The bid was awarded to Thermal Scientific, Inc., the low bidder in the amount of \$18,232.50 as recommended by staff.

Ordinances

3.3 Approval of first reading - Z-00196 - Ordinance to rezone from RM-2 to O district located in the 300 block of N. Mockingbird, and set a public hearing for January 25, 1996 at 9:00 a.m.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 23, "PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT," SUBPART E, "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.

3.4 Approval of first reading - **Z-00396** - Ordinance to amend PDD 57 concerning landscaping requirements located at 4350 Southwest Drive, and set a public hearing for January 25, 1996 at 9:00 a.m.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SUBPART E, "ZONING," OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL CODE, AND ORDINANCE NO. 14-1995 CONCERNING THE WAL-MART PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; DECLARING A PENALTY AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

3.5 Approval of second and final reading - Ordinance amending Chapter 18, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," Sections 18-293, 297 & 304 of the Abilene Municipal Code.

The Ordinance is numbered **1-1996** and is captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18, "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL CODE, BY AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS AS SET OUT BELOW; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING A PENALTY.

REGULAR AGENDA

Resolutions

4.1 Dwayne Hargesheimer, Director of Water Utilities, briefed the Council on an Oral Resolution authorizing City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Pittsburg Tank & Tower Company, Inc. of Henderson, Kentucky to repair the Hartford Street Water Tower Foundation in the amount of \$71,758.

Mayor McCaleb asked Mr. Hargesheimer, for the public's information, to answer two questions he feels will be of most concern to the citizens:

"Will the City be out of water any?"

Mr. Hargesheimer answered, "No, but pressure may be low for awhile".

"This has been defined as an "emergency" due to the limited window of time and the nature of the problem, but is there any danger to anyone?"

The answer was no.

Councilman Drennan moved to approve by Oral Resolution authorization for the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Pittsburg Tank & Tower Company, Inc. to repair the Hartford Street Water Tower Foundation, as recommended by staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman Berry and the motion carried.

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

NAYS: None.

Mayor McCaleb asked Kathy Merrill, Director of Human Resource Services, to give a brief report on the turnover rate of City employees due to the recent resignation of some employees. Mrs. Merrill then briefed the Council on the report that was distributed in the Pre-Council session. The 94-95 FY report showed Abilene turnover, excluding retirees, to be in the low range of 7.03%.

5.0 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.

Assistant City Attorney Sharon Sneed briefed the Council on the Resolution appointing Edwin V. Allen as Assistant City Attorney. Staff recommends approval.

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve a Resolution appointing Edwin V. Allen as Assistant City Attorney. 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 1-1996 and is captioned as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS,
APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE
CITY OF ABILENE.

Councilman Berry moved to approve Mayor McCaleb's appointment of Laura Berkley to the Human Relations Committee to fill a term expiring 5/97. 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.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Jo Moore
City Secretary

Gary D. McCaleb
Mayor

