

**PRE-COUNCIL WORK SESSION, THURSDAY  
March 14, 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 March 14, 1996, at 8:30 A.M. in the Basement Conference Room of City Hall. Mayor Gary D. McCaleb was present and presiding with Councilmen Jimmy McNeil, Russell Berry, 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. Councilmen Paul R. Vasquez, A. Don Drennan were absent.

David Wright, Director of Finance, briefed the Council on the proposed projects for Certificates of Obligation sale; stating the City has the ability to sell \$2,280,000 for 1996 without affecting the tax rate for debt service, which is 10.85 cents. The certificates are proposed to be issued with a 15 year equal maturity, in accordance with the policy adopted by Council in 1991. Mayor McCaleb suggested three changes: 1) remove \$65,000 from library parking lot improvements at this time, as the entire library question is up in the air and paving the parking lot would be premature; 2) reduce the total (\$50,000 + \$35,000) for street and stop signs by \$25,000; and 3) take the \$65,000 and the \$25,000 and add to the list Phase 1 of Hardwick Road projects for a total of \$90,000. Mayor McCaleb stated Councilmen Drennan and Vasquez are aware of this proposal and they are in agreement, although Councilman Drennan still feels street, traffic, and stop signs should be funded through the operating budget and not Certificates of Obligation. Roy McDaniel, Assistant City Manager, stated the numbers shown on the 1996 Proposed Certificates of Obligation page as well as the bottom line numbers will not change - these are broad categories.

Mike Morrison, Director of Economic Development, distributed an addendum to Item #3.12, Everman Park/N. 1st St. improvement project (Bid #CB6024) as recommended by the Reinvestment Zone #1 (TIF), asking that an additional \$75,000 of TIF funds be allocated to execute the original design of the Project. The Council briefly discussed various consent and regular agenda items, and there being no further discussion, the meeting was recessed to the City Council Chambers until 9:00 a.m. for the regular Council Meeting.

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 14, 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 March 14, 1996, at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall; and announced that Friday, March 15, marks the 115th anniversary for the City of Abilene.

Invocation was given by Councilman Jimmy McNeil.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nicole Krieg, 3rd grader and Cody Krieg, kindergartner at Allie Ward Elementary; and daughters of Jon Krieg, Traffic Engineer.

Mayor McCaleb introduced Dr. Robert Brown, ACU Professor, who introduced a group of 17 students and their sponsors of Shin-Ai Womens College in Kurmue, Japan, who sang a song about Abilene for the Council and audience.

City Secretary Jo Moore assisted Mayor McCaleb in the presentation of the following Employee Service Awards:

25 Years	Henry Davila, Jr.	Assistant Fire Marshal Fire Department
25 Years	Joe Middleton	Firefighter Fire Department
25 Years	Melvin Sanders	Fire Captain Fire Department
25 Years	Phillip Sissel	Fire Marshal Fire Department

Mayor McCaleb took this opportunity to introduce Bob Putnam, Fire Chief; and Allen Plumlee, Assistant Fire Chief.

Debra Guerra, Assistant to the City Manager, assisted Mayor McCaleb in the presentation of the February Employee of the Month Award to Firefighter Gary Garret.

Donna Albus, Clean and Proud Coordinator, Wanda Braune, American Cancer Society, and Lisa Morgan, Abilene Clean and Proud board member; presented Clean Air Coalition awards to Hendrick Medical Center, Abilene Regional Medical Center, and Cypress Street Station.

There being no corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of the Pre-Council Session and Regular City Council Meeting held February 22, 1996, Councilman Berry moved to approve the minutes as printed. The motion was seconded by Councilman McNeil and the motion carried.

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

NAYS: None.

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve consent agenda items 3.4 through 3.13 with the amendment to item 3.12 requested by the TIF Board and as outlined in the pre-council session with acknowledgement of WTU's contribution of \$50,000, and approval of first reading agenda items 3.1 through 3.3, as recommended by staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman McNeil and the motion carried.

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

NAYS: None.

### **3.0. Ordinances:**

3.1 **Approval of first reading** - Ordinance to add H to CB at the southeast corner of N. 1st & Pine Streets - **Z-00796** & set public hearing for 3/28/96

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.

3.2.**Approval of first reading** - Ordinance to add H to CB at the southwest corner of N. 1st & Cedar Streets - **Z-00896** and set a public hearing for 3/28/96

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.

3.3.**Approval of first reading** - Ordinance to rezone from LI to HI in the 1900 block of Industrial Blvd. - **Z-01096** & set a public hearing for 3/28/96

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 second and final reading** - Ordinance adopting 1995 International Plumbing Code, with amendments.

The Ordinance is numbered **8-1996** and is captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8, "CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS" ARTICLE VI, "UNIFORM CODES AND OTHER REGULATIONS", DIVISION 4, "PLUMBING CODE", OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL CODE, BY AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS AS SET OUT BELOW; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND DECLARING A PENALTY.

3.5.**Approval of second and final reading** - Ordinance approving revised Personnel Policy & Procedures Manual.

The Ordinance is numbered **9-1996** and is captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ALL PRIOR CONFLICTING PERSONNEL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Resolutions:**

3.6 Resolution appointing Election Officials and Fixing Rate of Compensation for May 4, 1996 Joint City/AISD election and June 1, 1996 runoff election if necessary.

The Resolution is numbered 9-1996 and is captioned as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ABILENE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT; APPOINTING VARIOUS ELECTION OFFICIALS FOR THE JOINT CITY/SCHOOL ELECTION FOR THE MAY 4, 1996 ELECTION AND RUNOFF ELECTION, IF NECESSARY.

3.7 Resolution concerning Abilene, Buffalo Gap, Taylor County Jones County Joint Zoning Board's request to City of Abilene to allow Planning Division to act as administrative agency for the Joint Zoning Board, Abilene Building Official and Legal Department to act on behalf of the Joint Zoning Board in its zoning activities.

The Resolution is numbered 10-1996 and is captioned as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, APPROVING THE CITY OF ABILENE'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FOR HOUSING AND BUILDING INSPECTIONS TO SERVE AS BUILDING OFFICIAL; THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF ABILENE TO ACT AS LEGAL COUNSEL; AND THE CITY OF ABILENE'S PLANNING DIVISION TO ACT AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY; ALL FOR THE ABILENE-BUFFALO GAP-TAYLOR COUNTY-JONES COUNTY JOINT AIRPORT ZONING BOARD.

3.8 Oral Resolution authorizing Mayor to execute supplemental agreement #2 to FAA Lease DTFA07-86-L01006 for FAA cable easement at Abilene Regional Airport.

3.9 Resolution amending Sidewalk Master Plan.

The Resolution is numbered 11-1996 and is captioned as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS AMENDING THE SIDEWALK MASTER PLAN.

3.10 Resolution approving application of Texas Housing Finance Corporation Act within City of Abilene.

The Resolution is numbered 12-1996 and contains no caption.

**Award of Bid:**

3.11 Weed mowing contract, **Bid #CB6027**. The bid was awarded to Henry C. Ruiz, the low responsible bidder, as recommended by staff.

3.12 Everman Park/N. 1st St. improvement project, **Bid #CB6024**. The bid was awarded to

Rose Builders, Inc. with a project budget of \$1,112,766.12 and with the approval of an additional \$75,000 as recommended by the TIF board. Staff recommends the Council approve the TIF board recommendation.

3.13 Update air conditioning mixing box controls for City Hall second floor & Basement Conference Room, **Bid #CB6025**. The base bid and alternate bid were awarded to I. B. E., Inc. of Lubbock in the amount of \$24,650.00, as recommended by staff.

## **4.0**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **Resolutions**

4.1 Marva Pritchett, Director of Development Services, briefed the Council on an Oral Resolution approving a street use license agreement for Abilene Preservation League to conduct a Railroad Festival March 30-31. Mrs. Pritchett then introduced Abilene Preservation League members Susan Arrington and Josh Johnson, who presented activities planned for the festival, and distributed Railroad caps to the Council.

Councilman McNeil moved to approve by Oral Resolution a street use license agreement for Abilene Preservation League to conduct a Railroad Festival March 30 and 31, 1996, as recommended by staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman Berry and the motion carried.

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

NAYS: None.

## **5.0 Other Business:**

5.1 Carl Lockett, Assistant Director of Development Services for Planning, briefed the Council on the Landmarks Commission's actions on historic properties; outlining the nine step process to select historic properties for protection.

No action was required.

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

The Council reconvened and reported no action taken.

Councilman Berry moved to appoint Dr. Gary Thompson to fill a vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission, term expiring 11/97. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ferguson and the motion carried.

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

NAYS: None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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Jo Moore  
City Secretary

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Gary D. McCaleb  
Mayor

