

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 12, 2004, 8:30 a.m.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS
UPSTAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM, ABILENE CIVIC CENTER

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, met in Regular Session on February 12, 2004, at 8:30 a.m. in Upstairs Conference Room of the Civic Center, 1100 North 6th Street. Mayor Grady Barr was present and presiding with Councilmen Anthony Williams, Kris Southward, John Hill, Jimmy McNeil, Norm Archibald and Councilwoman Kay Alexander. Also present were City Manager Larry Gilley, City Attorney Sharon Hicks, City Secretary Jo Moore, and various members of the City staff.

Councilman McNeil gave the invocation.

Grayson Hurst a fifth grade student from Jackson Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present was Grayson's parents, David and Mia Hurst.

Mayor Barr, assisted by City Secretary Jo Moore, presented Employee Service Awards to the following individuals for their years of service:

25 Years	Gerald Lewis	Equipment Operator II Street Services
25 Years	Jerry Prince	Code Enforcement Officer Building Inspection
20 Years	Edwin Carlile	Equipment Operator II Street & Stormwater Services
20 Years	Tommy Jordan	Supervisor I Street & Stormwater Services

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

2.0 There being no corrections, additions, or deletions to the January 22, 2004 Regular City Council Minutes, Councilman Hill made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Councilman McNeil seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Archibald, Williams, Hill, Southward, McNeil, Councilwoman Alexander, and Mayor Barr.

NAYS: None

CONSENT AGENDA

3.0 Councilwoman Alexander made a motion to approve consent agenda items 3.1 thru 3.4 as recommended by staff. Councilman Hill seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Archibald, Williams, Southward, Hill, McNeil, and Councilwoman Alexander, and Mayor Barr.

NAYS: None

Resolutions:

- 3.1 Resolution ordering the May 15, 2004 Joint City/AISD General Election for Council Places 5 & 6 and Board of Trustees Places 1, 2, 3 & 7, and providing for a Runoff Election on June 19, 2004 if needed.

The Resolution is numbered **1-2004** and captioned as follows:

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ABILENE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ORDERING ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT ON MAY 15, 2004; PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF PERSONS TO SERVE IN PLACES 5 AND 6 ON THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE AND IN PLACES 1, 2, 3, AND 7 ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ABILENE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT; PROVIDING METHOD OF APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT OF CANDIDATE'S NAME ON BALLOT; PROVIDING A FILING DEADLINE FOR ALL CANDIDATES; AND PROVIDING FOR A PROCLAMATION NOTICE AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF SAID ELECTIONS.

- 3.2 Oral Resolution approving contract for Election Services with Taylor County Elections office for May 15, 2004 Joint City/AISD General Election.

Bid Awards:

- 3.3 **Bid #CB-4011** – Worker's Compensation Policy for CityLink Transit. The bid was awarded to the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool (TML) of Austin, TX in the amount of \$45,053, plus or minus audited payroll adjustments.
- 3.4 **Bid #CB-4023** – Concrete intersection at 20th & Sayles. The bid was awarded to Bontke Bros. Construction of Abilene, TX in the amount of \$183,223.86.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 4.1 Jim Bryan, Emergency Management Coordinator, briefed the Council on a Resolution approving the City of Abilene/Taylor County Mitigation Action Plan.

Mr. Bryan stated through the co-efforts of the City, Taylor County and various agencies and other cities throughout Taylor County a draft Mitigation Action Plan had been prepared to address potential local disasters. As a record of the community's potential risks and hazards, and commitment to reducing the long-term consequences of flood hazards the plan outlines mitigation goals, identifies risk reduction strategies for hazards that threaten the area, and discusses the ongoing risk reduction activities undertaken within the jurisdiction. The five major hazards identified that Taylor County and individual communities are subject to are: 1) flooding; 2) drought; 3) hazmat; 4) fire; and 5) tornado's. Staff recommends approval of the Resolution adopting the City of Abilene/Taylor County Mitigation Action Plan.

Council and staff discussion included: 1) the area covered by the plan; 2) implementation of the plan and associated shared cost; 3) potential funding sources; 4) reducing flood losses and increasing flood insurance coverage in the planning area; 5) pursuing increasing participation in the Community Rating System (CRS) Program; and 6) continuing with programs already in existence.

Councilman Archibald made a motion to approve the Resolution approving the City of Abilene/Taylor County Mitigation Action Plan. Councilman Williams seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Williams, Hill, McNeil, Southward, Archibald, Councilwoman Alexander, and Mayor Barr.

NAYS: None

The Resolution is numbered **2-2004** and captioned as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS,
APPROVING THE CITY OF ABILENE/TAYLOR COUNTY MITIGATION ACTION
PLAN AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Before moving to agenda item 4.2 Mayor Barr recognized and congratulated David Sartor on his recent appointment as Building Official.

4.2 City Manager Larry Gilley stated this is the first in a series of council budget workshop's that will be held in the next few months and that today's subject is an update on the Stormwater Utility that was implemented in 2003. Council will also be able to discuss today the fiscal implications of the utility as it relates to future budgets.

Andy Anderson, Director of Public Works distributed to Council and presented the Stormwater Utility Status Report that included the following:

- Goal of Stormwater Utility
- Objectives of Stormwater Utility
- Activities, Actions and Projections
- Elm Creek – Debris Removal
- NRCS Funding
- Elm Creek – Restoration
- Elm Creek – Flood Prevention
- Floodplain Remapping
- Utility Billing
- TCEQ & EPA Stormwater Quality Responsibilities
- Staffing
- Maintenance – Specialized Equipment Acquisition
- 2004 Maintenance Priorities

Mr. Anderson introduced Tal Fillingim, Stormwater Utility Manager.

Council and staff discussion included: 1) cost of, and what can be accomplished with, excavating equipment; 2) time cycle for cleaning creeks; 3) inaccuracies in stormwater utility bills and updates expected by March 2004; 4) Council requested a copy of the fee information, to be mailed to customers, prior to the mailing; 5) expected revenue from the utility fee; 6) property owners, in creek cleaning vicinity, responsibilities; 7) balancing water resources with flood issues; 8) affect the creation of the stormwater utility fee has on acquiring federal funding; 9) capital reserve fund balance; 10) department location of Stormwater Utility and Keep Abilene Beautiful; 11) citizens comments concerning I 20/Winters Frwy blocking water flow; 12) remapping/update; 13) historically Abilene citizens being known for taking bold steps (i.e. ½ cent sales tax, Ivie pipeline project), and now with stormwater utility; 14) speculation on the report from the Corp of Engineers being received within 2 years; and 15) no calculation having been done on the additional flow of water in Elm Creek after it was cleared but there has been a gain in the actual volume and the flow ability has been enhanced.

No Council action was required.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Barr recessed the Council into Executive Session pursuant to Sections 551.071, 551.074, and 551.072 of the Open Meetings Act, to seek the advice of the City Attorney with respect to pending and contemplated litigation, to consider the appointment and evaluation of public officers, and to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

Councilman Williams left the meeting after the Executive Session.

The Council reconvened from Executive Session and reported no action taken.

5.4 Councilman McNeil made a motion to approve the appointment of Neomia Banks to the Civic Abilene, Inc., term expiring May 2005 and the reappointments of Ruppert Rangel, Rhonda Bolt, and Susan Elgin to the Abilene Economic Development Company, Inc., terms expiring January 2006. Councilman Archibald seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Archibald, Hill, McNeil, Southward, Councilwoman Alexander and Mayor Barr.

NAYS: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Jo Moore
City Secretary

Grady Barr
Mayor

