

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 26, 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 26, 2004, at 8:30 a.m. in the Upstairs Conference Room of the Civic Center, 1100 North 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

Councilwoman Alexander gave the invocation.

Alissa Williams a fourth grade student from Johnston Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present was Alissa's mother Lynette, father Councilman Anthony Williams and grandmother Jackie Williams.

**DISPOSITION OF MINUTES**

2.0 There being no corrections, additions, or deletions to the February 12, 2004 Regular City Council Minutes, Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Councilman Southward 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, 3.2, 3.4 through 3.11 and first reading of item 3.3, as recommended by staff. Councilman McNeil 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 Oral Resolution approving Street Use License requests from RMT, Inc., and Orion Geosampling, Inc., dba, ESN South, for the installation of Environmental Test Borings in the public right-of-way of Wall Street between N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Capitol Avenue.

- 3.2 Resolution approving revised tax abatement policy.

The Resolution is numbered **3-2004** and captioned as follows:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS, ELECTS TO ADOPT A REVISED PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT POLICY SETTING OUT GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS TAX CODE ANN. 312.001 ET.SEQ., OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PROPERTY REDEVELOPMENT AND TAX ABATEMENT ACT ("ACT"), GOVERNING THE CREATION OF TAX ABATEMENT REINVESTMENT ZONES AND THE EXECUTION OF ALL TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENTS BY THE CITY.

**Ordinance:**

- 3.3 **Z-0304** – Rezone from AO (Agriculture Open Space) to PDR (Planned Development Residential) zoning district and to amend PDR-83, property located at 4438 Oldham Lane and set a public hearing for March 11, 2004.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SUBPART E, "ZONING", OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL CODE, CONCERNING PDR-83 A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING; PROVIDING A PENALTY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Bid Awards:**

- 3.4 **Bid #CB-4028** - Annual purchase of 300-gallon automated refuse containers. The bid was awarded to Rotonics Mfg., Inc. of Brownwood, TX in the amount of \$67,200.00
- 3.5 **Bid #CB-4034** - Restroom addition to the Main Library. The bid was awarded to Waldrop Construction in the amount of \$65,371.00.
- 3.6 Kaiser model 4x4 Gator walking excavator for the Stormwater Division. The bid was awarded to Pioneer Kaiser, Inc. in the amount of \$263,560.00.
- 3.7 **Bid #CB-4022** - Hydro mulching/seeding machine for the Parks Division. The bid was awarded to Justin Seed Co., of Justin, TX in the amount of \$28,315.00.
- 3.8 **Bid #CB-4019** - Backhoe loaders for Water Department. The bid was awarded to Yelllowhouse Machinery Co. of Abilene, TX in the amount of \$118,200.00.
- 3.9 **Bid #CB-4015** - Trucks for various divisions. Item 1 was awarded to R.L. Anderson International of Abilene, TX in the amount of \$44,684.00. Item 2 was awarded to Corley Wetsel Freightliner of Abilene, TX in the amount of \$101,166.00. Item 3 was awarded to Young's Truck Center of Abilene, TX in the amount of \$60,979.00.

- 3.10 **Bid #CB-4016** - Cab & chassis for Street Division. The bid was awarded to R.L. Anderson International of Abilene, TX in the amount of \$47,520.00.
- 3.11 **Bid #CB-4036** - 4x2 walking excavator for Stormwater Division. The bid was awarded to Pioneer Kaiser, Inc. in the amount of \$198,870.00.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

4.1 City Manager Larry Gilley stated in continuing the council budget workshop presentation's today's subject is an update on the Public Safety Communications System.

Ronnie Kidd, Director of Administrative Services briefed the Council on the Public Safety Communications Project that included:

- Project Components
- Issues with Current System
- Accomplishments to date
- Upcoming Project activities
- What the new system will provide
- Interoperability issues and needs
- Additional considerations
- The cost estimate to date
- Funding received and being sought

Council and staff discussion included: 1) the project having two RFP's; 2) the lengthy time the project has taken; 3) the complexity of the project; 4) expected life of the system; 5) cost to maintain the current system; 6) issues concerning the P25 standard system; 7) impact to Homeland Security funding; 8) who vehicle location applies to; 9) concerns of phasing in system without adequate funding; 10) staff researching system problems Wichita Falls and Austin faced; 11) safety issues with current system; 12) communication center relocation; 13) E-911 System Upgrade; 14) cost estimate to date; 15) grant funding received to date and pursuing any funding source to support the project; 16) expected impact to city budget; 17) interoperability being a key and primary objective; 18) assuring the right system is purchased for the value, and; 19) staff examining all facets and obtaining a firm commitment from consultants to stay within timeline.

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.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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Jo Moore  
City Secretary

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Grady Barr  
Mayor