

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 4, 2008, 8:30 a.m.**

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

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, met in Regular Session on December 4, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers at 555 Walnut Street. Mayor Archibald was present and presiding with Councilmen Sam Chase, Stormy Higgins, Joe Spano, Robert O. Briley, Anthony Williams, and Councilwoman Laura Moore. Also present were City Manager Larry Gilley, City Attorney Dan Santee, City Secretary Danette Dunlap, and various members of the City staff.

Councilwoman Moore gave the invocation.

Mayor Archibald introduced Preslee Herrera; she is 11 years old and a 5th grader at Wylie Intermediate School and the daughter of Assistant City Secretary Tiffni Herrera. Preslee led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Archibald and City Manager Larry Gilley presented the following Service Awards:

Joanne Bilskie	Office Coordinator, Street Services	20 Years
Jackie Spivey	Custodian II, Custodial Services	20 Years

Solid Waste Employees Safety Recognition

Alex Perez Equipment Operator III has not had a preventable accident in more than 100,000 miles of City of Abilene driving.

Pilo Melchor Equipment Operator II has not had a preventable accident in more than 200,000 miles of driving for the City of Abilene.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Archibald presented the following Proclamation:

- 2010 Census Proclamation stressing the importance of having an accurate count of the City of Abilene. Presented to Melissa Voisvert the 2010 Census Coordinator

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

5.0 Mayor Archibald stated Council has been given the minutes from the Regular Meeting held November 20, 2008. There being no deletions, no addition, and no corrections Councilman Chase

made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Higgins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilman Chase, Spano, Higgins, Briley, Williams Councilwoman Moore and Mayor Archibald

NAYS: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to approve consent agenda items 6.1 through 6.7 as presented. Councilman Spano seconded the motion, the motion carried.

AYES: Councilman Chase, Spano, Higgins, Briley, Williams Councilwoman Moore and Mayor Archibald

NAYS: None

Oral Resolutions:

6.1 Oral Resolution approving a Street Use License Request from Talon LPE, acting agent for Allsup Petroleum Inc.

6.2 Oral Resolution approving the 2009 Legislative Program from HILLCO Partners.

6.3 Oral Resolution amending authorized representative for the City's TexPool Account.

Ordinances:

6.4 *First Reading* to amend the City of Abilene Zoning Ordinance, Section 23-306 regarding Liquor Stores; and setting a public hearing for December 18, 2008.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SUBPART E "ZONING", OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL CODE, BY CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AFFECTING CERTAIN PROPERTIES; CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING; PROVIDING A PENALTY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

6.5 *First Reading* to consider establishing Standards of Care for the City of Abilene Youth Programs.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING STANDARDS OF CARE FOR CITY OF ABILENE YOUTH PROGRAMS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

6.6 Purchase Authorization – Authorizing the purchase of two (2) Para transit Vans. City Council authorized the purchase through cooperative purchase with Brazos Transit District of Bryan the contract price of both vehicles is \$123,084.00.

6.7 Bid Award – CB#8015 Catclaw Drive & Southwest Drive Traffic Safety. City Council approved to ratify the change order to this construction contract in the amount of \$32,594.37.

REGULAR AGENDA

7.1 Jon James Director of Planning and Development briefed the council on Ordinance **TC-2008-09** a request from Royce G. Peterson to abandon an alley right-of-way west of Oil Belt Lane from S. Danville Drive to Industrial Blvd.

This alley right-of-way (ROW) has been dedicated to the City but has never been improved, the alley does not serve as a collection route for Solid Waste, but does have utilities that run down the ROW. The applicant wishes to close the alley to provide for better security of his property and to better maintain the land with the ROW.

Plat Review Committee, City Staff and Planning & Zoning Commission all recommend approval with conditions.

Conditions:

- An accessible/open Utility and Drainage Easement shall be retained.
- The area of any portion of the alley that is approved for abandonment must be incorporated by replatting into a lot or lots meeting the Subdivision Regulations of the City of Abilene within 12 months of the final approval.
- The applicant must replace the entrance way along Industrial Blvd. with curb and gutter to City of Abilene standards within 12 months of final approval.

Mayor Archibald opened the public hearing and there being no one present and desiring to be heard the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Spano made the motion to approve the Ordinance for Case No. **TC-2008-09** a request from Royce G. Peterson to abandon an alley right-of-way west of Oil Belt Lane from S. Danville Drive to Industrial Blvd. Councilman Williams seconded the motion, motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Chase, Spano, Williams, Higgins, Briley, Councilwoman Moore and Mayor Archibald.

NAYS: None

The Ordinance is numbered **#59-2008** and captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY; PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH ABANDONMENT, AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

7.2, 7.3 & 7.4 Jon James Director of Planning Development Services briefed the council on the Ordinances for Cases No. **TC-2008-10, TC-2008-11 & TC-2008-12** all a request from Southern Hills Church of Christ.

The applicant owns all of the property that is adjacent to the right-of-ways (ROW) being Broadway, Perry Street and Central Ave., with the exception for the parkland owned by the City to the west where Broadway Street dead ends. The ROW for Broadway Street serves as a major drainage feature that drains Red Bud Park, and there are utilities that run down the center of Broadway Street including the City's water lines. The applicant plans on using the ROW as part of a future expansion of their current facilities to the south.

Plat Review, Staff and Planning & Zoning Commission recommend approval with conditions.

Conditions:

- Broadway:
 - Maintain utility & drainage easement
 - Maintain 20' fire lane
- Perry Street: Maintain drainage easement
- All Streets: Must replat within 12 months

Mayor Archibald opened the public hearing on all three requests and there being no one present and desiring to be heard the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Briley made the motion to approve the Ordinance for Case No. **TC-2008-10** a request from Southern Hills Church of Christ to abandon Broadway Street west of Buffalo Gap Road. Councilman Williams seconded the motion, motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Chase, Spano, Williams, Higgins, Briley, Councilwoman Moore and Mayor Archibald.

NAYS: None

The Ordinance is numbered **#60-2008** and captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY; PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH ABANDONMENT, AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

Councilman Higgins made the motion to approve the Ordinance for Case No. **TC-2008-11** a request from Southern Hills Church of Christ to abandon Central Ave north of Broadway Street. Councilwoman Moore seconded the motion, motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Chase, Spano, Williams, Higgins, Briley, Councilwoman Moore and Mayor Archibald.

NAYS: None

The Ordinance is numbered **#61-2008** and captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY; PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH ABANDONMENT, AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

Councilman Chase made the motion to approve the Ordinance for Case No. **TC-2008-12** a request from Southern Hills Church of Christ to abandon Perry Street north of Broadway Street. Councilman Spano seconded the motion, motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Chase, Spano, Williams, Higgins, Briley, Councilwoman Moore and Mayor Archibald.

NAYS: None

The Ordinance is numbered **#62-2008** and captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY; PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH ABANDONMENT, AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

7.5 David Sartor Building Official, presented to the City Council the final reading on an Ordinance for the amendments to the 2003 International Plumbing Code establishing design installation and operation requirements for landscape irrigation systems.

HB 1656 passed by the legislature requires cities with a population of 20,000 or more must adopt an irrigation ordinance that:

- Is at least as stringent as the TCEQ rules, TAC 30 Chapter 344, effective as of 1/1/09;
- Requires an installer to be licensed;
- Requires a permit for irrigation installation in the city limits and the ETJ;
- Includes minimum standards for design, installation and operation of irrigation systems.

The ordinance must be in effect by 1/1/09

- To amend the current City of Abilene Plumbing Code as follows:
 - Create a new Appendix Chapter I
 - Adopt by reference Chapter 344, Subchapters A, E and F as the irrigation ordinance for design, installation and operation

Chapter 1 of the code and code pamphlet of the current plumbing code already contain the permit and licensing requirements of Chapter 344.

Additional Local Amendments

- Building Inspector is proposing only one local amendment to Chapter 344
- Amend Chapter 344.62 (j) to require freeze sensors in addition to the required moisture or rainfall sensors

Inspection Requirements

- Rough-in - Spot check by inspectors for material; burial depth; design plan on site; head location; etc.....
- Final – verify head placement, compliance with design plan; no spray on hard surface; rainfall and freeze shut-off devices installed; etc.....
- No plan review at this time

Proposed New Fees

Building Inspector is proposing the following fee changes

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| • Residential Irrigation Systems | \$75.00 |
| • Commercial Systems ≥ 20 heads or ≤ 4 rotors | \$75.00 |
| • Commercial Systems < 20 heads or > 4 rotors | \$150.00 |

New Requirements of 344

- Inspector must maintain a “log” of irrigation systems. *This will require upgrades to current permitting software.*
- Permits and inspections in ETJ.
- Y strainer must be installed ahead of backflow device.
- Backflow device must be tested within 10 days of installation.
- No spray heads closer than 4” from building, driveways streets etc.
- Spray heads not allowed in landscaped areas 48” or less.
- Must use colored primer on all PVC joints.
- Design plan must be on site at all times.
- UL direct burial wiring required.
- Irrigator must perform a “walk-thru” with customer and provide a maintenance checklist.
- Attach permanent sticker (waterproof link) with company information on controller (or on checklist on manual systems)
- Provide owner with as built plan.

TCEQ still considers irrigation systems as a non-health hazard requiring testing upon installation only.

Irrigation systems with chemical treatment or injection are considered a health hazard and require annual testing.

Maintenance, Alteration or Repair

- If work involves excavating at the water meter or backflow device, an isolation valve must be installed, if no valve is present.
- Work which requires the opening of the main line requires the installation of the appropriate backflow device.
- Replacement of an existing controller required to be upgraded with a moisture/rainfall and freeze shut-off device/s.
- Replacement or additions to existing systems must comply with the requirements for new systems.

Council and Staff discussion included: 1) the one addition that was not a requirement from the state had to do with freeze sensors being installed; and 2) design standard for the gpm so that there is not any waste of water.

Mayor Archibald opened the public hearing on the amendment and the council heard from:

- Greg Pope – Mr. Pope had concerns in that the amendment would extend the City's Ordinance into the ETJ, does the Ordinance have provisions for landowners with their own water wells etc.

Mr. Sartor explained that there are exceptions for individuals on Water wells, tank, agriculture purposes, and onsite sewage disposal systems.

There being no one else present and desiring to be heard the public hearing was closed.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to approve the Ordinance for Amendments to the 2003 International Plumbing Code Regarding Landscape Irrigation Regulations. Councilman Higgins seconded the motion, motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Chase, Spano, Williams, Higgins, Briley, Councilwoman Moore and Mayor Archibald.

NAYS: None

The Ordinance is numbered #63-2008 and captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE AMENDING APPENDIX A, CITY OF ABILENE PLUMBING PERMIT FEES AND ADDING APPENDIX I, LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION, IN ITS ENTIRETY AS SET OUT BELOW TO THE PLUMBING CODE PAMPHLET, AS REFERENCED IN CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE VI, DIVISION 4 SECTION 8-511 OF THE CITY OF ABILENE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; DECLARING A PENALTY; AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.

7.6 Ronnie Kidd Managing Director for Administration briefed the Council on the Ordinance rescinding the Annually Repeating 70% of CPI Increase to Annuitants and Adopting an Ad Hoc (One Time Only) Basis 70% of CPI Increase to Annuitants with the Cities retirement system.

TMRS has implemented changes to the actuarial methodology that determines the City's contribution rate to TMRS. The most significant change relates to a requirement that the City fully fund the unfunded actuarial liability associated with the City's TMRS participants over the 30 year amortization period. The most significant cost component of this unfunded liability relates to the annual recurring COLA for retirees that was placed into effect January 1, 2005. By rescinding the annually recurring COLA and moving to an "ad hoc" or one time COLA for retirees for 2009, the

FY 09 budget was much less negatively impacted. The City Council approved the ordinance on first reading at its November 20, 2008 meeting.

Overall concerns continue relative to the future impact of changes in actuarial funding methodologies implemented by TMRS and the corresponding costs the City will potentially incur. Current information provided by TMRS indicates that for the City to fund annually recurring COLAs for retirees, the contribution rate to TMRS will need to be 22.74% of payroll. By moving to the ad hoc COLA for 2009, the budgetary impact is much less. The formula for the ad hoc COLA will be based upon 70% of the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Council and Staff discussion included: 1) TMRS has changed the rules on how they figure and account for liabilities the rate went from a reasonable % to a large cost for the City.

Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the Ordinance rescinding the annually repeating 70% of CPI Increase to Annuitants and Adopting an Ad Hoc (One Time Only) basis 70% of CPI increase to Annuitants. Councilman Spano seconded the motion, motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Chase, Spano, Williams, Higgins, Briley, Councilwoman Moore and Mayor Archibald.

NAYS: None

The Ordinance is numbered **#64-2008** and captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TERMINATING THE AUTOMATICALLY REPEATING ALLOWANCE OF INCREASED PRIOR AND CURRENT SERVICE ANNUITIES AND CURRENT SERVICE ANNUITIES AND PROVIDING FOR INCREASED PRIOR AND CURRENT SERVICE ANNUITIES ON AN AD HOC BASIS UNDER THE ACT GOVERNING THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SYSTEM) FOR RETIREES AND BENEFICIARIES OF DECEASED RETIREES OF THE CITY OF ABILENE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, SECTION 2 OF THE ABILENE CITY CODE, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE ORDINANCE.

7.7 Jon James Director of Planning and Development Services, briefed the council on the ordinance temporarily suspending enforcement of certain provisions of the Airport Zoning Ordinance of the City of Abilene.

Subsequent to the adoption of the Airport Zoning Ordinance, questions and concerns have been raised by residents of the View-Caps area regarding the implementation of the regulations around Dyess Air Force Base related to compatible land uses and noise zones. A group of these residents have requested that the City suspend the enforcement of the rules for a 120 day period so that a committee of area residents, along with representatives of the City staff, Dyess and Taylor County, can meet to discuss these concerns and pursue appropriate changes to the ordinance.

This suspension would not apply to the regulations in the ordinance related to height restrictions or other hazards to air navigation, but is limited to compatible land uses and noise

zones & permitting regulations. Changes to the ordinance would go through Planning & Development and then come back to City Council.

Mayor Archibald opened the public hearing on this item and the council heard from the following citizens:

- Gayle Potter – Mr. Potter stated that he didn't feel that the council did something against them. Mr. Potter also stated that his property values have declined. They want to be a good neighbor to Dyess and not to cause any problems.
- Stan Egger County Commissioner – Mr. Egger sighted the Dyess study for the noise levels, is very complicated. He stated that the goal is to simplify and allow the landowners to continue to utilize their property and be in line with what Dyess needs.
- Tom Levieux - Spokes person for the View Caps area. He spoke that it has taken time to get where we are today and we need to continue to work together.

There being no one else to be heard, the public hearing was closed.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS TEMPORARILY
SUSPENDING ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE AIRPORT
ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TX.**

Councilwoman Moore made the motion to approve on first reading an ordinance temporarily suspending enforcement of certain provisions of the Airport Zoning Ordinance of the City of Abilene. Councilman Chase seconded the motion, motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Chase, Spano, Williams, Higgins, Briley, Councilwoman Moore and Mayor Archibald.

NAYS: None

7.8 Jon James Director of Planning and Development Services briefed the council on the Safe Routes to School Master Plan for areas within the City of Abilene and the Abilene Independent School District (AISD).

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a movement to encourage walking and bicycling to school. The Safe Routes Abilene Plan establishes a coordinated set of policies and guidelines supporting and consistent with the national and state programs. The Safe Routes Plan is a tool and guide for the Encouragement, Engineering, Education, Enforcement and Evaluation components of our local program.

The Master Plan represent nearly two years of work initiated by the City of Abilene's Department of Planning and Development Services in cooperation and partnership with the Abilene Independent School District (AISD), The Abilene Metropolitan Planning

Organization (MPO) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and numerous others.

TXDOT rules require that improvements funded with SRTS grant funds must be on a locally adopted SRTS plan. Infrastructure projects are limited to those serving students in grades K-8 within 2 miles of the school.

SRTS is a cost-reimbursement program. Local matching funds are not required but can be helpful in improving grant competitiveness. There is no direct impact on the current operating budget established by this Plan. The major portion of the funding for this Master Plan (\$10,000) will be reimbursed to the City by the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT). Texas expects to receive approximately \$40 million of SRTS funding through 2009. A new call for projects is anticipated in 2009.

The P&Z recommended approval on November 3, 2008 by a vote of 6 in favor (Campos, Famble, Long, McClarty, Rosenbaum, and Todd) and 1 opposed (Bixby, who preferred to start with a pilot program to study the effectiveness of the program). City Staff recommends **approval** of the Plan.

Council and Staff discussion included: 1) Plan is required by TXDOT rules for application for Grants, therefore pilot program is not sufficient; 2) grants are 100% funded; 3) staff has worked with AISD; 4) The Safe Routes Plan is a tool and decision-making guide to be used by local officials, organizations and individuals for the Encouragement, Engineering, Education, Enforcement and Evaluation components of the local plan; 5) the Plan will help focus and prioritize efforts and resources to support walking and bicycle ridership with the community; 6) long-term visionary hope; 7) let kids go to school where they live and not be bused to other locations; 8) any project would come before council for approval or denial; 9) plan does not commit the city to spend any money; 10) in-house use of resources to design other programs around other school districts; 11) It is not the intent of this Master Plan to mandate that Campus Plans shall include every Specific Strategy listed in the Plan, but the Campus Plan should however include at least four Engineering strategies and at least one Strategy from each of the categories of Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, and Evaluation; 12) the grant process would proceed through the City government, the City would look for letters of support from AISD for grant projects.

Mayor Archibald opened the public hearing on this item and there being no one present and desiring to be heard the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Higgins made the motion to approve the Resolution amending the Comprehensive Plan adopting and incorporating a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Master Plan for areas within the City of Abilene and the Abilene Independent School District (AISD). Councilwoman Moore seconded the motion, motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Chase, Spano, Williams, Higgins, Briley, Councilwoman Moore and Mayor Archibald.

NAYS: None

WORKSHOP

Mayor Archibald announced that the City Council was entering into a workshop to hear information and discuss Maxwell Golf Course and the possible purchase of Diamondback Golf Course at 10:33 a.m.

Mayor Archibald opened the discussion by explaining that the City had been approached to purchase Diamondback Golf course in the amount of \$2.5 million. Maxwell is currently under a management contract, and whereas the city is supplementing Maxwell around \$72,000 a year during this year's budget cycle.

Mayor Archibald reviewed the following in regards to Maxwell and Diamondback: 1) what would it take to bring Maxwell up to standard; 2) in 2006 the Bond Committee looked at adding 1.2 million dollars to the Bond Election for upgrade of Maxwell, the Committee didn't add this to the 2006 bond election; 3) Does the City need to be in the golf course business? 4) What does the city do with Maxwell if it purchases another Golf course? 5) What is the market for the land at Maxwell? and 6) Sale of the land at Maxwell would have to be voted on by the citizens, because of park land.

City Manager Larry Gilley asked that the council look to answer some questions:

- 1) Should the City be in the Municipal Golf Course Business?
- 2) Is this a good business decision?
- 3) Is this a quality of life issue?

Council discussion included: 1) Municipal Golf is a quality of life issue; 2) other courses in the area including courses at Merkel, Hamby, Clyde, Dyess etc.; 3) out of our peer cities who are running successful Golf courses; 4) compile indicators for success – define success; 5) key to success; 6) city has spent 1.3 million in upgrade of ball field lighting; 7) other quality of life include the Library, Ft. Phantom lake project, Zoo improvements etc.; 8) Diamondback – is a Championship Golf Course; 9) opportunity to consolidate two courses; 10) City of Denton – doesn't own a Municipal Golf Course; 11) cities don't have competition from private business in areas of library, parks etc; 12) issue of alcohol being sold at Diamondback – can the city sell alcohol and would that impact the numbers of players? 13) What do we need to do to keep people visiting Abilene? 14) we are subsidizing Maxwell now – merge, lower rate for all citizens – generate more volume; and 15) are Abilene citizens playing on other golf courses in the area?

Mayor Archibald opened up the Workshop to the public for comments and the city council heard from:

- Merlin Morrow – former Parks Board Member. Mr. Morrow explained that in 1983 Maxwell was losing around \$77,000 and in 1984 it lost around \$90,000. The sought out a Corporation to run Maxwell, they entered into a 20 year contract with American Golf Corp. American Golf Corp paid the City around \$50,000 a year. Mr. Morrow believes that the

City needs to put quality people in charge. If the City doesn't put money in maintenance of Diamondback the course will go down hill.

Councilman Chase asked if the Management Company was responsible for the infrastructure improvements and Mr. Morrow advised they were. Mr. Morrow explained that the City had their backs up against a wall in the 1980's Maxwell was deteriorating. Maxwell is old and it will take a lot of money to get it in shape.

- David Gage – with the Abilene Police Department. Mr. Gage explained that he was a Golf Pro out at Diamondback and has been approached in the past to manage Diamondback. Mr. Gage feels that this is a quality of life issue, the city needs to be in the business of golf. Willing to serve on a committee.
- LaWayne Harris – Plays at Maxwell, he considers Maxwell in good shape. Highly in favor in keeping Maxwell. He asked that the council do a complete study and do their homework. He asked can the citizens afford the purchase. Golfers he plays with can afford to play other places, but they choose to play at Maxwell.
- Frank Johnson – plays at Maxwell. He stated that Jr. Golf is the future in our town. Mr. Johnson stated that the City needs to be in the business of Municipal Golf. He has served on boards and would be willing to serve on a committee to review the options. The City has an opportunity here in the purchase of Diamondback.
- Don Seamster – has confidence in council. He is in favor of the City's involvement in a Municipal Golf Course. The City is already been in the business for over 50 years. Why not bring the golf course up to standards that the city is providing in other areas. It would be a good decision to take over Diamondback and would be good for the community.
- Don Balch – Mr. Balch stated that great points have been made, don't feel that the city would have any problem. The City will need to keep up Diamondback.
- Byron Vaughn – Diamondback is a great course and will be here whether the city or someone else has it. Parks don't cost any one. Maxwell offers golf to those who can't play any where else. No golf course is cheap to operate.

The public comment time closed.

Council and Staff discussion included: 1) forming a group, with philosophy of a municipal golf course; 2) what about the seniors that play; 3) committee that would include golfers and non-golfers; 4) big concern is a timing issue/economy; 5) what can the tax payer afford and what is the threshold, how does the city pay for it now (Bonds or Certificate of Obligation); 6) Sales tax and not through property tax; 7) Parks Master Plan (can this be incorporated into the Plan); 8) appraised cost of the land; and 9) questions – Where do we go from here? What is our financial threshold (cost/price/volume)?

No action to be taken today on this item.

10.0 Oral Resolution approving the appointment and reappointments to the following Boards and Commissions:

Abilene-Taylor County Public Health Advisory Board

Re-appointed:

- **Mr. Andrew Urban** – term expires 2011

Airport Development Board

Re-appointed:

- **Joe Crowder** – term expires 2011
- **Cindy Haley** – term expires 2011
- **Vic Corley** – term expires 2011
- **Jimi Coplen** – term expires 2011

Appointed:

- **James Leonard** – term expires 2011

Board of Adjustment

Re-appointed:

- **Wayne Bradshaw** (Regular) – term expires 2010
- **Scott Hay** (Regular) – term expires 2010
- **Dani Ramsay** (alternate) – term expires 2010
- **Rick Waldraff** (alternate) – term expires 2010

Board of Building Standards

Re-appointed:

- **Pamela Yungblut** (Realtor) – term expires 2010
- **Perry Haynes** (Engineer) – term expires 2010
- **Steve Ellinger** (Architect) – term expires 2010

Appointed:

- **Delbert Allred** (as Alternate Realtor) – term expires 2010
- **Wayland Schroeder** (as Alternate Architect) – term expires 2010
- **Janet O'Dell** (Alternate Banker) – term expires 2010
- **Vanessa Faz** (Regular Banker) – term expires 2010

Civil Service Commission

Re-appointed:

- **Pamela Mann** – term expires 2011

Frontier Texas! Board of Directors

Appointed:

- **Audrey Perry** (City of Abilene) – term expires 2009
- **Karen Munoz** (Abilene ISD/Ortiz Elementary) – term expires 2011

Abilene Housing Authority

Re-appointed:

- **Larry Holmes** – term expires 2010
- **Tanya Smith Brice** – term expires 2010

Appointed:

- **Patricia Hippley** (resident) – term expires 2009

Landmarks Commission

Re-appointed:

- **Rick Weatherl**, (Construction rep) – term expires 2011
- **Robert Calk**, (Board of Realtors rep) – term expires 2011
- **Pebbles Lee**, (Historical Property owner) – term expires 2011

Library Board

Re-appointed:

- **Dennis Regan** – term expires 2010
- **Maryanna Harrell** – term expires 2010
- **Virginia “Ginna” Sadler** – term expires 2010

Office of Neighborhood Services Advisory Council

Re-appointed:

- **Susan Robinson** – term expires 2010
- **Bob Gomez** – term expires 2010
- **Brett Monroe** – term expires 2010

Keep Abilene Beautiful Board

Appointed:

- **Dede Morris** – term expires 2010 (unexpired term)

Councilman Briley made the motion to approve the 2008 Fall Board Appointments and Reappointments. Councilman Spano seconded the motion, motion carried.

AYES: Councilman Chase, Spano, Higgins, Briley, Williams Councilwoman Moore and Mayor Archibald.

NAYS: None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Danette Dunlap, TRMC
City Secretary

Norm Archibald
Mayor