

**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING**  
**November 9, 2010 5:30 p.m.**

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

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, met in Workshop Session on November 9<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 555 Walnut Street. Mayor Archibald was present and presiding with Councilmen Shane Price, Joe Spano, Anthony Williams, Robert O. Briley, and Councilwoman Miller. Councilman Higgins absent. Also present were City Manager Larry Gilley, City Attorney Dan Santee, City Secretary Danette Dunlap, and various members of the City staff.

Anthony Williams gave the invocation.

Councilwoman Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas.

**CONSENT**

Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the consent item as presented. Councilman Briley seconded the motion, motion carried.

4. Resolution – appointing an Assistant Municipal Court Judge to act in the absence or unavailability of the Municipal Judge.

Resolution **#28-2010** and is captioned as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, APPOINTING AN ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE TO ACT IN THE ABSENCE OR UNAVAILABILITY OF THE JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT

**REGULAR**

*Maxwell Municipal Golf Course*

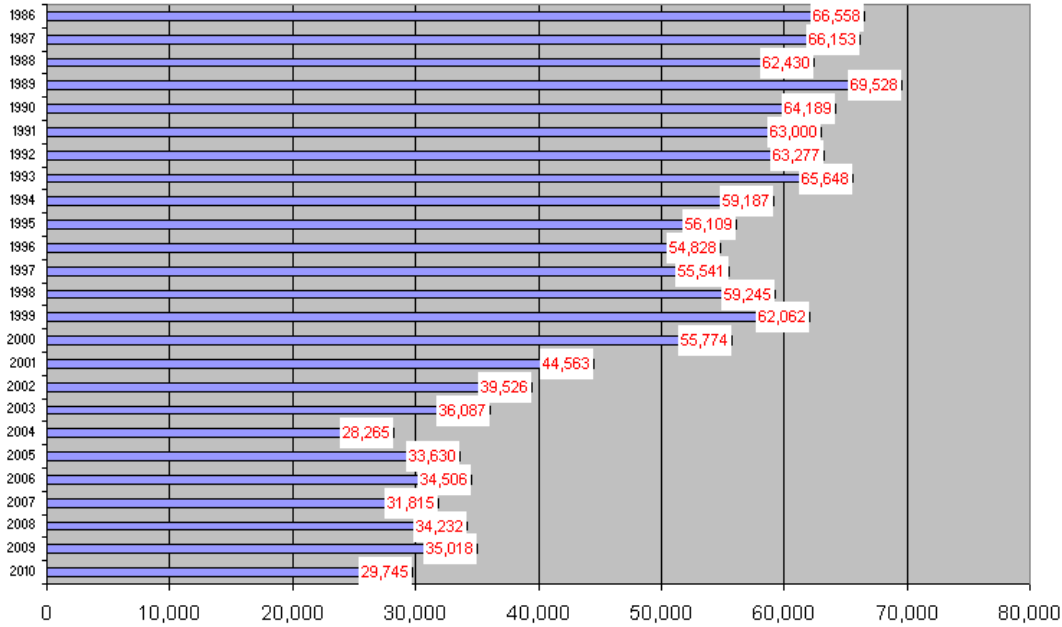
Tony Neitzler Assistant Director of Community Services, briefed the council on Maxwell Municipal Golf Course. In 1984 the City operated Maxwell and it had been experiencing losses in the operation and was projecting a loss of \$73,000 for FY 1985. The City decided to outsource and solicited proposals for the operation of the course.

American Golf Corp. assumed operations in 1985 and operated Maxwell for the next nineteen years. In 2004 American Golf was no longer the course operator. During the 19 years American Golf operated the course they had paid the City approximately \$635,000 in fees.

In 2004 West Texas Golf Systems Inc (WTGS) contracted with the City for 10 years. Rents have been waived since 2006 to offset course losses. In 2008 WTGS petitioned the City for payments to enable WTGS to be able to continue operation. The Council recently approved the third such request to support the operation with an annual fee of \$72,000.

The contract with WTGS will expire Sept. 30, 2014. At that time the City will have to determine the course's future once again. The options may include: 1) continuing to work with WTGS if possible; 2) request proposals and see if another operator might be found; 3) assume operations of the course with City personnel and resources; or 4) close the course.

### TOTAL ROUNDS FY 1986-2010 TABLE 2



### GOLF COURSE COMPARISON - TABLE 3

ABILENE (116,219) - median income - \$33,007 Total Number of Holes - 9 courses      153 Holes per 1,000 individuals              1.32	Midland (103,880) - median income - \$39,320 Total Number of Holes - 8 courses      117 Holes per 1,000 individuals              1.13
Carrollton (123,799) - median income - \$62,406 Total Number of Holes - 5 courses      81 Holes per 1,000 individuals              0.74	Odessa (96,824) - median income- \$24,000 Total Number of Holes - 5 courses      81 Holes per 1,000 individuals              0.84
Denton (115,506) - median income - \$35,422 Total Number of Holes - 3 courses      45 Holes per 1,000 individuals              0.39	San Angelo (90,483) - median income \$32,232 Total Number of Holes - 6 courses      90 Holes per 1,000 individuals              0.99
Grand Prairie (158,422) - median income - \$46,816 Total Number of Holes - 9 courses      117 Holes per 1,000 individuals              0.74	Waco (122,222) - median income \$26,264 Total Number of Holes - 6 courses      108 Holes per 1,000 individuals              0.88
Killeen (112,434) - median income - \$34,461 Total Number of Holes - 1 course      18 Holes per 1,000 individuals              0.16	Wichita Falls (101,590) - median income \$32,554 Total Number of Holes - 2 courses      36 Holes per 1,000 individuals              0.35
Lubbock (217,326) - median income - \$31,844 Total Number of Holes - 12 courses      189 Holes per 1,000 individuals              0.87	

**Comparable City Rates for Municipal Golf Course TABLE 5A**

City	18 holes		Cart Fee 18 holes	Range Balls
	Weekday	Weekend		
<b>Maxwell Municipal</b>	\$16.50	\$23.00	\$12.00	\$4-\$8-\$12
<b>Carrollton</b>				
Indian Creek	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$13.00	\$4-\$8-\$12
Indian Lake	\$30.00	\$39.00	\$13.00	\$4-\$8-\$12
<b>Grand Prairie</b>	\$17.00	\$25.00	\$13.00	\$3-\$7
<b>Lubbock</b>				
Canyon	\$20.00	\$27.00	\$9.00	N/A
Creek	\$15.00	\$24.00	\$9.00	N/A
<b>Midland</b>	\$15.25	\$20.25	\$19.04	N/A
<b>Odessa</b>	\$19.00	\$24.00	\$11.00	\$2.5-\$5
<b>Waco</b>				
Cotton Creek	\$23.00	\$31.00	\$16.00	\$5-\$8-\$9
James Connally	\$23.00	\$25.00	\$9.00	\$5
<b>Wichita Falls</b>	\$29.00	\$38.00	\$10.00	
<b>Killeen</b>	\$16.00	\$21.00	\$13.00	\$3-\$6
<b>Denton</b>	No Municipal Golf Course			
<b>San Angelo - 9 hole only</b>	\$8.00	\$10.00	No Carts	N/A

**Local Golf Courses TABLE 5B**

Course	18 holes		Cart Fee 18 holes	Range Balls
	Weekday	Weekend		
<b>Maxwell Municipal</b>	\$16.50	\$23.00	\$12.00	\$4-\$8-\$12
<b>Shady Oaks - Baird</b>	\$17.00	\$26.00	\$12.00	\$2-\$3-\$5
<b>Mesquite Grove - Dyess</b>	\$18.00	\$21.00	\$12.00	\$3-\$6
<b>Tin Cup - Merkel</b>	Closed			
<b>Tangle Oaks - Hawley</b>	\$22.25	\$26.00	\$4.00 - \$5.00	\$2-\$4-\$6
<b>Abilene Country Club</b>	\$228.00 membership per month			
<b>Diamondback</b>	\$21.50		\$7.50	\$5-\$9
Friday and Sunday		\$27.50	\$7.50	
Saturday and Holidays		\$32.50	\$7.50	

Maxwell is in need of major capital improvements as well. Last year the City invested \$130,000 in irrigation system controls and has budgeted \$65,000 for improvements to the pump systems this year.

Club House

5000 sq ft @ \$150 per sq foot   \$750,000

Architect                               \$ 75,000

Maintenance Barn

7200 sq ft                               \$300,000

Architect                               \$ 30,000

Irrigation System                   \$900,000

Cart Paths                           \$350,000

**Total**                               **\$2,405,000**

***Abilene Public Library***

Ricki Brown City Librarian briefed the City Council on the Abilene Public Library. The mission of the Abilene Public Library is to provide materials, services and programs that help community residents meet their recreational, educational, informational, and cultural needs. Emphasis is placed on providing current, high-demand, high-interest materials in a variety of formats for individuals of all ages; providing accurate, useful and

timely information for job-related and personal interests; and encouraging young children to develop an interest in reading and learning.

The Library belongs to the Abilene Library Consortium (ALC) and partners with Abilene Christian University, McMurry University and Hardin-Simmons University in a shared web based library catalog. As a result of this partnership, all holders of the APL library card may browse the online catalog and view each institution's holdings simultaneously as well as place a hold and check out resources from the universities. Abilene Public reciprocates and honors the university cardholders too. During FY10, Abilene Public Library cardholders borrowed a total of 5,901 items from the academic libraries in Abilene. During the same time period, cardholders from the three universities borrowed 44,580 items from the Abilene Public Library.

The Library also serves the Major Resource Center for the Big Country Library System (BCLS). The BCLS is actually a component of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. BCLS was created to serve the 32 surrounding counties and 45 member libraries.

**Circulation by Location  
 FY 97 – FY10**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Main</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>Mockingbird</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
97	520,292			520,292
98	451,634	74,712		526,346
99	404,842	116,111		520,953
00	430,847	145,250		576,097
01	439,977	172,323		612,300
02	459,280	195,396		654,676
03	488,367	226,852		715,219
04	514,520	239,447		753,967
05	516,505	259,017		775,522
06	508,597	225,742		734,339
07	484,656	232,581		717,237
08	502,984	242,783		745,767
09	514,215	254,103	154,664	922,982
10	503,434	252,990	182,877	939,301

**Visits by Location  
 FY 97 – FY10**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Main</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>Mockingbird</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
97	273,495			273,495
98	248,334	53,379		301,713
99	238,470	74,173		312,643
00	232,377	84,604		316,981
01	223,817	97,172		320,989

02	228,254	108,157		336,411
03	238,964	118,614		357,578
04	233,355	120,550		353,905
05	238,948	124,922		363,870
06	238,573	114,934		353,507
07	225,489	117,458		342,947
08	213,643	119,021		332,664
09	202,867	121,496	84,519	408,882
10	184,757	127,030	104,124	415,911

**Abilene Public Library**

**Budget FY2011**

APPR DESCRIPTION	Total	Main	South	Mockingbird
726 Personal Services	1,437,910	981,703	226,218	229,989
727 Supplies	406,830	250,760	71,400	84,670
728 Maintenance	32,770	19,170	6,800	6,800
729 Other Services & Charges	540,570	370,105	82,080	88,385
Capital Outlay				
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>2,418,080</b>	<b>1,621,738</b>	<b>386,498</b>	<b>409,844</b>

Staff Levels FTEs	35.13	22.25	6.38	6.5
Public Service Staff		16.25	6.38	6.5
TS & Admin		6		

After the presentations Mayor Archibald opened a public forum for the citizens to give public comment. The Council heard from the following:

- Sue Oates – supports quality of life
- Bennett Schackmuth(Wylie student) – support of the south branch library
- Dawn Waggoner – read a letter from Connie Robinette over concerns of HOME funds
- Pat Hippley – talked about her concern of sustainable development/green agendas
- Phil Gage Golf Advisory Board – support of Maxwell Golf through 4B tax
- Letter from Jim Johnson – in support of Maxwell Golf
- Jim Molnar – support of Maxwell Golf
- Gerald Waggoner – supported Golf and Library
- Richard Wills – support of Maxwell Golf

- Jon McAden Abilene High Golf Coach, support of Maxwell Golf
- Scott Findley Cooper High Golf Coach, support of Maxwell Golf
- Curt Dickson – support of Maxwell Golf
- Steve Santana – support of Library
- Madison Schackmuth (Wylie student) – support of both Maxwell Golf and Library
- Nancy Brock – support quality of life and Library
- Lydia Long – support quality of life and sidewalks
- Roberto Aguirre YMCA – safe neighborhoods
- Sherry Webb – support of ladies Maxwell Golf
- Lynn Luttrell Abilene Christian University – supports both Maxwell Golf and Library
- Jerry Wagamon – discussed the city’s fund balance and reserve fund
- Rick Owens – support of Maxwell Golf
- Dan Symonds – against Maxwell Golf course
- Jim Holzberlein – against Golf but supported Library
- Jeff Fahnrapp Special Olympics – support of Maxwell Golf
- Charles Zollars – talked about finances and believes Maxwell Golf should be self-sustaining
- Ron Konstantin – for regulating DCOA
- Dawn Waggoner – doesn’t believe in subsidizing
- Dan Symonds – talked about the DCOA/school district providing more money for school play

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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Danette Dunlap, TRMC  
City Secretary

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Norm Archibald  
Mayor