

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
January 12th 2015, at 8:30 a.m.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL - TOUR OF BOND LOCATIONS

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas met in a Special Called Session on January 12th 2015, at 3:00 pm in the Council Chambers, 555 Walnut St. Mayor Archibald was present and presiding with Councilmen Shane Price, Joe Spano, Anthony Williams, Jay Hardaway, and Kyle McAlister. Also present were Interim City Manager David A. Vela, City Secretary Danette Dunlap, and various members of the City staff.

Mayor Archibald announced that the council would be boarding a CityLink bus for a tour of the following proposed bond projects:

Law Enforcement Center – Records (450 Pecan)
Fire Maintenance Building (643 S 7th)
Fire Station #3 (2201 S 19th)
Fire Station #7 (4313 N 10th)

The two candidates for Council Place 6 where in attendance Steve Savage and Joy Ellinger. The media also met the council at each stop.

Upon arriving at the Law Enforcement Center Chief of Police Stan Standridge gave a tour of the records storage. Discussion included: 1) records stored for Murders; 2) drugs and weapons section; 3) the wall for rape cases and the importance of DNA samples to be held on each case; 4) the length of retention of evidence; 5) moisture that is seeping into the building from the ground table; 6) the main water line enters the building through the basement; and 7) the inability to circulate fresh air for staff working with evidence.

Council then boarded the bus and heard from Director of Public Works Megan Santee who briefed the council on the street projects which included: 1) Pine Street; and 2) Pecan (#14 on bond proposal).

Upon arriving at the Fire Maintenance Facility Fire Chief Ken Dozier gave a tour of the facility. Discussion included: 1) storage issues; 2) height issue inside the building and the ability to work on the equipment; 3) ladder trucks do not fit in the bays; and 4) can't purchase larger trucks due to the height limitation of the maintenance facility.

Council then boarded the bus and heard again from Director of Public Works Megan Santee who briefed the council on the street projects which included: 1) Butternut St. (#16); and 2) South 20th (#7).

Upon arriving at the Fire Station #3 (2201 S 19th) Fire Chief Ken Dozier gave a tour of the station. Discussion included: 1) age of the building; 2) asbestos issues; 3) sewer issues; 4) trucks have to back in they are unable to drive thru due to size of the trucks; and 5) would like to have a 3 bay station that would include classroom and fitness area.

Council then boarded the bus and heard again from Director of Public Works Megan Santee who briefed the council on the street projects which included: 1) Willis St. (#5); and 2) Pioneer Dr. (#21).

Upon arriving at Fire Station #7 (4313 N 10th) Fire Chief Ken Dozier gave a tour of the station. Discussion included: 1) age of building; 3) in need of a complete roof repair; 4) size of trucks – trucks have 1 inch clearance; 5) the problem with the trucks leaving the station when in route to a call, being able to get the doors closed as they pull into traffic on N 10th.

The City Council then returned to City Hall and reconvened at 5:20 in Council Chambers.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Danette Dunlap, TRMC
City Secretary

Norm Archibald
Mayor