

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
September 27th, 2016, 5:30 p.m.

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

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, met in a Special Called Workshop Meeting to hear a presentation from Dana Schoening Director of Planning and Development Services regarding sign regulations in the Land Development Code. Mayor Norm Archibald was present and presiding with Councilmen Shane Price, Anthony Williams, Jay Hardaway, Steve Savage, Kyle McAlister, and Bruce Kreitler. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, City Secretary Danette Dunlap, and various other members of staff.

Councilman Williams gave the invocation.

Mayor Archibald led the pledge to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

Item 3: Discussion regarding a rate design study for the Water Utility Department.

Council and Staff discussion included: 1) suggestion of postponement of the rates for tier 2 & 3; 2) reduced water restrictions; 3) discussed leaving the rates in place; 4) separate meters for sprinkler systems; 5) loan requirements with the Texas Water Development Board, must have a rate structure that encourages water conservation; 6) general consensus is to move forward toward a rate design study; and 7) also the general consensus is to not delay implementing the rate increase for Tier 2 and Tier 3.

Item 4: Discussion of the Sign Regulations.

Dana Schoening Director of Planning and Development Services briefed the city council on the sign regulations in the Land Development Code.

Council and Staff discussion included: 1) portable signs, temporary signs, banners signs and bandit signs; 2) abandoned signs; 3) suggest a citizen committee to review the ordinance; 4) corridor overlays; 5) enforce current ordinance; 6) court case that will need to be considered; 7) fees; and 8) general consensus enforce current ordinance, look to come in compliance with court case and review corridor overlays.

Item 6: Public comment: (Mayor moved public comment up in the meeting to follow the sign discussion).

Mayor Archibald opened the public comment period and council heard from the following citizens:

- Fred Famble – Planning & Zoning Commission – signs
- Tommy Roberts – signs
- Bob Thomas – signs
- Dale Boecker – signs
- Robert Kern – signs

- David McMeekan - signs

Item 5: Resolution authorizing the purchase of Level IV body armor for Police Department and Marshals Division.

Chief Stan Standridge advised council that this was at the request of the officers to purchase upgrades through the city, the level IV body armor will belong to each officer that purchases them.

Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the purchase of Level IV body armor for the Police Department and Marshals Division from GT Distributors. Councilman Savage seconded the motion, motion carried.


AYES: Councilmen Price, Kreitler, Williams, Hardaway, McAlister, Savage and Mayor Archibald

NAYS: None

Resolution #127-2016

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS,
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE LEVEL IV
BODY ARMOR FROM GT DISTRIBUTORS IN EXCESS OF \$50,000.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.


Danette Dunlap
City Secretary


Norm Archibald
Mayor