

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

April 25th 2017, 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 on April 25th 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Norm Archibald was present and presiding with Councilmen Shane Price, Bruce Kreitler, Anthony Williams, Kyle McAlister and Steve Savage. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, City Secretary Danette Dunlap, and various other members of staff.

Councilman Anthony Williams gave the invocation.

Mayor Archibald introduced Collin Stephenson a 2nd grade student at Wylie Elementary Collin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas.

Item 3.1 Public Comment on Pending Ordinance: Setting forth registration requirements and credit extension guidelines for credit access businesses and providing a penalty; a public hearing and vote will be held on April 27th 2017 Regular City Council Meeting..

Mayor Archibald opened a public comment on the pending ordinance and council heard from the following:

- Kimberly Knight – for the ordinance
- Jeremy Elliott – for the ordinance
- Fr. Adam Droll – for the ordinance
- Taylor Cruse – for the ordinance
- Sue Thomesen – for the ordinance
- Robert Wheeler – against the ordinance
- Michael Brown – against the ordinance
- Jen Rogers – for the ordinance
- Lynn Ingram – against the ordinance
- Stormy Higgins – for the ordinance
- Jason Fikes – for the ordinance
- Zach Snyder – for the ordinance
- Shawna Mathis – for the ordinance
- Susan Oates – for the ordinance
- Aaron Shaver – for the ordinance
- Nathan Williams – for the ordinance
- Doug Offermann – concerns over payday lending
- Kim Bhatti – against the ordinance
- Walter Williams – against the ordinance
- Bob Thomas – for and against the ordinance
- Salome Stevens - against the ordinance

The public comment period was closed. City Council will take this Ordinance up for final reading and vote at the Regular City Council Meeting on April 27th.

3.2 **Discussion:** Illegal Dumping

The following citizens made public comments on illegal dumping in the city:

- Jack Wilson – concerns over illegal dumping off of Lakeside Drive
- Stormy Higgins – concerns over illegal dumping – some located off of N10th & Ash neighborhood
- Marie Scroggins – concerns over illegal dumping in her neighborhood – Alameda
- Larry Clem – concerns over illegal dumping around some of his property in town
- Dottie Inglsbee - concerns over illegal dumping around her rental property on Grand and Portland
- Claudia Scroggins – concerns over illegal dumping in her neighborhood – Alameda
- Robert Morris – concerns over illegal dumping

Council and Staff discussion included: 1) code enforcement; 2) illegal dumping signs; and 3) citizen collection station.

3.3 **Discussion:** Automated Water Meter Reading System for the City of Abilene.

Rodney Taylor Director of Water Utilities briefed the city council on the progress that has been taking place with the automated water meter reading system for the citizens of Abilene.

- Staff is working to refine scope and costs
- Best estimate of project cost currently \$18,000,000
- Recommending lending term of 15 years
- Expect at least \$600,000 in new revenue and reduced expenses
- Application turned into the Texas Water Development Board to apply for lending
- Possible completion date of December 2019

No action was taken on this item.

3.4 **Public Comment:**

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

- Roscoe Holliday – concerns with the proposed project by TxDOT on Loop 322.

There being no one else present the public comment period was closed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.



Danette Dunlap
City Secretary



Shane Price
Mayor Pro-Tem

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