

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**  
**February 20, 2018 at 4:30 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 a Special Called Work Session Meeting on February 20, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 Walnut St. Mayor Anthony Williams was present and presiding with Mayor Pro-tem Shane Price, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Steve Savage, and Councilmembers Bruce Kreidler, Donna Albus, and Weldon Hurt. Councilmember Kyle McAlister was absent. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, Assistant City Attorney Kelley Messer, City Secretary Rosa Rios, and various members of the City staff.

Pastor Scott Beard, representing I-Kingdom, delivered the invocation.

Joe Clute and Andrew Clute, Troop 201, Boy Scouts of America, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas.

The special called meeting/work session was held for the purpose of presenting the Mayor's Annual State of the City address.

Mayor Williams' State of the City address covered issues in the following areas:

- City of Abilene Mission Statement
  - "We work together to build and maintain a community of the highest quality for present and future generations."
- City Council and City Management Team Introductions
- Right Size Government
  - City's Organizational Chart
  - Schools/Districts
  - Taylor Count and Federal Representation
- Exciting Happenings
  - Texas State Technical College (TSTC)
  - Abilene Youth Sports Authority
- Abilene Economy
  - GDP
  - Development
  - Unemployment
- Key Stakeholders
  - Development Corporation of Abilene
  - Abilene Chamber of Commerce
  - ACT Teams (*Act* Responsibly, *Collaborate*, *Take Action*)
    - Mayor's Team
    - Stop the Violence Team
- City: Available, Accessible, Accountable
  - City Council Meeting Schedule
  - Website Access/Use Statistics
  - Abilene Academy
- Media Responsiveness
  - City Manager/Director Media Briefing
  - Abilene Police Department Weekly Briefings
  - City Public Information Officers
- Mayor's Community Conversation

- Monday, February 26, 2018, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m., Abilene Convention Center (2<sup>nd</sup> meeting; held quarterly)
- Year 2017 Overview
  - Financials
  - Strengths
  - Challenges
- 2018 Goals
  - Washington, DC Engagement Plan
  - Military Affairs Committee
  - Austin Objectives
  - 2018 Bond Projects
    - Streets
    - West Texas Water Partnership
    - Downtown Hotel
    - City Opportunities
  - Bringing Abilene to the Table
    - Board Appointments for Interested Citizens
    - Mayor's Community Meetings

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Rosa Rios, TRMC  
City Secretary



Anthony Williams  
Mayor

Minutes approved on: March 8, 2018