

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
October 25, 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 Regular Session on October 25, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 Walnut St. Mayor Anthony Williams was present and presiding with Mayor Pro-tem Kyle McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Steve Savage, and Councilmembers Shane Price, Jack Rentz, Donna Albus, and Weldon Hurt. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, City Secretary Rosa Rios, and various members of the City staff.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Williams recessed into Executive Session at 4:30 p.m. pursuant to the following of the Open Meetings Act, with the following issues discussed during this session, as listed on the agenda and authorized by the noted Texas Government Code Sections:

- 1.D 551.074 (Personnel Matters)
  - 1. Performance Evaluation City Manager Robert Hanna

The executive session ended at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 5:30 p.m. as noted on the posted agenda. Mayor Williams reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

Councilmember Price delivered the invocation.

Jahzara Johnson, 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Texas Leadership Charter Academy of Abilene, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas.

**PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 3-6.

Items pulled for individual consideration were as follows:

- Councilmember Price: Items 3 and 6

Mayor Pro-tem McAlister moved to approve the Consent Agenda, now consisting of items 4 and 5. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Savage seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Savage, and Councilmembers Price, Rentz, Albus, and Hurt

NAYS (0): None

- 4. Resolution: Awarding Bid CB-1901 for HVAC Upgrades to the T&P Depot  
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 170-2018]

5. Resolution: Adopting name of an Internal access way for 911 and other addressing purposes on the Disability Resources Institute (DRI) campus  
**[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 171-2018]**

**ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

3. Minutes: Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting held October 9, 2018  
**[APPROVED WITH CORRECTION]**  
*The item was pulled by Councilmember Price*

Having pulled the item, Councilmember Price identified the following correction was needed:

- Public Comment section (Ron Kinder comments): Spoke on “dogs” and not “trucks”

Councilmember Price moved to approve the item with the correction noted above. Councilmember Hurt seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Savage, and Councilmembers Price, Rentz, Albus, and Hurt  
NAYS (0): None

6. Resolution: Awarding a contract to Coffman Associates for Airport Land Use Planning  
**[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 172-2018]**  
*The item was pulled by Councilmember Price*

At Councilmember Price’s inquiry, staff clarified (1) sign options would be reviewed when finalizing projects and would ensure those comply with the City’s sign ordinance; (2) verbiage on web application was standard and the web-based GIS would be covered under the Airport Master Plan currently underway; and (3) project development recommendations resulting from the study would be presented to the City Council at a future date.

Councilmember Price moved to approve the item as presented. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Savage seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Savage, and Councilmembers Price, Rentz, Albus, and Hurt  
NAYS (0): None

**REGULAR AGENDA**

7. Ordinance: *(Final Reading)* Consider and adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of City of Abilene, Texas Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, for Water System Improvements; levying an annual ad valorem tax and providing for the security and payment of such Certificates; providing an effective date; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject  
**[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 63-2018]**

Rodney Taylor, Director of Water Utilities, presented the item. Adoption of the item authorizes the issuance of Certificates of Obligation in the amount of \$18,370,000.00 for use in paying all or a portion of the contractual obligations for (i) constructing, installing, acquiring and equipping additions, improvements and extensions to the City’s water system, including the replacement of water meters, and (ii) paying legal, fiscal and engineering fees in connection with such projects.

George Williford with HilltopSecurities (formerly First Southwest) presented the financial details relative to issuing the Certificates of Obligation. Under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program, the City qualified for a 1.65% below market interest rate.

Councilmember Rentz moved to approve the item as presented. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Savage seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Savage, and Councilmembers Price, Rentz, Albus, and Hurt  
NAYS (0): None

8. Resolution: Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate Terms and Conditions and Execute All Necessary Contracts for the Water Meter Replacement and AMI Project Installation, Integration, and Project Management with Pedal Valves, Inc.  
**[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 173-2018]**

Rodney Taylor, Director of Water Utilities, presented the item. Adoption of the item would award the contract to Pedal Valves, Inc. in the amount of \$6,460,922.50 who would replace over 40,000 existing meters with smart water meters, install a two-way communications network, install meter data management and analytical software, integrate the meter data into the existing utility billing system, and initiate a web based customer portal system for user access of their existing and historical water consumption. Staff reported the contractor would have their own staff perform the installation as they are qualified/experienced on the equipment/work to be performed.

Councilmember Hurt moved to approve the item as presented. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Savage seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Savage, and Councilmembers Price, Rentz, Albus, and Hurt  
NAYS (0): None

9. Resolution: Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate Terms and Conditions and Execute All Necessary Contracts for the Water Meter Replacement and AMI Project Equipment and Technology Procurement with Aclara Technologies, LLC  
**[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 174-2018]**

Rodney Taylor, Director of Water Utilities, presented the item. Adoption of the item would award the contract to Aclara Technologies, LLC in the amount of \$10,695,718.71 who would supply the water meters for the project but are to be installed by Pedal Valves, Inc.

Mayor Pro-tem McAlister moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Albus seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Savage, and Councilmembers Price, Rentz, Albus, and Hurt  
NAYS (0): None

10. Discussion: City of Abilene Master Stormwater Drainage Plan Final Presentation  
**[ORAL RESOLUTION; ACCEPTED]**

Mayor Williams announced a public hearing would be held on the item.

Greg McCaffery, Director of Public Works, presented the item. The presentation was a follow-up to the draft master drainage plan presented at the City Council special called meeting held November 14, 2017, and provided the final version of the Abilene Master Drainage Plan and outlined potential funding options and scenarios. Curits Beitel of HDR Engineering presented the benefits of the Master Drainage Plan.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. The following addressed the city council:

- Tom Britting (handout provided) – questions were answered by City Manager Hanna on the 3 questions provided in his handout: (1) If homes were flooded this past October; (2) Purpose/function of Lake Abilene; and (3) If City draws water from Lake Abilene
- Faith Gage – spoke on water redirection and flooding of Fort Phantom properties
- Bob Thomas – spoke to the Top 20 problem areas and FEMA regulations and maps being at odds

With no other speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Pro-tem McAlister moved to accept the Master Stormwater Drainage Plan as presented. Councilmember Albus seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Savage, and Councilmembers Price, Rentz, Albus, and Hurt  
NAYS (0): None

11. Ordinance & Public Hearing: (Final Reading) Amending Chapter 8, Article VI, Division 6, Section 8-553, "Authority of the Building Official," Code of Ordinances of the City of Abilene, designating code enforcement officials for administrative search warrants, providing a severability clause, declaring a penalty  
**[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 64-2018]**

Michael Rice, Assistant City Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would allow code enforcement officials to gain access to a building or structure to inspect and investigate for substandard conditions through execution of an Administrative Search Warrant.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. With no speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Price moved to approve the item as presented. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Savage seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Savage, and Councilmembers Price, Rentz, Albus, and Hurt  
NAYS (0): None

12. Resolution: Appointing Members to various Boards and Commissions per the City Charter [ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 175-2018]

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Savage moved to (re)appoint the following:

Board	Term End Date
<b>Abilene-Taylor County Venue District Board</b>	
Glenn Dromgoole (Joint w/Taylor County) [Reappointment]	November 2020
<b>Senior Citizens Advisory Board</b>	
Maxine Williams [Reappointment]	May 2020
James Francies [Reappointment]	May 2020
Leroy King [Reappointment]	May 2020

Councilmember Hurt seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Savage, and Councilmembers Price, Rentz, Albus, and Hurt

NAYS (0): None


#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Williams opened the public comment period; with no other speakers coming forward, the public comment period was closed.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

  
Rosa Rios, TRMC  
City Secretary

  
Anthony Williams  
Mayor

Minutes approved on: November 15, 2018