

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
December 20, 2018 at 1:00 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 December 20, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 Walnut St. Mayor Anthony Williams was present and presiding with Mayor Pro-tem Kyle McAlister and Councilmembers Shane Price, Jack Rentz, Donna Albus, and Weldon Hurt. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Steve Savage was absent. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, Deputy City Secretary Shawna Atkinson, and various members of the City staff.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Williams recessed into Executive Session at 1:00 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:

- 22.B 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property)
  - 1. Old Central Fire Station
  - 2. The Cotton Warehouse
  - 3. Proposed utility easement off of North Danville Drive
- 22.D 551.074 (Personnel Matters)
  - 1. Discipline Process of Council Members
  - 1. Duties and Responsibilities of City Manager Robert Hanna
  - 1. Duties and Responsibilities of City Attorney Stanley Smith
  - 1. Boards and Commissions Members:
    - Senior Citizens Advisory Board – Harriett Conner
    - Boards and Commission:
  - Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Board
- 22.F 551.087 (Business Prospect/Economic Development)
  - 1. Hotel Proposals

The Executive Session was recessed at 1:02 p.m. in order to allow remaining City Councilmembers not yet present to arrive. The Executive Session was reconvened at 1:06 p.m. Additional recesses were taken at 2:03 p.m. through 2:07 p.m. and 3:22 p.m. through 3:26 p.m. for brief breaks.

The Executive Session ended at 4:45 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 Weldon Hurt delivered the invocation.

Lauren Rinard, 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at Saint John's Episcopal School, and Sawyer Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at Eula Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and State of Texas Flag.

**PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no items under this category.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 3-16. No items were pulled for individual consideration.

Councilmember Price moved to approve the Consent Agendas as presented. Councilmember Albus seconded the motion; motion carried.

**AYES (6):** Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister and Councilmembers Price, Albus, Rentz and Hurt  
**NAYS (0):** None  
**ABSENT (1):** Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Savage

3. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on approving the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on December 6, 2018

4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on approving the award of Stop Loss Insurance Coverage for Health Plan Year 2019 to HCC Life Insurance Company  
**ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 201-2018]**

5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on executing a construction services contract with Frontier Waterproofing, Inc. for the Abilene Convention Center Wall Joint Rehab Project  
**ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 202-2018]**

6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on authorizing the City Manager to support the U.S. Census 2020  
**ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 203-2018]**

7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on awarding a bid to Bontke Brothers Construction Company for the North 6th Street Water Line Improvements Project  
**ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 204-2018]**

8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on awarding Bid CB-1914 to Arrow Ford of Abilene for two (2) Three Quarter Ton Pickup Trucks  
**ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 205-2018]**

9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on awarding Bid CB-1915 to Arrow Ford of Abilene for four (4) Utility Trucks  
**ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 206-2018]**

10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the DCOA's Project with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) including Sale of 842 Pine St., the Adjacent Parking Lot at 834 Pine St., and Equipment Located Thereon to TTUHSC  
**ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 207-2018]**

11. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on awarding a bid to NaturChem, Inc. for the Gabion Basket Vegetation Maintenance Project  
**ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 208-2018]**

12. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Amending Chapter 18, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," Article XIII, "Schedules," Section 18-287, "Same Other Zones," Section 18-289, "One-Way Streets-At All Times," Section 18-293, "Parking Prohibited-At All Times," Section 18-299, "Parking Time Limited," of the Abilene Municipal Code, by amending certain sections, providing a severability clause, and declaring a penalty; and setting a public hearing for January 10, 2019
13. Ordinance (First Reading): Z-2018-33: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on a request from 4325 N. 10th Street LLC and Heliberto/Valerie Benavides, agent CD DG Abilene 10th LLC, to rezone three lots from a combination of General Commercial (GC) and Residential Single-Family (RS-8) to Neighborhood Retail (NR) including properties at 4325 North 10th Street and 901 North Pioneer Drive; and schedule a public hearing for January 10, 2019
14. Ordinance (First Reading): Z-2018-34: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on a request from JDK Development, agent EHT, to rezone two adjoining properties totaling 4.15 acres from Manufactured/Mobile Home (MH) to Heavy Commercial (HC) located at 118 Arnold Boulevard and 117 Chapel Hill Road; and schedule a public hearing for January 10, 2019
15. Ordinance (First Reading): TC-2018-06: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on a request from CD DG Abilene 10th, LLC, to abandon 150' of an existing 20' wide alley extending east from North Pioneer Drive, between North 9th Street and North 10th Street, specifically between 901 North Pioneer Drive and 4325 North 10th Street; and schedule a public hearing for January 10, 2019
16. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on adopting a Resolution for purchasing emergency service uniforms and equipment from Galls Inc. during Fiscal Year 2018-2019 [ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 209-2018]
17. Presentation: Receive a Report and Hold a Discussion on local homeless initiatives
 

Stan Standridge, Chief of Police, presented the item, along with Katie Alford, Director of the Community Foundation of Abilene, and Michelle Parrish, Grants Director for the Community Foundation of Abilene and a representative of the West Texas Homeless Network. Complaints in the downtown area about homelessness and panhandling have led to a formal leadership collaboration called "Hand Up, Not Out", led by an informal "Homeless Outreach Team" of the Abilene Police Department. Because there are current legal restrictions on homelessness, this program seeks to promote donations to non-profit organizations, instead of handing out money on the side of the road.

The Community Foundation of Abilene is participating in a "100 Day Challenge" to try to house 50 vulnerable members of society in 100 days. There have already been 64 individuals housed. The Foundation, along with Home Again Texas, is also implementing a coordinated entry system that uses a vulnerability score to rank individuals to a housing priority list. This list, called the "by-name" list seeks to track those currently in need of housing in Abilene. There are currently 168 active people on this list. The Foundations goal is to reach something they call "functional zero", a term for when they are able to immediately house anyone who needs it at any time. The process of getting the word out about the program was outlined.

REGULAR AGENDA

18.

Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Qualite Sports Lighting, LLC through BuyBoard contract #512-16 for the purchase of lights to be installed at Rose Park Tennis Center  
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 210-2018]

Leslie Andrews, Director of Community Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve lighting improvements on courts 12-15 at the Rose Park Tennis Center. Anticipated completion dates were discussed, with the firm belief the project would be finished by the Spring tennis season.

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

AYES (6): Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-term McAlister and Councilmembers Price, Albus, Rentz and Hurt  
NAYS (0): None  
ABSENT (1): Deputy Mayor Pro-term Savage

19.

Ordinance & Public Hearing (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on amending the ATCPHD Schedule of Discounts for fees and charges for the Abilene Taylor County Public Health District; repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances, resolutions and parts of resolution in conflict herewith; providing a severability clause  
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 73-2018]

Annette Lerna, Director of Health Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve the proposed sliding fee scale and schedule of discounts in accordance with Title X and the Women's Health and Family Planning Association of Texas. The proposed sliding fee scale and schedule of discounts will remove potential barriers for clients to receive services.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing; and with no speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Hurt moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Price seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-term McAlister and Councilmembers Price, Albus, Rentz and Hurt  
NAYS (0): None  
ABSENT (1): Deputy Mayor Pro-term Savage

20.

Ordinance & Public Hearing (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on amending Chapter 18, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," Article XIII, Section 18-293 "Parking Prohibited-At All Times," of the Abilene Municipal Code, by amending certain sections, providing a severability clause and declaring a penalty  
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 74-2018]

James Rogge, Traffic Engineer, presented the item. Adoption of the item would establish "No Parking at All Times" on the East and West sides of Cockerell Drive, Nelson Drive, and Carver Street from EN 10<sup>th</sup> Street to EN 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

Stan Standridge, Chief of Police, spoke on the concerns from residents in the area about the sale of narcotics, excessive speeding and cars, and how the Police Department worked with Reverend Andrew Penns of Valley View Baptist Church to get this initiative started.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing; and with no speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Rentz moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Hurt seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister and Councilmembers Price, Albus, Rentz and Hurt  
 NAYS (0): None  
 ABSENT (1): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Savage

21. Resolution: Appointing Members to various Boards and Commissions per the City Charter [ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 210-2018]

Mayor Pro-tem McAlister moved to (re)appoint the following.

Board	Term End Date
Keep Abilene Beautiful, Inc.	September 2021
Della Beasley [New]	September 2020
Jamie Datzell [New]	September 2020 [Unexpired Term]
Senior Citizens Advisory Board	May 2020
Harrell Connor [Reappointment]	

Councilmember Hurt seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister and Councilmembers Price, Albus, Rentz and Hurt  
 NAYS (0): None  
 ABSENT (1): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Savage

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

- Charlotte Sines – thanked the City for their work with the local homeless initiative and spoke on her concerns of the improper management of the Zoo and Animal Shelter
- David Swart – spoke about the lighting going in at Rose Park, commended staff for “seeing the light” and noticing that repairs were needed, not being in favor of the Street Maintenance Fee, and suggested to fix 4 different roads around the Mall of Abilene
- Jerry Smith – spoke on his dissatisfaction with how the City is spending money, use of City resources and City staff he observed standing around

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

  
 Shawna Atkinson  
 Deputy City Secretary  
  
 Anthony Williams  
 Mayor

Minutes approved on: 1/10/2019