

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING**  
**May 19, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.**

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

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas met in Special Emergency Session on May 19, 2019, at 8:00 a.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, Donna Albus, Weldon Hurt and Travis Craver. Councilmember Jack Rentz was absent. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, Interim City Secretary Shawna Atkinson, and various members of the City staff.

Councilmember Weldon Hurt delivered the invocation.

Mayor Pro-tem Kyle McAlister led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and State of Texas Flag.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

1. **Ordinance and Public Hearing (Final Reading):** Hold a discussion, conduct a public hearing and take action regarding adopting a Curfew for the property damaged areas adversely affected by the tornado or severe thunder storms occurring on May 18, 2019. An emergency or urgent public necessity exists and immediate action is required because of an imminent threat to public health and safety or a reasonably unforeseeable situation.

**[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 28-2019]**

Stanley Smith, City Attorney, presented the item. Adoption of the item would set a curfew between the hours of 8:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. for the areas adversely affected by the tornado or severe thunderstorm that occurred on May 18, 2019. The curfew will be in effect for as long as the Disaster Declaration, signed by Mayor Williams on May 18, 2019, is in effect, which is seven days.

Council questioned if the curfew can be extended.

City Manager Robert Hanna clarified that the curfew can only be extended by action from Council. He stated the curfew will allow the Abilene Police Department to stop people trying to enter the affected areas, in order to keep the damaged homes and property safe. He also addressed the need for volunteers, where citizens can go to help, and praised the efforts from both citizens and City staff so far.

Mayor Williams opened a public hearing on the item. The following addressed the City Council:

- David Swart – stated we were lucky there were no fatalities. He thinks everyone should have a NOAA radio to stay informed during severe weather situations and praised the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments.

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


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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 a.m.

  
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Shawna Atkinson  
Interim City Secretary

  
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Anthony Williams  
Mayor

Minutes approved on: June 13, 2019

