

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 28, 2023 at 8:30 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 Regular Session on September 28, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 Walnut St. Mayor Weldon Hurt was present and presiding, along with Mayor Pro-tem Shane Price, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Lynn Beard, and Councilmembers Blaise Regan, Brian Yates, Kyle McAlister, and Travis Craver. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson.

Councilmember Brian Yates delivered the invocation.

Marivel Levario, 4th Grader, and Yarel Levario, 5th Grader, both from Bassetti Elementary, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and State of Texas Flag.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Presentation:
 - Chief Doug Wrenn recognized Lt. Brad McGarry for winning the U.S. Attorney's Award of Excellence

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 3-18. Item 10 was pulled from consideration prior to the meeting. Item 6 was pulled for individual consideration.

Item pulled for individual consideration:

- Item 6: Councilmember Yates

Item pulled from consideration:

- Item 10

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Dorothy Clay

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember McAlister moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of items 3-5, 7-9 & 11-18. Councilmember Craver seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Price, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard, and Councilmembers Regan, Yates, McAlister and Craver
NAYS (0): None

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard had a conflict of interest on item 14 and abstained from voting on that item. A Conflict of Interest Affidavit was filled out before the meeting and filed with the City Secretary's office. The vote for item 14 alone was:

AYES (6): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Price, and Councilmembers Regan, Yates, McAlister and Craver
 NAYS (0): None
 ABSTAIN (1): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard

- 3. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on September 14, 2023
- 4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Appointing Members to Various Boards and Commissions per the City Charter
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 155-2023]

Board	Term End Date
<i>Citizen's Advisory Board for People with Disabilities</i>	
JoAnne Fhuke [Reappointment]	October 2025
Jamie Thomas [Reappointment]	October 2025
Rodney Young [Reappointment]	October 2025

- 5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Casting a Vote to Nominate a Member to the Taylor County Appraisal District Board of Directors
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 156-2023]
- 7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing a Contract with United States Geological Survey for Streamflow Monitoring Stations
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 158-2023]
- 8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Awarding Bids for Purchase of Bulk Chemicals to be Used by Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants in Fiscal Year 2024
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 159-2023]
- 9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Awarding the Bid to Starks Construction Company Inc. for the Hwy 83/FM3034 Water Line Relocation
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 160-2023]
- 11. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Amendment to the Rose Tennis Center Management Agreement
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 162-2023]
- 12. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Veterans Land Board for the Management of the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 163-2023]
- 13. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to approve Task Order 1 with Parkhill for the Airport Terminal Improvements and Expansion Design
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 164-2023]
- 14. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to award the Airside Engineering Services Contract to Garver
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 165-2023]

15. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Ground Lease with Abilene Independent School District
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 166-2023]
16. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing the City of Abilene to install four-way stop signs at the intersection of Westchester Dr. and Bruce Dr.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 167-2023]
17. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Awarding Annual Street Services Division Materials Bid #CB-2367
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 168-2023]
18. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Rebate Agreement with the Abilene Convention Center Hotel Development Corporation
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 169-2023]

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSIDERATION

10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Real Time Information Center
[NOT CONSIDERED]

ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Taylor County Expo Center FY 2024 Budget
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 157-2023]

Having pulled the item, Councilmember Yates stated that he pulled this item at the request of a citizen. Adoption of the item would approve the FY 24 budget for the Taylor County Expo Center.

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. The following spoke:

- Tammy Fogle

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

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

AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Price, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard, and Councilmembers Regan, Yates, McAlister and Craver

NAYS (0): None

REGULAR AGENDA

19. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Revising the FY 23-24 Budget Ordinance and to Increase Staffing for the Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 62-2023]

Mindy Patterson, Deputy City Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would revise the FY 23-24 budget by increasing staffing for the Texas State Veterans Cemetery.

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

Councilmember McAlister moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Regan seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Price, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard, and Councilmembers Regan, Yates, McAlister and Craver

NAYS (0): None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 8:45 a.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 Section:

20. A. 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)

1. The Woodlands Pride, Inc. et al v. Angela Colmenero, Interim AG of Texas
2. Eminent Domain lawsuits – North First & Leggett Streets intersection
3. Eminent Domain – 212 ES 11th Street

20. B. 551.074 (Personnel Matters)

1. Municipal Court Judge (also agenda item #21)
2. City Secretary (also agenda item #22)

20. F. 551.087 (Business Prospect/Economic Development)

1. 505 Pine Street

The Executive Session ended at 9:45 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Hurt reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

REGULAR AGENDA

21. Oral Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on the Evaluation of the Municipal Court Judge
[ORAL RESOLUTION]

Earlier in the meeting, under Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) of the Open Meetings Act, the item was discussed during the Executive Session, which started at 8:45 a.m., and ended at 9:45 a.m. No votes or actions were taken at that time.

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

Councilmember Regan moved to approve the evaluation of the Municipal Court Judge. Councilmember Yates seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Price, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard, and Councilmembers Regan, Yates, McAlister and Craver

NAYS (0): None

22. Oral Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on the Evaluation of the City Secretary
[ORAL RESOLUTION]

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

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard moved to approve the evaluation of the City Secretary. Mayor Pro-tem Price seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Price, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard, and Councilmembers Regan, Yates, McAlister and Craver

NAYS (0): None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.



Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary



Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: October 12, 2023

