

ORDINANCE NO.42-2020

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ABILENE; BY APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR ADDING ONE TELECOMMUNICATOR SUPERVISOR POSITION TO THE ABILENE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 9-1-1 SYSTEM AS SET OUT BELOW; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2020 the City Council of the City of Abilene (City) approved on final reading the Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Operating Budget (FY2021 Budget); and

WHEREAS, the Abilene/Taylor County 9-1-1 District Board collects 9-1-1 user fees for the Abilene/Taylor County 9-1-1 district, including the unincorporated portions of the county; and

WHEREAS, the fees are used for the setup, maintenance and operations of the 9-1-1 system; and

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2020, the Abilene/Taylor County 9-1-1 District Board approved funding based on 60% of approved and official budgeted staffing costs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene currently employs (36) full-time licensed telecommunicators in its 9-1-1 system, and an additional full-time licensed telecommunicator is needed; and

WHEREAS, the revised budget of the 9-1-1 Board has allocated an additional \$494,000 for the City of Abilene, effective October 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the additional 9-1-1 Board funds will be used to promote one telecommunicator to Quality Assurance Supervisor/Training Coordinator/TCOLE Compliance Manager, as well as overstaffing the Division for hiring purposes, allowing for inherent attrition during the 4-month recruiting and onboarding process, followed by an 8-month rigorous training process.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

PART 1: That the Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Operating Budget be amended by increasing from thirty-six (36) to thirty-seven (37) the approved number of full time 9-1-1 Telecommunicator positions in 5025 – Communications - Abilene Police Department of the Appendix – Personnel Schedule by Department, as detailed below

FT 13019 Division Manager - Police Communications	1
FT 12318 Telecommunicator Supervisor	7
FT 11832 Telecommunicator	<u>29</u>
	37

PART 2: That the Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Operating Budget be amended by adding an additional \$494,000 from the Abilene/Taylor County 9-1-1 District Board to the Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Operating Budget, Abilene Police Department, for licensed Telecommunicator positions.

PART 3: That any ordinance, resolution, policy or any provision or section of the code of the City of Abilene, Texas, as amended, in conflict herewith, be, and the same is hereby repealed to the extent of any conflict.

PASSED ON FIRST READING this 22nd day of October, A.D., 2020.

A notice of the time and place, where and when said ordinance would be given a public hearing and considered for final passage was published in the Abilene Reporter-News, a daily newspaper of general circulation in the City of Abilene, said publication being on the 1st day of November, 2020, the same being more than 24 hours prior to a public hearing being held in the Council Chamber of City Hall in Abilene, Texas, at 8:30 a.m. on the 5th day of November, 2020, to permit the public to be heard.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING this 5th day of November, 2020.

ATTEST:



City Secretary



Mayor



APPROVED:



City Attorney