

ORDINANCE NO. 35-2024

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2024, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, FOR THE CITY OF ABILENE; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

WHEREAS, the City Manager on June 28th, 2024, filed a proposed budget with the City Secretary for the fiscal year commencing October 1st, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed and considered said proposed budget and made revisions of same; and,

WHEREAS, said proposed budget, as revised by the City Council, was duly set for a public hearing ordered to be called by the City Council and held on August 8th, 2024, after due notice, as required by the Charter of the City of Abilene and laws of the State of Texas; now, therefore,

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

PART 1: That the budget proposed by the City Manager for the fiscal year commencing October 1st, 2024, as revised by the City Council, be, and the same is hereby approved, adopted, and appropriated including transfers of General Fund equity to various Funds.

PART 2: That the City Manager and his authorized and designated employees, at his direction, be, and are hereby, authorized to sign or release easements, permits, licenses, and change orders; to sign interlocal agreements as authorized by state law; to sign documents authorizing the payment of funds, and to expend public funds as authorized by state law unless otherwise authorized by the City Council; to authorize disposition of City assets to appropriate entities when it serves a public purpose; to settle paving assessment, weed mowing, demolition, and other disputes based on legal questions of whether the assessments are enforceable or other extenuating factual circumstances. The City Manager is authorized to adjust compensation, within Council policy guidelines, of any City employee, including appointees, when in his discretion an adjustment needs to be made to retain qualified personnel. The intent of this section is to provide the ability to conduct daily affairs of the City, which involves numerous decisions of a routine nature and to retain qualified personnel.

PART 3: That the City Council hereby approves grants and contracts that are set out by this budget and authorizes the City Manager and his authorized and designated employees, at his discretion, to sign said federal, state, and other such grant and contract documents, including interlocal agreements, on behalf of the City. The funds for said contracts, agreements, and purchases are hereby approved and appropriated. The intent of this section is to approve and simplify the grant process and approve expenditures that are exempt from the Purchasing and Contracting Authority of Municipalities, Chapter 252 of the Local Government Code.

PART 4: That upon passage of this ordinance on first reading, the City Secretary be, and is hereby authorized and directed to have published in the Abilene Reporter-News, a daily newspaper of general circulation in the City of Abilene, a notice that a public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall in Abilene, Texas, at 8:30 A.M., on the 8th of August, 2024, to permit the public to be heard prior to consideration of this ordinance for second and final reading, said publication to be made on the 28th of July, 2024, being more than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time designated for such public hearing in accordance with Section 18 of the City Charter. 102.0065(b) Local Government Code, Special Notice by publication for Budget – except that if another law requires the governing body to give notice, by publication, of a hearing on a budget this section does not apply.

PART 5: 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. It is specifically provided that Resolution 40-1997 concerning liability claims shall remain in full force and effect.

PART 6: That the number, classification, and designation of each position, as provided in Texas Local Government Code Ann., Chapter 143 (Vernon 1988), Municipal Civil Service, for the Police and Fire Departments, as set out below, are hereby created, established, and adopted as the official plan for the classified service of the Police and Fire Departments of the City of Abilene for the fiscal year October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, or as may be amended by City Council. Any position in the classified service of the Police and Fire Departments of the City of Abilene not below listed, is hereby abolished:

<u>Police Department</u>		<u>Fire Department</u>	
Assistant Police Chief	3	Deputy Fire Chief	2
Police Lieutenant	10	Battalion Chief	7
Police Sergeant	26	Fire Marshal	1
Police Officers	<u>183</u>	Fire Captain	9
	222	Fire Lieutenant	33
		Fire Fighter	<u>161</u>
			213

PART 7: That the City's operating budgets are approved as set forth in Exhibit A attached and incorporated into as part of this Ordinance.

PASSED ON FIRST READING on the 22nd day of July, 2024.


After passage on first reading, a notice of the time and place 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. The same being more than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time designated for said hearing. After such opportunity for the public to be heard, said ordinance was passed on its second and final reading.

EXHIBIT A


All Operating Funds	Adopted 2024-2025
Fund Balance Beginning	\$89,501,484
Total Revenue	349,717,940
Total Expenditures	350,179,399
Fund Balance Ending	\$89,040,025

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING AT A PUBLIC HEARING on the 8th day of August, 2024.

ATTEST:



CITY SECRETARY



MAYOR

APPROVED:



CITY ATTORNEY

