

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 9, 2026 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 April 9, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 Walnut St. Mayor Weldon Hurt was present and presiding, along with Mayor Pro-tem Brian Yates, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Blaise Regan, and Councilmembers Shane Price Lynn Beard, Travis Craver, and Miguel Espinoza. Present were City Manager Emily Crawford, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Blaise Regan led the invocation.

Arizona Hollis, Riley Zuschlag, Jason Rai, and Saul Lara, all from Bowie Elementary, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the State of Texas Flag.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Proclamations:
 - Parkinson's Awareness Month – accepted by Lorraine Wilson
 - Safe Digging Month – accepted by Atmos Energy

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 3-16. Items 6 and 16 were pulled for individual consideration.

Item(s) pulled for individual consideration:

- Item 6 – Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan
- Item 16 – Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Hurt opened the public comment period. The following addressed the City Council:

- Jack Hadlock
- Tammy Fogle

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan moved to approve the consent agenda, now consisting of items 3-5, and 7-15. Councilmember Craver seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

3. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on March 26, 2026, and the Special Meeting Held on April 1, 2026

4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approval of the Investment Policy
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 68-2026]
5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Expenditure of General Fund FY 25 Fund Balance in Excess of the Three-Month Reserve Requirement
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 69-2026]
7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on Awarding Bid# CB-2627 Workzone Project N9 to Bontke Brothers Construction Co., Inc.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 71-2026]
8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on Awarding Bid# CB-2628 Workzone S4 Seal Coat Project to Bontke Brothers Construction Co., Inc.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 72-2026]
9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on Awarding Professional Services Contract to Jacob Martin, LLC, for design of Griffith Rd. Section II
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 73-2026]
10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on Authorizing the City Manager to Approve Library Materials Purchases from Brodart
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 74-2026]
11. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a 5-year Contract with Axon for the Purchase of In-Car and Body-Worn Cameras for the Abilene Police Department
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 75-2026]
12. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Approval of the Acquisition of Amended Professional Services to Assist in the Design, Configuration and Implementation of Network Technologies from Hoover Technology Consulting LLC
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 76-2026]
13. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Approval of the Acquisition of Cisco Network Devices and Products from CDW-G
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 77-2026]
14. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Amending the FY26 Fee Schedule for Non-resident Recreation Center Membership
15. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on entering into an Economic Development agreement with Bin Bros LLC for 1350 and 1338 Mulberry as part of the Rebuild Abi program
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 78-2026]

ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Accepting the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2025
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 70-2026]

Having pulled the item, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan wanted the public to be aware of this document that outlines and provides details on the cities funding report. Marjorie Knight, Director of Finance, presented the item. Adoption of the item would accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for FY Ending September 30, 2025.

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. The following spoke on the item:

- Tammy Fogle

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

Councilmember Beard moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Craver seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

16. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 32 (Water and Sewers) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Abilene, Texas, to Authorize Sewer Service Outside the City Limits by Written Agreement.

Having pulled the item, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan wanted an overview of what this entails. Matthew Dane, Director of Water Utilities, presented the item and gave an overview of the agreements that this ordinance would allow the City to enter into for sewer service outside the City limits.

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

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Craver seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

REGULAR AGENDA

17. Ordinance (Final Reading) CUP-2026-04: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Apply A Conditional Use Permit To A Property To Allow Outdoor Recreational Activities (Pickleball Courts). Located At 1200 Ruswood Dr. [ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 23-2026]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would apply a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to the above referenced address, to allow for pickleball courts.

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. The following spoke in support of the item:

- Tal Filigham, agent for the applicant

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

Councilmember Craver moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Beard seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

18. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2026-08: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 0.074 Acres from Residential Single Family (RS-6) to General Commercial (GC) Zoning. Located at 1366 Portland Avenue.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2026]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced property from Residential Single Family (RS-6) to General Commercial (GC).

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. The following spoke in support of the item:

- Tal Filingham, agent for the applicant

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

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

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

NAYS (0): None

19. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2026-09: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 6.82 Acres from Residential Single-Family (RS-6), Mobile/Manufactured Home (MH), Light Industrial (LI), and General Commercial (GC) to General Commercial (GC) Zoning. Located at 650 N. 18th Street
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-2026]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced property from Residential Single Family (RS-6), Mobile/Manufactured Home (MH), Light Industrial (LI) and General Commercial (GC) to General Commercial (GC) Zoning.

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. The following spoke in support of the item:

- Jonathan Bowman, agent for the applicant

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

Councilmember Espinoza moved to approve the item as presented. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

20. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Amending Ordinance 58-2022 and Establishing a New End Date for Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #3 District
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-2026]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would establish a new end date of April 9, 2026, for Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TRIZ) #3 District.

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

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

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

NAYS (0): None

21. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Amending Chapter 28, "Solicitations", of the Code of Ordinances, Article II - "Permit", Section 28-17 "Issuance"
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 27-2026]

Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary, presented the item. Adoption of the item would allow the processing of solicitor permits to be completed within ten (10) business days, in response to a new background check system.

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

Councilmember Craver moved to approve the item as presented. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, and Craver

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Councilmember Espinoza

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 9:38 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:

22.A.551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)

1. The Woodlands Pride et. al v. Ken Paxton, AG of Texas et al
2. Rusty Miller & Jenny Miller, Individually & as Next Friends of Jayden Miller v. City of Abilene
3. Patricia Anderson v. City of Abilene

22. D.551.074 (Personnel Matters)

1. City Manager
2. City Secretary

22. D.551.087 (Business Prospect/Economic Development)

1. 5500-5800 Beltway South

The Executive Session ended at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Hurt reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

REGULAR AGENDA – END

23. 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. 76-2026]

Mayor Pro-tem Yates had a conflict of interest on this item and left the room during deliberation and abstained from voting. A Conflict of Interest Affidavit was filled out before the meeting and filed with the City Secretary’s office.

Adoption of the item would approve the (re)appointments of the following board & commission members, per the City Charter:

Board	Term End Date
Senior Citizens Advisory Board	
Rosa Canales [Reappointment]	May 2027
Elizabeth Page [New]	May 2027
Thomas Francois [New]	May 2027
Peggy Ridley [New]	May 2027
Cherry Branch [Reappointment]	May 2027
West Central Texas Municipal Water District	
Anthony Williams [Reappointment]	May 2028
Sam Chase [Reappointment]	May 2028
Dani Ramsav [Reappointment]	May 2028

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

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


AYES (6): Mayor Hurt, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Craver and Espinoza

NAYS (0): None

ABSTAIN (1): Mayor Pro-tem Yates

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.



 Shawna Atkinson
 City Secretary



 Weldon Hurt
 Mayor

Minutes approved on: April 23, 2026