

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 1, 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 Special Session on April 1, 2026, at 1:00 p.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

Mayor Weldon Hurt led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the State of Texas Flag.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 1:01 p.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. Texas LCG Section 143

The Executive Session ended at 1:04 p.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Hurt reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

3. Ordinance: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on an Ordinance Establishing Base Salary and Step Pay Qualifications, Specialized Functions, Certifications, Assignments, and Additional Pay for Abilene Fire Fighters Employed by the City of Abilene  
**[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 22-2026]**

Emily Crawford, City Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve an emergency ordinance that extends the base pay, longevity pay, and certification pay for firefighters from the end of the Meet and Confer agreement on April 1<sup>st</sup>, through the end of the fiscal year, or until a new Meet and Confer Agreement is approved, whichever comes first. Fire Chief Cande Flores also spoke on the process and what has transpired.

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

- Seth Westin
- Scott Gadbury
- Scott Beard
- Tammy Fogle

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

Councilmember Beard moved to approve the Ordinance as an emergency ordinance to preserve the salaries of the Abilene Fire Fighters. 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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.



Shawna Atkinson  
City Secretary



Weldon Hurt  
Mayor

Minutes approved on: April 9, 2026