

Commission Connection Newsletter

June 9, 2025

City Projects Dashboard

Current Projects:

- Sports Complex
- Housing Developments
- KDOT CCLIP 2025
- Street Sales Tax 2024-2034

Water Watch Notice

City-wide water watch remains in effect. Citizens are asked to voluntarily reduce outdoor water use and efficient indoor water use. To learn more, the Water Conservation Plan is available on the city website.

Street Sweeper Update

The Public Works Department is one step closer to getting a street sweeper back in action! City Commissioners have approved a lease purchase agreement for a new unit, and the department is still waiting on parts to repair the existing unit.

Please be patient and use caution when you see the sweeper out and about!

Fire Department Grant Awarded

The Abilene Fire Department has been awarded a \$20,367 grant from the U.S. Department of Interior to purchase a turnkey skid unit. This specialized equipment will enhance the department's firefighting capabilities in rural and off-road areas.

What makes this award especially notable is that it requires no matching funds from the City—a rare opportunity in the world of grant funding. We applaud the Fire Department for their initiative and successful grant writing efforts!

Employee Achievements

Congratulations to the following employees for their dedication to professional development and leadership:

- Firefighter Keaton Hargraves – Completed all certifications, including Firefighter I, Firefighter II, and Hazmat Awareness and Operations.
- Assistant Fire Chief Jeremy Stuck, Officer Grant Pratt, and Administrative Assistant Kellie Olson – Graduated from the KU Public Management Center's Emerging Leaders Academy.

Proclamation: Elder Abuse Awareness Month

Proclamation signed by Mayor Rein proclaiming June 2025 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month.

All citizens are encouraged to work together to help protect elder adults from abuse, neglect, and exploitation.