

# CITY OF ABERNATHY

The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Hall building at 811 Ave D. Members present were Mayor Kester-Fair, Ron Johnson, Bill Atchley, Victor Cavazos, Jay Stephenson, and Michael Macias. Also present were City Staff including Mike Cypert, Krista Adames, Luis Villarreal, and Alfredo Marez III.

## MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order**  
Mayor Kester-Fair called the meeting to order.
- II. **Welcome Guests**  
Mayor Kester-Fair welcomed the guest.
- III. **Invocation**  
Councilman Macias gave the invocation.
- IV. **Review/Approval minutes of the previous meeting**  
Councilman Macias made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Cavazos seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
- V. **Presentation/Approval of Monthly Financial Reports**  
Councilman Macias made a motion to approve the Monthly Financial Reports. Councilman Cavazos seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote 5/0.
- VI. **Action Items For Consideration**
  - A. **Consider Ordinance 592 – Setting a Tax Rate of \$0.5900/\$100 valuation for 2017**  
Councilman Macias made a motion approving Ordinance 592, moving that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.5900/\$100 which is effectively a 1.4 percent increase in the tax rate. Councilman Atchely seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/1/0 with Councilman Johnson voting against.
  - B. **Executive Session - In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, Deliberate Personnel Matters, filling the position of Chief of Police.**  
City Council entered executive session at 7:20 p.m.
  - C. **Reconvene Open Session - in accordance with Texas Government Code, consider any action necessary regarding matters discussed in Executive Session.**  
The City Council reconvened open session at 8:54 p.m.  
Councilman Cavazos made a motion appointing Luis Villarreal Police Chief. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0. Councilman Cavazos then made a motion to assign an annual salary of \$55,000 for Chief Villarreal. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0
  - D. **Consider Ordinance 593 – Amending Ordinance 572, creating an appeal process for sex offenders residing within Child Safety Zones.**  
Councilman Macias made a motion approving Ordinance 593. Councilman Cavazos seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
  - E. **Consider Resolution 091117A – Denying SPS’s proposed rate increase.**  
Councilman Macias made a motion to approve Resolution 091117A Denying SPS’s proposed rate increase. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
  - F. **Consider adjustment for interim Chief of Police salary**  
Councilman Cavazos made a motion adjusting Luis Villarreal’s salary retroactively for the period of Interim Police Chief to \$55,000.00 yearly and authorizing the issuance of a

check for back pay to the date of 8/11/2017. Councilman Macias seconded the motion.  
The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

**VII. Public Comment (non-action)**

No public comments were offered.

**VIII. Items Presented for Information Only**

**A. Police Chief – Report to Council**

Police Chief Luis Villarreal gave his report to Council

**B. City Manager – Report to Council**

City Manager Mike Cypert gave his report to Council

**IX. Adjournment**

Councilman Cavazos made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion.  
The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

The Council may enter closed session at any time during the meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Gov. Code 551. This meeting is also being conducted in accordance with the Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. of 1991). The facility where the meeting is held is wheelchair accessible and handicapped parking is available. Other handicapped services are available upon request if received at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.