

# CITY OF ABERNATHY

The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in a budget workshop session on Monday, June 25, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Hall building at 811 Ave D. Members present were Mayor Kester-Fair, Ron Johnson, Bilinda Prater, Matt Riley, Jared Shannon and Michael Macias. Also present were City Staff including Mike Cypert, Krista Adames, Raymond Kern, Alfredo Marez III, Luis Villarreal, Nadia Micheletti. Members of the Fire Department include Robert Prater and Kelly Vandygriff. Members of the public include Daniel Edwards, Cree Evans, Jackie McBroom, and Taylor Oswalt. Councilman Macias left the meeting at 9:23 P.M.

## MINUTES

### I. Call to Order

Mayor Kester-Fair called the meeting to order at 7 P.M.

### II. Welcome Guests

Mayor Kester-Fair welcomed the guests.

### III. Invocation

Councilman Michael Macias gave the invocation.

### IV. Discussion Items

#### A. Discuss enforcement of Abernathy Code of Ordinances, Article 6.03, Weeds, Rubbish, and Other Objectionable Matter. Placed by Councilman Macias

City Council discussed enforcement of Abernathy Code of Ordinances, Article 6.03, weeds, rubbish, and other objectionable matter.

#### B. Discuss Neighborhood Watch Program. Placed by Councilman Macias.

City Council discussed the Neighborhood Watch Program with the members of the public.

### V. Action Items

#### A. Consider waiving cleaning fees for 424 9<sup>th</sup> Street – Placed by Councilman Macias

Councilman Macias made a motion to waive the fees associated with code abatement at 424 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

#### B. Conduct FY 18-19 Budget Workshop

##### 1. Review and discuss remaining departmental budget requests.

City Council reviewed and discussed each budget request.

##### 2. Authorize any requests to be included within the FY 18-19 budget.

a. Councilman Johnson made a motion not to exceed \$49,500 to construct a Fire Department Building. Fund should be allocated as followed: Monroe Spray Foam \$6,800, Manuel's Concrete \$11,000, and Building by Del Rey Pope \$29,400. Councilman Macias seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0/1 with Councilwoman Prater abstaining.

b. Councilman Shannon made a motion to include \$9,000 for a Personal Protection Equipment Room. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

c. Councilman Macias made a motion to include \$6,500 in additional ancillary improvements for the fire department building. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

d. Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the immediate start of the unofficial FY 18-19 budget for the fire department building line items. The motion was seconded by Councilman Riley. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

- e. Councilman Riley made a motion to deny a Police Dept. replacement vehicle. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Prater. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
  - f. Councilman Riley made a motion to include \$18,000 for water barn improvements. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
  - g. Councilman Shannon made a motion to include an additional \$2,500 to the building maint. account for the fire dept. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- 3. Discuss user fee increases for garbage collection services.**  
Councilwoman Prater made a motion instructing the City Manager to prepare an ordinance in order to increase garbage rates to citizens by 3%. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- 4. Discuss employee health insurance stipends.**  
Councilwoman Prater made a motion instructing the City Manager to prepare a resolution allowing a 1- year exception to the City's personnel policies, allowing and approving a 25% dependent health care insurance cost share for employees hired after June 13, 2011. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

**VI. Adjournment.**

Councilman Riley made a motion to adjourn 9:54 P.M. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.