

CITY OF ABERNATHY

The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, September 10, 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 arrived at 7:48 P.M. Also present were City Staff including Mike Cypert, Krista Adames, Raymond Kern, Alfredo Marez III, Luis Villarreal, and Oscar Martinez. Members of the public include Robert Prater, Doug Evans, Priscilla Reid, Gary Reid, Gerald Kelley, and Leverne Spruiell.

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order**
Mayor Kester-Fair called the meeting to order.
- II. Welcome Guests**
Mayor Kester-Fair welcomed the guest.
- III. Invocation**
Councilwoman Prater gave the invocation.
- IV. Review/Approval minutes of the previous meeting**
Councilman Riley made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- V. Presentation/Approval of Monthly Financial Reports**
Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the financial reports. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- VI. Review/Approval of Weekly Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance Records**
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the vehicle maintenance records and wants them done monthly instead of weekly. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- VII. Public Comment (non-action)**
Public comment was reopened at 9:39 p.m. Councilman Michael Macias stated that he likes meeting in the Big Room.
- VIII. Discussion Only Items**
 - A. Review staffing levels and possible assignment of fleet maintenance duties.**
City Manager Mike Cypert discussed with Council the hiring of an employee with the primary duties of fleet maintenance. City Council was all in agreement and would like to have the job duties reviewed in 6 months.
- IX. Action Items For Consideration**
 - A. Citizens Request to reduce water billing for March and April Billing – First Church of the Nazarene. (Tabled Aug. meeting)**
Members of the First Church of the Nazarene requested an adjustment to their account regarding the March and April billing. Councilman Macias made a motion to take no action on adjusting the water bill for the Nazarene Church. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
 - B. Resolution 091018A – Settling an Atmos Rate Case**
Councilman Macias made a motion to adopt Resolution 091018A settling an Atmos Rate Case. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
 - C. Consider Roofing Repairs - Pinson Building (Tabled Aug. meeting)**
Members of the American Legion Post 500 spoke for the Roofing Repairs and informed the City Council of all the work they have put into the building and about the leaks they are having from the roof. Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve

the estimate from Andrus Bros. Roofing for an R-20 Deck TPO for \$34,500.00. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

D. Consider Notice to Cure Block 140 Encroachments – alley encroachments by adjacent property owners. (Tabled Aug. meeting)

City Council moved Item D to executive session.

E. Executive Session – In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.072, Deliberations about Real Property.

City Council went into executive session at 8:41 P.M.

F. Reconvene Open Session - In accordance with Texas Government Code, consider any action necessary regarding matters discussed in Executive Session.

City Council reconvened open session at 8:55 P.M.

G. Consider Ordinance 599 – Setting a Tax Rate of \$0.5900/\$100 valuation for 2018 – First Reading

Councilman Macias made a motion approving the first reading of Ordinance 599, moving that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.5900/\$100 which is effectively a 5.76 percent increase in the rate. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

H. Review and Accept Petition for Annexation AX 01-18 - City Gin Inc and Hi Plains Drilling Inc.

Councilman Johnson made a motion to accept the petition for Annexation AX 01-18 City Gin Inc. and Hi Plains Drilling Inc. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

I. Review and Approve Service Plan for Annexation AX 01-18

Councilman Riley made a motion to approve the Service Plan for Annexation AX 01-18. Councilman Macias seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

J. Discuss and Consider Possible Future Annexations – IH-27 South and McKenzie Farm

The City Manager Mike Cypert introduced the ability to expand the City's ETJ by annexing 1.) A portion of IH-27 being parallel to the city limits 2.) The McKenzie Farm, a farm that the City owns. Councilman Shannon made a motion to initiate annexation procedures for both areas. Councilman Macias seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

X. Items Presented for Information Only

A. Police Chief - Report to Council

Police Chief Luis Villarreal gave his monthly report to Council.

B. City Manager - Report to Council

City Manager Mike Cypert gave his monthly report to Council.

1. Update on I-27 waterline project
2. Update on Water System

XI. Adjournment

Councilman Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 P.M. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.