

CITY OF ABERNATHY

The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, December 14th, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Hall building at 811 Ave D. Members present were Mayor Lindsey Webb, Ron Johnson, Matt Riley, and Bilinda Prater. Also present were City Staff including Joe Hines, Krista Adames, Luis Villarreal, Will DeWitt, and Desiree Stephenson. Members of the public include Robert Prater, Ryan Amundson, Jay Stephenson, Sherry Proctor, and Brad Proctor.

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order
Mayor Webb called the meeting to order.
- II. Welcome Guests
Mayor Webb welcomed the guest.
- III. Invocation
Councilwoman Prater gave the invocation.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
Mayor Webb led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. Texas Pledge – Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."
Mayor Webb led the Texas Pledge.
- VI. Public Comment (non-action)
No public comments were offered.
- VII. Approval minutes of the previous meeting
 - A. November 9, 2020
Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the November 9, 2020 minutes.
Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
- VIII. Approval of monthly financial reports
Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports, items A-F.
Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
 - A. Monthly Bank Balances and CD report 2 pages
 - B. Actual vs Budget report 7 pages
 - C. General fund check summary 2 pages
 - D. Water fund check summary 1 page
 - E. Payroll check report 2 pages
 - F. Credit card statements
- IX. Approval of fleet maintenance report 2 pages
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the fleet maintenance report. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
- X. Discussion / Action Items
 - A. Discussion / Action Exception to Setback and Construction Permit
 - i. 1112 Ave J
Ryan Amundson came to City Council asking for a variance to the setback on a 12x16 shop that he is building inside his fence. He lives on a corner lot and his fence sits right on the property line.
Councilman Riley made a motion to grant the exception for setback and construction of 13 feet for 1112 Ave J. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.

- B. Discussion / Action Property Demolishing**
 - i. 103 S Ave D Demolition
City Manager Joe Hines informed City Council this was just an informational item and that the property at 103 S Ave D will be demolished.
- C. Discussion / Action EMS Agreement cost increase**
Councilman Riley made a motion to accept the EMS agreement and allow Mayor Webb to sign it. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
- D. Discussion / Action Letter to inform citizens of permit and setback requirements**
City Council and City Manager discussed the letter to inform citizens of permit and setback requirements. Councilman Riley suggested the following change to the letter: Any electrical, plumbing, or structural changes to all buildings require a permit. Councilman Johnson made a motion to accept the letter to inform citizens of permit and setback requirement with the one change that Councilman Riley suggested, and to mail out after the first of the year at the City Managers discretion. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
- E. Discussion / Action Approval of Proctor upsizing agreement.**
City Manager Joe Hines discussed with the City Council the cost to upsize the Proctor's line from a 6-inch line to an 8-inch line.
Councilman Johnson made a motion to expend the money to upsize the waterline from a 6-inch line to an 8-inch line, which is a total cost of \$47,021.76. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
- F. Discussion / Action Prairie Dog issue at Airport**
City Manager Joe Hines presented a quote from Panhandle Biological for prairie dog control on 215 acres of the Abernathy Airport property.
Councilman Riley made a motion to take further action and to discuss with Dr. Miller a cost share before we progress in the matter and to table to the January 11, 2021 meeting. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
- XI. Executive session – Convene into executive session in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.074, “Personnel Matters”**
City Council went into executive session at 8:02 P.M.
- XII. Reconvene Open Session – Take action on Personal Matters discuss in Executive session.**
City Council reconvened open session at 8:17 P.M.
Councilman Riley made a motion to allow the City Manager to proceed with the termination process under advisement of the City Attorney. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
- XIII. Informational Items**
 - A. Police Chief Report to Council**
Police Chief Villarreal gave his report to Council.
 - B. Director of Public Utilities Report to Council**
Public Utilities Director Oscar Martinez was absent.
 - C. City Manager Report to Council**
City Manager Joe Hines gave his report to Council.
- XIV. Adjournment**
Councilman Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.