

CITY OF ABERNATHY

The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, August 10th, 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, Gary Stone, and Bilinda Prater. Also present were City Staff including Joe Hines, Krista Adames, Luis Villarreal, Nadia Micheletti, Will DeWitt, and Oscar Martinez. Members of the Public include Isabel Ortiz, Isabel R. Ortiz, Cecilia Ortiz, Vickie Carrillo, and Victor Salazar.

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 to the American Flag.
- 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. **July 13, 2020**
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the July 13th, 2020 minutes.
Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
 - B. **July 20, 2020 Kirby Public Hearing**
Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the July 20th, 2020 minutes.
Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
 - C. **July 22, 2020 Kirby Public Hearing**
Councilman Riley made a motion to approve the July 22nd, 2020 minutes. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
 - D. **July 27, 2020 Workshop**
Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the July 27th, 2020 minutes.
Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
 - E. **August 4, 2020 Workshop**
Councilman Stone made a motion to approve the August 4th, 2020 minutes.
Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- VIII. **Approval of monthly financial reports**
 - A. **Monthly Bank Balances an CD report 2 pages**
Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve Item A. the Monthly Bank Balances and CD report. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the following monthly financial reports Items B-F. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

- 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 statement

IX. Approval of fleet maintenance report 2 pages

Councilman Stone made a motion to approve the fleet maintenance report. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

X. Executive session – Convene into executive session in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.074, “Personnel Matters” – moved to Discussion/Action after item E. City Council went into executive session at 8:01 P.M.

XI. Reconvene Open Session – Take action on Personal Matters discuss in Executive session. City Council reconvened open session at 9:13 P.M.

XII. Discussion / Action Items

A. Discussion / Action Covid 19 issues

City Manager Joe Hines discussed with City Council Covid 19 issues. No action taken.

B. Review and discuss progress on court room remodels

City Manager Joe Hines discussed with City Council the progress on the court room remodels. No action taken.

C. Discussion / Action Ordinance 618 - to approve the 2020-21 Budget

Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve Ordinance 618 the 2020-21 Budget. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

D. Schedule Hearings and Vote on Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$.5900/\$100

Councilwoman Prater made a motion to schedule public hearings on proposed ad valorem tax rate of \$.5900/\$100 for August 24, 2020 at 5:15 PM, August 31, 2020 at 5:15 PM, and to vote on September 14, 2020. Councilman Riley seconded the motion with all members voting in favor except Councilman Shannon who was absent. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

E. Discussion / Action Public Hearings on Sub Standard housing

i. Case 20-402 1404 Jerome – Victor and Vickie Salazar

Code Officer Nadia Micheletti presented Case 20-402 – 1404 Jerome.

Vickie Salazar spoke for case 20-402, requesting time to speak to her father about the substandard conditions.

Councilman Johnson made a motion to allow the Salazar’s 30 days to decide what they want to do and to bring Case 20-402 - 1404 Jerome, back to the September meeting. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

ii. Case 20-403 411 Avenue J – Ray Ortiz

Code Officer Nadia Micheletti presented Case 20-403 – 411 Avenue J.

Carlos, Cecelia and Isabel Ortiz spoke for case 20-403, stating that they want to bring the house up to standard, but they will need extra time to work on it due to health issues.

Councilman Johnson made a motion to allow 90 days to bring the exterior of the house presentable and after the 90 days return to the City Council meeting with

an update. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

F. Discussion / Action on Comp-Time for Employees

City Council tabled the discussion / action on comp-time for employees.

G. Discussion / Action – Approving Ordinance 616 Kirby Annexation and Service Plan
Councilman Riley made a motion to approve Ordinance 616. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

B. Discussion / Action Resolution 081020C – Ordinance 617 Amusement Redemption Machines

Councilman Riley made a motion to pass Ordinance 617 with the correction of raising the fee to \$1,000.00 instead of \$500.00. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

C. Discussion / Action Resolution 081020D - Authorizing Assignment of Official Newspaper

Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 081020D. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

D. Discussion / Action Resolution 081020E – Authorizing Council Meetings Date and Time

Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 081020E. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

XIII. Informational Items

A. Police Chief's Report to Council

Police Chief Luis Villarreal gave his report to Council.

B. Director of Public Utilities Report to Council

Public Utilities Director Oscar Martinez gave his report to Council.

XIV. Adjournment

Councilwoman Prater made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

Mayor Lindsey Webb

ATTEST

Krista Adames
City Secretary