

CITY OF ABERNATHY

The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, September 14th, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Hall building at 811 Ave D. Members present were Mayor Lindsey Webb, Ron Johnson, Gary Stone, and Jared Shannon. Also present were City Staff including Joe Hines, Krista Adames, Luis Villarreal, Ricky Patterson, Nadia Micheletti and Oscar Martinez. Members of the public include Victor Salazar, John Bradshaw, and AISD Superintendent Aaron Waldrip.

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order**
Mayor Webb called the meeting to order.
- II. **Welcome Guests**
Mayor Webb welcomed the guest.
- III. **Invocation**
City Manager Joe Hines 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)**
Abernathy ISD Superintendent Aaron Waldrip came to the City Council meeting to make himself available to the council if they have any questions about the CARES grant and that he had a school board meeting in a few minutes.
- VII. **Approval minutes of the previous meeting**
Councilman Johnson made a motion to pass the following minutes. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
 - A. August 10, 2020
 - B. August 24, 2020 Tax Hearing
 - C. August 24, 2020 Tax Hearing
- VIII. **Approval of monthly financial reports**
Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports item A – F. Councilman Stone 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 statement
- IX. **Approval of fleet maintenance report 2 pages**

Councilman Stone made a motion to approve the fleet maintenance reports.
Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.

X. Discussion / Action Items

A. Discussion / Action Public hearing on Sub Standard Housing

i. Case 20-402 1404 Jerome hear decision from owner on the home.

Vicki Carrillo spoke for case 20-402. She would like to find someone to demolish or remove the structure and is asking Council if they could wait until the end of January 2021.

Councilman Johnson made a motion in Case # 20-402 – 1404 Jerome, to accept Vicki Carrillo’s request and to give her until January 31, 2021 to find someone to demolish or remove the structure. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.

B. Discussion – Hear comments from John Bradshaw concerning RV Park ordinance issues and drug trafficking in Abernathy

John Bradshaw spoke to City Council about two consistent complaints since he has opened his RV Park. One is the amount of criminal activity and the other complaint is about junk. Mr. Bradshaw is asking the police and the city for assistance. Police Chief Villarreal informed Mr. Bradshaw that the area has been patrolled and they will keep patrolling the area. Councilman Johnson informed Mr. Bradshaw they will be looking into a solution.

C. Discussion / Action Resolution 091420 CARES Act funding for Abernathy ISD

City Manager Joe Hines and Abernathy ISD Superintendent Aaron Waldrip discussed the CARES Act funding grant with City Council. Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 091420 CARES Act funding for Abernathy ISD. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.

D. Discussion Abandoning Easements between 206 Main and 803 Ave B

City Council discussed abandoning the easements between 206 Main and 803 Ave B.

E. Review and discuss progress on court room remodels

City Council discussed the progress on the court room remodels.

F. Discussion / Action Seal Coat Project and Funds transfer

After discussion, Councilman Shannon made a motion that we do not do this years’ seal coat project and to move the money to a separate line item on the FY 2020-2021 Budget. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passes with a vote of 3/0.

G. Discussion / Action Ordinance 619 - to approve the 2020-21 Tax Rate

Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance 619 moving that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.5900/\$100 which is a no-new-revenue rate and a 3.32 percent increase in the tax rate. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0. FOR- Councilman Stone, Councilman Shannon, and Councilman Johnson; AGAINST – 0; ABSENT - Councilman Riley and Councilwoman Prater.

XI. 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 gave his report to Council.

C. Update on water issues and capital Improvement plan

City Manager Joe Hines gave his report to Council.

XII. Adjournment

Councilman Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 7:58 P.M. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.

Mayor Lindsey Webb

ATTEST

Krista Adames, City Secretary