

CITY OF ABERNATHY

The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in called meeting on Wednesday, May 26th, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. in the City Hall building at 811 Ave D. Members present were Mayor Ron Johnson, Gary Stone, Matt Riley, Jared Shannon, and Bilinda Prater. Also present were City Staff including Joe Hines, Krista Adames, Dwain Read, City Attorney Matt Wade, and Robert Prater, member of the Fire Department.

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order
Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order.
- II. Roll Call of Council Members
Council members present were Mayor Johnson, Matt Riley, Gary Stone, Jared Shannon, & Bilinda Prater.
- III. Welcome Guests
Mayor Johnson welcomed the guest.
- IV. Invocation
- V. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- VI. Texas Pledge
Mayor Johnson led the Texas Pledge.
- VII. Public Comment (non-action)
No public comments were offered.
- VIII. Presentation from Texas Communities Group – Director Danny Barrett
Danny Barrett, from Texas Communities Group, gave a presentation to Council on Trust Property, Code Enforcement, Abandon Property, and their Property Database. They also talked about how they will work with the city and the cost of their services.
- IX. Action Item
 - A. Convene Executive session – Convene into executive session in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.074, “Legal Issues”.
City Council went into executive session at 7:48 P.M.
 - B. Reconvene Open Session – Take action on “Legal Issues” discussed in Executive Session.
City Council made a motion to reconvene open session at 8:23 P.M. No action taken.
- X. Conduct a Workshop over the following items:
 - A. Discussion on 2021-2022 budget overview
City Council reviewed the draft budget for FY 21-22.
 - B. Discussion Tax Rate
City Manager Joe Hines discussed with City Council about going up 2% on the tax rate.
 - C. Discussion Water / Sewer Rates
City Manager Joe Hines discussed with City Council about evaluating whether we should go up on the Water/Sewer Rates to pay off capital improvements and debt service.
 - D. Discussion Meter Change out

City Manager Joe Hines updated City Council on the progress of changing out the old meters in the city.

E. Discussion on upcoming expenditures and CD renewals

City Council did not discuss expenditures and CD renewals.

F. Discussion / Action setback Exception and Alley Issue

Ron Johnson asked Council for a 15 feet exception for the Old Gin Property, Property ID# 24067. He is willing to donate up to 10 feet and wants the City to prepare the deed for it and then coming up to A street there will be a dead end and he is willing to donate enough property to put in a cul-de-sac. He also asked Council to extend the sewer line up to A Street.

Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve the setback exception, 25 to 15 feet on that parcel lot 1 and 9, and to extend the sewer line up to A Street. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0. Councilman Shannon made a motion that the City will go through the process of drawing up the paperwork to get the property deeded from Ron Johnson on the south side of the lot to 10 feet, and room for a cul-de-sac on the north side of A street. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

G. Discussion / Action Resolution 05262021 Solid waste contract amendment

Councilman Riley made a motion to accept Resolution 05262021. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

XI. Adjournment

Councilman Riley made a motion to adjourn at 10:04 P.M. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

Mayor Ron Johnson

ATTEST

Krista Adames, City Secretary