

# CITY OF ABERNATHY

The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Hall building at 811 Ave D. Members present were Mayor Kester-Fair, Ron Johnson, Victor Cavazos, and Shawn Vandygriff. Also present were City Staff including Mike Cypert, Krista Adames, Cameron Bowman, Alfredo Marez III, and Nadia Micheletti. Members of the public included Jay Stephenson.

## MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order**  
Mayor Kester-Fair called the meeting to order.
- II. **Welcome Guests**  
Mayor Kester-Fair welcomed the guest.
- III. **Invocation**  
Mayor Kester-Fair gave the invocation.
- IV. **Review/Approval minutes of the previous meeting**  
Councilwoman Vandygriff made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Cavazos seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
- V. **Presentation/Approval of Monthly Financial Reports**  
Councilwoman Vandygriff made a motion to approve the financial reports. Councilman Cavazos seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
- VI. **Discussion Only Items**
  - A. **Public Hearings on Substandard Housing**
    1. **Case 17-001 – 806 2<sup>nd</sup> Street – Richard Vecchio C/o Elizar Vecchio**  
Code Officer Nadia Micheletti presented the conditions on Case 17-001 to Council. No visitors were present for Case 17-001.
  - B. **Discussion on City Vehicle Maintenance Policy - Requested By Councilman Johnson**  
Councilman Ron Johnson discussed with City Council about his concerns with air conditioner problems on police vehicles.
  - C. **Discussion on City Meeting Agenda - Requested By Councilman Johnson**  
Mayor Kester-Fair discussed with City Council why the agenda is posted on Thursday prior to the council meeting and that she intends to keep it that way. The deadline for filing agenda items is the Wednesday before the meeting at 5 pm.
  - D. **Discussion on Substandard Housing Orders – Case 16-002 – 1406 Avenue H - Requested By Councilman Johnson**  
Councilman Johnson asked Code Officer Nadia Micheletti to update him on Case 16-002.
- VII. **Action Items For Consideration**
  - A. **Determination and Consider Orders to Repair – Substandard Housing.**
    1. **Case 17-001 – 806 2<sup>nd</sup> Street – Richard Vecchio C/o Elizar Vecchio**  
Councilman Johnson made a motion finding the property substandard and ordering it to be repaired or demolished within 120 days. Councilwoman Vandygriff seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
  - B. **Consider Order Cancelling Election**  
City Secretary Krista Adames provided Certification of Unopposed Candidates. Councilwoman Vandygriff made a motion to cancel the May 6, 2017 election. Councilman Cavazos seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
  - C. **Resolution 031317A – Updating Authorized Official to City Manager for 2017 OAG CJD Body-Worn Camera grant administration.**  
(See Item D.)
  - D. **Resolution 031317B – Updating Authorized Official to City Manager for 2017 OAG CJD NIBRS grant administration.**  
Councilwoman Vandygriff made a motion to pass both Resolution 031317A and Resolution 031317B. Councilman Cavazos seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
  - E. **Consider Second Reading, Ordinance 585 – Establishing rules and procedures for cell tower placement within the city.**  
Councilman Cavazos made a motion to pass the second reading of Ordinance 585. Councilwoman Vandygriff seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
  - F. **Ordinance 586 – Approving negotiated rate settlement with Atmos Energy Corp.**  
Councilwoman Vandygriff made a motion to approve Ordinance 586. Councilman Cavazos seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
  - G. **Consider Post Office Maintenance Requests**

Councilman Cavazos made a motion to allow \$3,700.00 for Post Office repairs on sidewalk replacement and painting. Councilwoman Vandygriff seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.

**H. Executive Session - In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, Annual Performance Review of Police Chief**

City Council went into executive session at 7:38 P.M.

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

The City Council reconvened on open session at 7:59 PM. Councilman Johnson made a motion to give Police Chief Bowman a "Positive Review" and increase his salary rate by 3%. Councilman Cavazos seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 2/1 with Councilwoman Vandygriff voting against.

**VIII. Public Comment (non-action)**

Kelly Vandygriff made a public comment about traffic during accidents. He requested the Police Department enforce the "Move Over/ Slow Down Law" so that Abernathy will become known as a town that will write you tickets. Kelly Vandygriff also asked for an update on the traffic class and was informed by City Manager Mike Cypert that he would get with him after the meeting to discuss the class.

**IX. Items Presented for Information Only**

**A. Police Chief – Report to Council**

Police Chief Bowman gave his report to Council.

**B. City Manager – Report to Council**

City Manager Mike Cypert gave his report to Council.

**X. Adjournment**

Councilman Cavazos made a motion to Adjourn. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.