

# CITY OF ABERNATHY

The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, October 9, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Hall building at 811 Ave D. Members present were Mayor Kester-Fair, Ron Johnson, Bill Atchley, Victor Cavazos, Jay Stephenson, and Michael Macias. Also present were City Staff including Mike Cypert, Krista Adames, Luis Villarreal, Nadia Micheletti, and Alfredo Marez III. Members of the public included Desiree Stach.

## MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order**  
Mayor Kester-Fair called the meeting to order.
- II. **Welcome Guests**  
Mayor Kester-Fair welcomed the guest.
- III. **Invocation**  
Councilman Macias gave the invocation.
- IV. **Review/Approval minutes of the previous meeting**  
Councilman Macias made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Cavazos seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
- V. **Presentation/Approval of Financial Reports**  
Councilman Cavazos made a motion to approve the Monthly Financial Reports. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
- VI. **Discussion Items**
  - A. **Briefing on Municipal Court Requirements**  
City Manager Mike Cypert discussed with City Council about S.B. 42, requiring presiding judges of all municipal courts to establish court security committees.
  - B. **Xcel Energy Notice – Transmission ROW will affect City property.** (Sewer Farm)  
City Manager Mike Cypert discussed with City Council about how the Transmission ROW will affect the Sewer Farm.
  - C. **Conditions of Streets, Alleys, and City Grounds** (Requested by Councilman Johnson)  
Councilman Johnson addressed his concerns about street sweeping, city grounds, alleys, weeds, dumpsters, the method of hauling road materials, and lawn edging at City Hall with Street Superintendent Alfredo Marez.
- VII. **Action Items For Consideration**
  - A. **Review Bids and Consider Lease – Sewer Farm Grazing Lease**  
City Council received 1 bid from Cullen Johnson for \$5000.00 annually. Councilman Atchley made a motion to lease the Sewer Farm to Cullen Johnson for \$5,000.00 per year for five years with 2 options for renewal at 5 years each. Councilman Cavazos seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
  - B. **Ordinance 592– Setting a Tax Rate of \$0.5900/\$100 valuation for 2017 (Second Reading)**  
Councilman Cavazos made a motion approving the second reading of Ordinance 592, moving that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.5900/\$100 which is effectively a 1.4 percent increase in the tax rate. Councilman Macias seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/1/0 with Councilman Johnson voting against.
  - C. **Resolution 100917A – Authorizing signatories for police banking accounts.**  
Councilman Atchley made a motion to pass Resolution 100917A. Councilman Cavazos seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
  - D. **Nomination(s) for Appraisal Board of Directors - Hale County Appraisal District.**

Councilman Atchley made a motion to nominate Mayor Kester-Fair for the Hale County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Councilman Cavazos seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

**Councilman Macias was called to work and left the meeting at 8:09P.M.**

**E. Nomination(s) for Appraisal Board of Directors - Lubbock County Appraisal District.**

No action taken.

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

No public comments were offered.

**IX. Items Presented for Information Only**

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

Police Chief Luis Villarreal 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 at 8:30 P.M. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.