

CITY OF ABERNATHY

The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, October 8, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Hall building at 811 Ave D. Members present were Mayor Kester-Fair, Ron Johnson, Bilinda Prater, Matt Riley, and Jared Shannon. Michael Macias was absent. Present were City Staff including Mike Cypert, Krista Adames, Raymond Kern, Simon Flores, Alfredo Marez III, Luis Villarreal, and Nadia Micheletti. Justin Balderas of SPAG, and Jeff Rogers of Vista Bank were also present.

MINUTES

- I. Mayor Kester-Fair called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
- II. Mayor Kester-Fair welcomed the guest.
- III. Councilman Shannon gave the invocation.
- IV. Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Shannon seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- V. Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports. Councilman Prater seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- VI. Councilman Riley made a motion to approve the fleet maintenance report. Councilman Shannon seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- VII. Public Comment (non-action)
Alfredo Marez introduced a new employee to the City Council.
- VIII. Discussion Items
 - A. Council conducted a Public Hearing on Substandard Housing. Code Enforcement Officer Nadia Micheletti presented Case 15-005 – 116 E. 2nd Street. No person presented testimony on behalf of the property.
 - B. Council conducted a Public Hearing on Annexation AX-01-18. No person spoke for or against the annexation.
 - C. Council conducted a Public Hearing on the Drought Contingency Plan. No person made comment.
- IX. Action Items
 - A. Considering the structure involved with Case 15-005 – 116 E. 2nd St. to be unsafe, Councilman Riley made a motion to issue order to demolish after 30 days. Councilman Shannon seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
 - B. Council reviewed the sole bid for the City's Depository Contract. Councilman Riley made a motion to award the City's Depository Contract to Vista Bank. Councilman Johnson seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
 - C. City Council considered action on the following items related to Texas Department of Agriculture Community Development Block Grant:
 1. Consider Interlocal Agreement with South Plains Association of Governments for administrative services
 2. Consider Resolution 100818B – Authorizing personnel to sign documentation pertaining to the grant.
 - a. Signatory Form A202.
 3. Appointment of Labor Standards Officer
 4. Designation of Civil Rights Officer
 5. Consider Resolution 100818C – Civil Rights Resolution
 6. Consider Citizen's Participation Plan
 7. Consider Section 3 Policy

8. Consider Excessive Use of Force Policy
9. Consider Section 504 Policy
10. Consider Section 504 Policy Self Review
11. Consider Code of Conduct Policy
12. Consider Fair Housing Policy
13. Consider Limited English Proficiency Plan

Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve items C1-C13. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

- D. Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve of Ordinance 599 upon second reading moving that the property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.5900/\$100 which is effectively a 5.76% increase in the rate. Councilman Riley seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 4 for, 0 against, with Councilman Macias being absent.
- E. Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve Resolution 100818A – Continuing the City of Abernathy Drought Contingency Plan. Councilwoman Prater seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

X. Informational Items

- A. Police Chief Villarreal gave his monthly report to Council.
- B. City Manager Cypert gave his monthly report to Council.

XI. Councilman Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 P.M. Councilman Riley seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.