

CITY OF ABERNATHY

The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, April 13th, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Hall building at 811 Ave D. Members present were Mayor Lindsey Webb, Ron Johnson, Bilinda Prater, Matt Riley, and Gary Stone. Also present were City Staff including Krista Adames, Luis Villarreal, Oscar Martinez, Will DeWitt, and Raymond Kern. Members of the public were and Richard and Sheree Montgomery and Hedge Martin.

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF MEETING BY VIDEO/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

In accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Abernathy will conduct this Regular Meeting in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, 811 Ave. D, Abernathy, Texas by allowing some members of the City Council to participate by telephone conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called “social distancing”) to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Some members of the City Council may participate in this meeting remotely through teleconference providing for two-way audio communication for each member of the City Council.

Public access: The public will be allowed to attend the meeting provided that no more than ten total people are present in the Council Chambers at once inclusive of the members of the City Council and City staff. In the event there are more than ten people present in the Council Chambers, the Mayor may take reasonable steps to assure that all individuals maintain a social distance of at least six (6) feet separation.

Public Comment: Individual citizens desiring to address the Council during the public comment session may do so about any item on the agenda. All citizens desiring to speak during must sign up on the sign-in sheet and comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per person.

This meeting will be recorded and the recording will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order**
Mayor Webb called the meeting to order.
- II. Welcome Guests**
Mayor Webb welcomed the guest.
- III. Invocation**
Councilwoman Prater gave the invocation.
- IV. Public Comment (non-action)**
No public comments were offered.
- V. Approval minutes of the previous meeting**
Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

- VI. Approval of monthly financial reports**
Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- VII. Approval of fleet maintenance report**
Councilman Stone made a motion to approve the fleet maintenance reports. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- VIII. Discussion Items**
- A. Discuss Health and Sanitation - Concerning Fees for Food Trucks**
City Council had a discussion on food trucks and asked City Manager Joe Hines to do some research and bring it back to the next City Council Meeting in May.
- B. Hedge Martin - Plans for Subdivision at 311 Ave H and 309 Ave H.**
Hedge Martin showed City Council his plans to build two residential homes on the 2 lots at 311 and 309 Ave H. There will be a zoning variance letter mailed out to residents within 200 feet of the property and a public hearing will be scheduled.
- C. Consider and Discuss Adding a Police Blotter Including Names to the Local Newspaper**
City Council and Police Chief Villarreal discussed the pros and cons of adding a police blotter to the local newspaper. City Council asked for a newspaper from when it was done in the past.
- IX. Action Items**
- A. Consider Employment Contract for the City Manager position.**
Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the Contract for City Manager Joe Hines. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- B. Consider and Take Action on Remodeling the Court Room – Placed by Councilman Johnson.**
Councilman Johnson made a motion to have Joel Voight build 4 – 5ft. Red Oak Laminated Top Council Podiums with Casters not to exceed \$3600.00. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. Councilman Stone made a motion to amend Councilman Johnsons motion and change to not exceed \$3800.00. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- C. Consider Resolution 041320A – Authorizing Signatures for Bank Checking Accounts and Certificates of Deposits.**
Councilman Riley made a motion to approve Resolution 041320A. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- D. Consider Renewal of Current CD’s Scheduled for May**
Councilman Riley made a motion for City Manager Joe Hines to monitor rates and get the best rates we can get. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- X. Informational Items**
- A. Police Chief’s 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. City Manager's Report to Council

City Manager Joe Hines gave his report to Council.

XI. Adjournment

Councilman Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

Mayor Lindsey Webb

Attest:

Krista Adames
City Secretary