

# CITY OF ABERNATHY

The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Hall building at 811 Ave D. Members present were Mayor Lindsey Webb, Ron Johnson, Gary Stone, Matt Riley, and Bilinda Prater. Also present were City Staff including Joe Hines, Krista Adames, Luis Villarreal, Sean Thornton, Will DeWitt, Kelly Vandygriff and Oscar Martinez. Members of the public include Mary Lopez, Rachel Lopez, Luis Lopez, Sherry Proctor, and Rex Proctor

## 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. **Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag**  
Mayor Webb led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. **Texas Pledge – Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."**  
Mayor Webb led the Texas Pledge.
- VI. **Public Comment (non-action)**  
No public comments were offered.
- VII. **Approval minutes of the previous meeting**
  - A. **October 12th, 2020**  
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the October 12, 2020 minutes. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
  - B. **November 4, 2020 Workshop**  
Councilman Riley made a motion to approve the November 4, 2020 minutes. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- VIII. **Approval of monthly financial reports**  
Councilman Stone made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports, items A-F. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
  - A. **Monthly Bank Balances an CD report 2 pages**
  - B. **Actual vs Budget report 7 pages**
  - C. **General fund check summary 2 pages**
  - D. **Water fund check summary 1 page**
  - E. **Payroll check report 2 pages**
  - F. **Credit card statements**
- IX. **Approval of fleet maintenance report 2 pages**  
Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the fleet maintenance report. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- X. **Discussion / Action Items**
  - A. **Discussion / Action Tax Lien**
    - i. **301 Ave L – Property R51655 Old Town Abernathy Blk 160 L 8-9**

**Mary and Rachel Lopez**

Luis Lopez stated that they are in the process of selling the property but has had an issue with a lien on the property dated back to 1997. He stated this has caught him by surprise and if he had received notification, he would have made arrangements. He asked the City Council if they would help.

Councilman Johnson made a motion to forgo the interest and the City will release the lien if The Lopez family pays the original lien amount of \$1,225.00 at closing.

Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

**B. Discussion / Action Proctor Service Plan AX-19 issues**

Rex Proctor presented an argument to City Council that fire hydrants should not be a developer cost. Fire Marshall Kelly Vandygriff and City Manager Joe Hines felt that fire hydrants are a necessary part of the water system improvement. After discussion, Councilman Johnson made a motion that it will be the developers cost to install fire hydrants. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/1 with Councilman Riley voting against.

**C. Discussion / Action on Travel Trailer Fee Ordinance 620**

After discussion, City Council decided to table.

**D. Discussion on the future adoption of a Fire Code**

Fire Marshall Kelly Vandygriff talked with City Council about bringing in a consultant to help guide the City on adopting a fire code.

**E. Discussion on Building Code enforcement letter**

City Council asked City Manager Joe Hines to send out a letter to all Citizens of Abernathy to remind them that building codes exist and the City will start enforcing them.

**XI. Executive session – Convene into executive session in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.074, “Personnel Matters”**

City Council went into executive session at 8:19 P.M.

**XII. Reconvene Open Session – Take action on Personal Matters discuss in Executive session.**

City Council reconvened open session at 8:58 P.M.

**XIII. Informational Items**

**A. Police Chief Report to Council**

Police Chief Luis 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 Report**

City Manager Joe Hines gave his report to Council.

**XIV. Adjournment**

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