

# CITY OF ABERNATHY

The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 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, Jared Shannon, and Bilinda Prater. Also present were City Staff including Joe Hines, Krista Adames, Luis Villarreal, Matt Brightbill, Jessica Wilbanks and Oscar Martinez.

## MINUTES

- I. Call to Order  
Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Johnson called the meeting to order on behalf of Mayor Lindsey Webb.
- II. Welcome Guests
- III. Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Johnson welcomed the guest.
- IV. Invocation  
Councilwoman Prater gave the invocation.
- V. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag  
Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- VI. Texas Pledge – Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."  
Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Johnson led the Texas Pledge.
- VII. Public Comment (non-action)  
Police Chief Luis Villarreal gave his 30-day Retirement notice to City Council. City Council thanked him for his 40 years of law enforcement and would like to have him a retirement party open to the community.
- VIII. Approval minutes of the previous meeting
  - A. December 14, 2020  
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the December 14, 2020 minutes.  
Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
- IX. Approval of monthly financial reports  
Councilman Stone made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports Item A - F.  
Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
  - 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
- X. Approval of fleet maintenance report 2 pages  
Councilman Riley made a motion to approve the fleet maintenance report. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
- XI. Information Item
  - A. Waiting for checks to payoff lien and Mayor to sign a release of lien on lots 11 and 12 Phillip-Pinson addition  
City Manager Joe Hines informed the City Council that the city has received a check to pay off the lien on lot 11 and 12 in the Phillip- Pinson Addition and Mayor Lindsey Webb signed the release of lien.

- B.** Waiting for contract from the lawyer to update the grazing lease and move forward with prairie dog issue  
City Manager Joe Hines informed the City Council that we are waiting for the information from the City Attorney.

**XII.** Discussion / Action Items

- A.** Discussion / Action Discussion / Action elimination of the library board  
Librarian Jessica Wilbanks requested that the Library board be eliminated. City Manager Joe Hines presented Ordinance 621 to City Council to eliminate the Library Board.  
Councilman Matt Riley made a motion to accept Ordinance 621 and to eliminate the Library Board immediately. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0/1 with Councilman Stone abstaining.
- B.** Discussion / Action approving the year 2020 racial profiling report – Chief Villarreal  
Police Chief Villarreal presented the 2020 racial profiling report to City Council. Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Johnson made a motion to accept the report. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

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

City Council went into executive session at 7:35 P.M.

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

City Council reconvened open session at 9:09 P.M.

Councilman Shannon made a motion for City Manager Joe Hines to talk to the City Attorney and figure out the wording for a policy change to remove comp time for exempt salary employees. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

**XV.** Informational Items

- A.** Police Chief 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 report  
City Manager Joe Hines gave his report to Council.

**XVI.** Adjournment

Councilman Stone made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.