

# CITY OF ABERNATHY

The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, February 8<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, Nadia Micheletti, Oscar Martinez. Members of the public include Isabel Ortiz (Mom) Isabell Ortiz (Daughter)

## 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  
Mayor Webb led the Texas Pledge.
- VI.** Public Comment (non-action)  
No Public comments were offered.
- VII.** Approval minutes of the previous meeting  
Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve the minutes from January 11, 2021 and January 25, 2021. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
- VIII.** Approval of monthly financial reports  
Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
- IX.** Fleet maintenance report is incomplete due to illness. We will include February with March's reports.  
No action taken.
- X.** Consent Agenda Election Items  
Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the following items A-O on the Consent Agenda. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
  - A.** Call for May 4<sup>th</sup> General Election – Mayor and 2 City Council members
  - B.** Resolution 020821A – Calling for Joint Election
  - C.** Resolution 021821B – Voting Equipment
  - D.** Approve Contract with Lubbock County Election Office – Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup> Election
  - E.** Appointment of Dorothy Kennedy, Elections Administrator as the Joint Elections Officer
  - F.** Appointment of Dorothy Kennedy, Elections Administrator as the Joint Early Voting Clerk
  - G.** Appointment of the Lubbock County Elections Office, 1308 Crickets Ave, Lubbock, TX as the Main Early Voting Polling Place.

- H. Approve Joint Early Voting Schedule and Locations (Exhibit A) with April 20<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup> designated as the two 12-hour days of Early Voting.
  - I. Approve Election Day Vote Centers (Exhibit B).
  - J. Appoint Supervisor Patricia Scholls and Rover Arnie Harris for each vote center for election day
  - K. Appointment of Johnny Franklin – Judge and DeAnn Britton – Alternate Judge
  - L. Call for a signature Verification Committee
  - M. Appointment of signature Verification Committee Mary Ann Bridges - Judge and Charles Britton – Alternate Judge
  - N. Appointment of Central Count Station Personnel
    - i. Dorothy Kennedy, Election Administrator as Central Count Manager
    - ii. Roxzine Stinson as Tabulation Supervisor
    - iii. Tom Grimes as the Central Count Presiding Judge
    - iv. Michelle Ostrander – Alternate Central Count Presiding Judge
  - O. Appointment of Bilingual Election Clerks
    - i. Andrea Alvarado
    - ii. Sandy Salazar
    - iii. Aaron Frodsham
    - iv. Language USA
- XI.** Discussion / Action Items
- A. Discussion / Action Case# 20-403 411 Avenue J – Ray Ortiz  
Isabel Ortiz asked City Council for more time to bring Case # 20-403 up to code due to illness in the family.  
Councilman Johnson made a motion that in Case # 20-403, 411 Ave J:
    1. The property is found to be substandard and in violation with city ordinances.
    2. It is ordered that the structure be repaired or removed within 90 days of notice to the owners, after which time, the City Manager is authorized to abate the conditions thereon.
    3. Prior to any repairs, demolitions, or removal procedures, any and all required permits for such activities are required through the City of Abernathy.
    4. That notice of these findings and orders shall be sent to the property owners included within the appropriate code enforcement notice.
  - B. Discussion / Action Resolution 020821C Excel rate case  
Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 020821C, Resolution by the City of Abernathy, Texas (“CITY”) approving the surcharge related to docket no 49831 submitted by southwestern public service company on about December 18, 2020; authorizing participation in a coalition of similarly situated cities known as the alliance of xcel municipalities; authorizing participation in related rate proceedings; requiring the reimbursement of municipal rate case expenses; authorizing the retention of special counsel; finding that the meeting complies with the open meetings act; and making other findings and provisions related to the subject. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
- XII.** Executive session – Convene into executive session in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.074, “Personnel Matters”  
City Council went into executive session at 7:25 P.M.
- XIII.** Reconvene Open Session – Take action on Personal Matters discuss in Executive session.  
City Council reconvened open session at 8:29 P.M.

Councilman Riley made a motion to put a job opening for Police Chief on the TML ad base and change the salary to \$60,000 depending on qualifications. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

Councilman Shannon made a motion to schedule a called meeting February 15, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. Councilman Johnson made a motion to amend the motion and change the called meeting to Tuesday February 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P. M. Councilman Shannon seconded the amended motion. The amended motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

Councilman Stone made a motion to nominate Matt Brightbill as Interim Chief. The motion died with lack of a second.

Councilman Riley then made a motion to nominate Bruce Kastning as Interim Chief. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/1 with Councilman Stone voting against.

**XIV.**

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.

**XV.**

Adjournment

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

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Mayor Lindsey Webb

ATTEST

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Krista Adames, City Secretary