

CITY OF ABERNATHY

The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, July 12th, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. in the City Hall building at 811 Ave D. Members present were Mayor Ron Johnson, Gary Stone, Matt Riley, and Bilinda Prater. Also present were City Staff including Joe Hines, Desiree Stephenson, Henry Ramirez, Will Dewitt and Dwain Read. Members of the public were Tony and Jessica Williams.

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order
 - Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order.
- II. Roll Call of Council Members
 - Councilmembers present were Mayor Ron Johnson, Councilman Gary Stone, Councilman Matt Riley, and Councilwoman Bilinda Prater. Councilman Jared Shannon was absent.
- III. Welcome Guests
 - Mayor Ron Johnson welcomed the guest.
- IV. Invocation
 - Councilwoman Prater gave the invocation.
- V. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
 - Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- VI. Texas Pledge
 - Mayor Johnson led the Texas Pledge.
- VII. Public Comment (non-action)
 - No Public Comments were offered.
- VIII. Old Business
 - A. Convene Executive session – Convene into executive session in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.074, “Filling Council Vacancies”.
City Council went into executive session at 7:12 P.M.
 - B. Reconvene Open Session – Take action on Filling Council Vacancies discussed in Executive session.
City Council reconvened open session at 7:25 P.M.
Councilman Riley made a motion to appoint Jessica Williams to fill the vacant position on City Council. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
- IX. Approval minutes of the previous meeting
 - Councilman Riley made a motion to approve the following minutes. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
 1. June 9, 2021
 2. June 14, 2021
 3. June 30, 2021
- X. New Business
 - A. Wilson Neve address to the Council on water issues
Wilson Neve informed council about what he knows about the water wells and how long he has worked on them and about water issues with the city.
- XI. Approval of monthly financial reports

Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports Items A-F. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.

- 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

XII. Approval of Fleet Maintenance report

Councilman Riley made a motion to approve the fleet maintenance report for the month of June. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.

XIII. Discussion / Action Items

- A. Discussion 512 4th Street
City Manager gave Council an update on code violations at 512 4th Street. No action taken.
- B. Discussion / Action Resolution 071221A – Authorizing Assignment of Official Newspaper
Councilman Riley made a motion to approve Resolution 071221A, authorizing Abernathy Advocate the Official Newspaper. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
- C. Discussion/ Action Resolution 071221B – Authorizing Council Meetings Date and Time
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve Resolution 071221B. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
- D. Discussion/ Action Resolution 071221C Employee Insurance
Councilman Riley made a motion to table Resolution 071221C to the August meeting. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
- E. Discussion /Action approval of 2021-22 Investment Policy
Councilman Riley made a motion to approve the FY 2021-2022 Investment Policy. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. Councilwoman Prater made a motion to amend the motion to accept the FY 2021-2022 investment Policy and add in the policy that all investments be brought to city council. Councilman Stone seconded the amended motion. The amended motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
- F. Discussion/ Action Pay Day and Holiday Calendar
Councilman Stone made a motion to accept the FY 2021-2022 Pay Day/Holiday Calendar. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.

XIV. Convene Executive session – Convene into executive session in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.074, “Hiring Practices”.
City Council went into executive session at 9:01P.M.

XV. Reconvene Open Session – Take action on Filling Council Vacancies discussed in Executive session.

City Council reconvened open session at 10:11 P.M.

Councilman Riley made a motion to give the following raises effective immediately. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.

1. Henry Ramirez - \$17.00/Hr.
2. Will DeWitt - \$17.00/Hr.
3. Luis Hernandez - \$17.00/Hr.
4. Jonathan Mendoza - \$15.00/Hr.

XVI. Informational Items

- A.** Chief Read gave his report to Council.
- B.** City Manager Joe Hines gave his report to Council.
- C.** City Council members gave their reports.

XVII. Adjournment

Councilman Riley made a motion to adjourn at 10:15 P.M. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.