

# CITY OF ABERNATHY

The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, August 10, 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, Jared Shannon, Jessica Williams, and Bilinda Prater. Also present were City Staff including Joe Hines, Krista Adames, Oscar Martinez, Will Dewitt and Dwain Read. Members of the public were Jay Stephenson, Rich Oller, Erika Marquez, and Robert Prater.

## 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, Councilman Jared Shannon, Councilman Jessica Williams, and Councilwoman Bilinda Prater.
- III. Welcome Guests  
Mayor 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.
- VI. Texas Pledge  
Mayor Johnson led the Texas Pledge.
- VII. Public Comment  
Jay Stephenson thanked Councilmembers for everything they do.
- VIII. Old Business
  - A. Discussion / Action ordinance 625 Junked Vehicles  
Councilman Shannon made a motion to accept Ordinance 625. Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
  - B. Senior Citizen Flooring  
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to accept Leftwich Chapman's bid of \$3,248.51 for the Senior Citizen Flooring. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
- IX. Approval minutes of the previous meeting  
July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Councilman Riley made a motion to approve the July 12, 2021, minutes. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
- X. New Business
  - A. Presentation on Dockum Well development  
Rich Oller from Oller Engineering, INC. gave a Dockum Well Development Presentation. He presented 3 action plans to secure additional water supply.
    1. Investigate Dockum
    2. Secure Ogallala Wells
    3. Build ground storage with booster pumps at the well sights.
- XI. Approval of monthly financial reports

Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

**XII.** Approval of Fleet Maintenance report

Councilman Riley made a motion to pass the August Fleet Maintenance report. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

**XIII.** Discussion / Action Items

**A.** Discussion / Action Michael Attaway 1111 15<sup>th</sup> Exception

Michael Attaway asked City Council for an exception to replace his older storage building. The side street setback for this house is 15' from the property line and he is asking to align the new building with the house. The exception would be 12 feet. He also asked for a 2' exception for the rear setback.

Councilman Riley made a motion approve the exception at 1111 15<sup>th</sup> Street.

Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

**B.** Discussion / Action Resolution 071221C Employee Insurance second reading

Councilman Riley made a motion to approve Resolution 071221C Employee Insurance. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

**C.** Discussion / Action Resolution 08092021A Atmos Rate Approval

Councilwoman Prater made a motion to Approve Resolution 08092021A Atmos Rate Approval. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

**D.** Discussion / Action sewer extension Avenue A. Old Gin Property

City Council discussed the sewer extension on Ave A, Old Gin Property

After discussion Mayor Johnson removed himself from further discussion and turned it over to Mayor Pro Tem Matt Riley. Councilwoman Prater made a motion to accept bids. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0. Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve the agreement with Oller Engineering Inc. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

**E.** Discussion / Action on Dockum well development

Councilman Riley made a motion to table to another meeting. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

**F.** Discussion / Action Budget 2021-2022

Councilman Shannon made a motion to table the FY 2021-2022 Budget Hearing to a workshop on August 17, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

**G.** Discussion / Action ATV's, ROV's, UTV, Off Road Vehicles"

City Council and Police Chief Read discussed ATV's, ROV's, UTV, and off-Road Vehicles. After extensive research, Chief Read cannot recommend the council approving an ordinance to allow these vehicles to legally operate on Abernathy city streets.

**H.** Discussion / Action Approval of letter for paper introducing Code enforcement officer

Code Enforcement Officer introduced herself to City Council and asked for Council's approval to put a letter in the local newspaper introducing herself.

**XIV.** Informational Items

**A.** Police Chief Report to Council

Police Chief Read gave his report to Council and asked City Council to consider approving a bid from Voigt woodwork to remodel the Courtroom, Training room, and Interrogation Room Walls.

Councilman Riley made a motion to approve the bid from Voigt Woodworks in the amount of \$6,949.88. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

**B. Public Works Director Report to Council**

Director of Public Works Oscar Martinez gave his report to Council, asked Council to consider a pool for employees to donate sick leave, and he provided City Council with three quotes to get well 5 running again.

After discussion and reviewing quotes Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the quote from Thunder Pump Service LLC in the amount of \$23,988.49. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

**C. City Manager report**

City Manager Joe Hines gave his report to Council and handed them his resignation letter.

Councilman Riley made a motion to accept his resignation letter. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

**D. Council Reports**

City Council members gave their reports.

**XV. Adjournment**

Councilman Riley made a motion to adjourn at 9:34 P.M. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.



Mayor Ron Johnson

ATTEST



Krista Adames, City Secretary



# CITY OF ABERNATHY

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the Abernathy City Council will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, 811 Ave. D, Abernathy, Texas on Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

**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 fill out a comment form 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.

## AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll Call of Council Members**
- III. **Welcome Guests**
- IV. **Invocation**
- V. **Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag**
- VI. **Texas Pledge – Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."**
- VII. **Public Comment (non-action)**  
*This is the opportunity for visitors and guests to address the City Council on any issue. City Council may not discuss any presented issue, nor may any action be taken on any issue at this time. (Attorney General Opinion – JC-0169)*
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  - A. **Monthly Bank Balances and CD report**
  - B. **Actual vs Budget report**
  - C. **General fund check summary**
  - D. **Water fund check summary**
  - E. **Payroll check report**
  - F. **Credit card statements**
- XII. **Approval of Fleet Maintenance report**
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POSTED: 8-6-21 TIME: 3:10PM

ATTEST: 

The Council may enter closed session at any time during the meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Gov. Code 551. This meeting is also being conducted in accordance with the Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. of 1991). The facility where the meeting is held is wheelchair accessible and handicapped parking is available. Other handicapped services are available upon request if received at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.