

CITY OF ABERNATHY

The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, September 13th, 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, Jessica Williams, and Bilinda Prater. Also present were City Staff including Joe Hines, Krista Adames, Oscar Martinez, Kelly Vandygriff and Dwain Read. Members of the public were Anselmo Hernandez, Leroy Duran, and Rich Oller.

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order
Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order.
- II. Roll Call of Council Members
Members present were Mayor Ron Johnson, Councilwoman Bilinda Prater, Councilwoman Jessica Williams, Councilman Gary Stone, and Councilman Matt Riley. Councilman Jared Shannon was absent.
- 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 (non-action)
- VIII. Old Business
No old Business.
- IX. Approval minutes of the previous meeting
Councilman Riley made a motion to approve the following minutes. Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
August 10, 2021
August 17, 2021
August 23, 2021
- X. New Business
No New Business.
- XI. Approval of monthly financial reports
Councilman Stone made a motion to approve the following monthly financial reports, items A-F. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
 - A. Monthly Bank Balances an 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

Councilman Riley made a motion to approve the Fleet Maintenance Report. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

XIII. Discussion / Action Items

A. Discussion / Action Ordinance 626 Tax Rate 2021

Councilman Riley made a motion to approve Ordinance 626, that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.5900/\$100 and a 6.87 percent increase in the tax rate. Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0. With Councilman Stone, Councilman Riley, Councilwoman Prater, and Councilwoman Williams - FOR. Councilman Shannon was Absent.

B. Discussion / Action 411 Ave E exception for carport

Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve an exception for the carport at 411 Ave E, to build as it was before. Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0. Councilman Riley amended the motion stating that the poles need to be on his property. Councilwoman Williams seconded the amended motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

C. Discussion / Action Hail damage to vehicles and deductibles

Councilman Riley made a motion to have all hail damaged vehicles fixed preferably at the same body shop. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

D. Discussion / Action Fire Department Contract with Lubbock County

Councilman Riley made a motion to change the Lubbock County Fire Department contract with changing it to where the Mayor of Abernathy signs the contract. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

E. Discussion / Action \$3.00 Credit Card fees

Councilman Riley made a motion to set the credit card fees for utility billing from \$3.00 to 2.9% + \$0.55. Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

F. Discussion / Action Court Credit Card system and Fees

Councilman Riley made a motion to approve \$1,770.00 plus maintenance fees to upgrade Incode for a credit card system for the Municipal Court. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

XIV. Executive session – Convene into executive session in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.074, “Process to hiring a new City Manager”
City Council went into executive session at 8:03 P.M.

XV. Reconvene Open Session – Take action on “Process to hiring a new City Manager” discussed in Executive session.

City Council Reconvened Open Session at 9:03 P.M.

Councilwoman Prater made a motion to post the City Manager Job ad on the TML website, SHRM Texas, and Lubbock Chamber of Commerce for 30 days and to appoint Chief Read as Interim City Manager, in addition to his current duties as Police Chief, effective immediately and to work alongside Current City Manager Joe Hines. Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

XVI. Informational Items

A. Police Chief Report to Council

Police Chief Read gave his report to Council.

B. Public Works Director Report to Council

Director of Public Works Oscar Martinez gave his report to Council.

C. City Manager report

City Manager Joe Hines gave his report to Council.

D. Council Reports

City Council gave their reports.

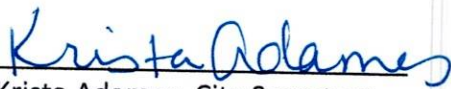
XVII. Adjournment

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



Mayor Ron Johnson

ATTEST


Krista Adames, City Secretary

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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 Monday, September 13, 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. **September**
- XIII. **Discussion / Action Items**
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 - B. **Discussion / Action 411 Ave E exception for carport**
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POSTED: 9-10-21 TIME: 2:00PM

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.