

CITY OF ABERNATHY

The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, December 13, 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, Bilinda Prater, and Jared Shannon. Also present were City Staff including Dwain Read, Krista Adames, Oscar Martinez, William DeWitt, and Cindy Tapia. Members of the public were Rich Oller with Oller Engineering Inc., Robert Prater, and Chauncy Parsons.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order
Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call of Council Members
Members present were Mayor Ron Johnson, Councilwoman Bilinda Prater, Councilman Gary Stone, Councilman Jared Shannon, and Councilman Matt Riley. Councilwoman Jessica Williams was absent.
3. Welcome Guest
Mayor Johnson welcomed the guest.
4. Invocation
Councilwoman Prater gave the invocation.
5. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
6. Texas Pledge – “Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.”
Mayor Johnson led the Texas Pledge.
7. Public Comment (non-action)
Director of Public Works Oscar Martinez introduced his new employees, Joe Villa, Paul Torrez, and Dorein Washington.
8. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval Minutes of the Previous Meeting
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the November 8, 2021, meeting. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
 - b. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports
Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
 - c. Approval of Fleet Maintenance Report
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the November fleet maintenance reports. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
 - d. Approval of Code Enforcement Report
Code Enforcement Officer Cindy Tapia presented her report to City Council.
9. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Council Request from Devin Galhoun
Devin Galhoun was not present with a request for Council.
- b. Consider Exception Request for a 7' fence at 211 Ave H – Chancey Parson
Councilman Riley made a motion to approve an Exception for Chancey Parson to build a 7' fence at 211 Ave H. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- c. Consider Proposed Changes to City Ordinances Regarding Livestock - Presented to Council by Kassandra Pool on November 8, 2021
Councilman Riley made a motion to leave the City Ordinances Regarding Livestock the same. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- d. Consider Changing Ordinance to Remove Tapping Fees
Councilman Riley made a motion to table changing the city ordinance to remove the tapping fees to the January meeting. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- e. Take Action on Oller Engineering Water Plan Proposals
Councilman Shannon made a motion to schedule a workshop for January 6, 2021. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- f. Old Business – Councilman Riley made a motion to approve \$11,960 for manhole addition and 2 taps for the Avenue A project. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- g. Consider Security Camera System for City Hall
Councilman Riley made a motion to table to the January meeting. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- h. Consider Approving Blue Layer's Computer IT Contract
Councilman Riley made a motion to table until the January 2022 meeting with 3 bids. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- i. Consider Approving Resolution 121321 - Hale County Appraisal District Director Nominations - Casting Ballots
Councilman Riley made a motion to approve Resolution 121321, casting 166 votes in support of Ron Johnson to serve on the Hale County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- j. Consider Painting the Standpipe Tank
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the proposal from Oller Engineering Inc. to inspect and bid out painting for the standpipe tank up to \$257,400.00. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- k. UMC Contract for EMS
City Council asked Interim City Manager to set up a meeting with the UMC EMS Director about Abernathy's Ambulance posting in Lubbock several hours every day.
- l. Consider Establishing a Sick Leave Donation Pool

Councilman Riley made a motion to develop a sick leave donation pool for the employees amending the current sick leave policy 9.04 in the employee handbook. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

m. Consider an Employee Appreciation Dinner

Councilman Riley made a motion to approve an employee appreciation dinner. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

10. Executive Session – Convene into executive session in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.072 Deliberations Regarding Real Property and Texas Government Code §551.074 Personnel Matters.

City Council entered executive session at 10:00 P.M.

11. Reconvene Open Session – Take action on items discussed in executive session.

City Council Reconvened open session at 11:48 P.M.

Councilman Riley made a motion to give Street and Park Director of Operations an annual salary instead of an hourly rate. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

12. Informational Items

- a. Police Chief Read gave his report to council.
- b. Director of Public Works Oscar Martinez gave his report to council.
- c. Acting City Manager Dwain Read gave his report to council.
- d. Council gave their reports.
- e. Mayor Johnson gave his report.

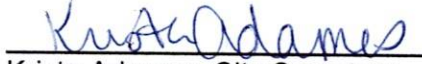
13. Adjournment

Councilman Riley made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Stone 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, December 13th, 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

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7. Public Comment (non-action)
This is the opportunity for visitors and guests to address the City Council on any issue at this time. (Attorney General Opinion-JC-0169)
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 - c. Acting City Managers Report to Council
 - d. Council Reports
 - e. Mayors Reports
13. Adjournment

POSTED: 12-10-21 TIME: 4:23 P.M.

ATTEST: Krista Adames

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.