

CITY OF ABERNATHY

The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, January 17, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. in the City Hall building at 811 Ave D. Members present were Mayor Ron Johnson, Gary Stone, Bilinda Prater, and Jared Shannon. Also present were City Staff including Dwain Read, Krista Adames, and William DeWitt. Members of the Fire Dept. were Robert Prater and Kelly Vandygriff. Members of the public were Billy McClenney and Carol Coggins.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order
Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call of Council Members
Members present were Mayor Ron Johnson, Bilinda Prater, Jared Shannon, Gary Stone. Jessica Williams and Matt Riley were absent.
3. Welcome Guest
Mayor Johnson welcomed the guest.
4. Invocation
Councilwoman Prater welcomed the guest.
5. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
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)
No public comments were offered
8. Approval Minutes of the Previous Meeting
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the December 13, 2021, minutes. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
9. 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 3/0.
10. Approval of Fleet Maintenance Report
Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve the fleet maintenance report. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
11. Consent Agenda
Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve items A-M on the Consent Agenda. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
 - a. Call for May 7, 2022, Election
 - b. Resolution 01172021 – Calling for Joint Election
 - c. Approve Contract with Lubbock County Election Office – May 7, 2022, Election
 - d. Appointment of Roxine Stinson, Elections Administrator as the Joint Elections Officer
 - e. Appointment of Roxine Stinson, Elections Administrator as the Joint Early Voting Clerk
 - f. Appointment of the Lubbock County Elections Office, 1308 Crickets Ave, Lubbock, TX as the Main Early Voting Polling Place.
 - g. Approve Joint Early Voting Schedule and Locations (Exhibit A)
 - h. Approve Election Day Vote Centers (Exhibit B)

- i. Appointment of Early Voting Ballot Board Judge Johnny Franklin and Alternate Judge DeAnn Britton
- j. Call for Signature Verification Committee
- k. Appointment of Signature Verification Committee Judge and Alternate Judge: Mary Ann Bridges – Judge, Ruth Martinez – Alternate Judge
- l. Appointment of Central Count Station Personnel
 - 1. Roxzine Stinson, Elections Administrator as Central Count Manager
 - 2. Kristen Phelps as Tabulation Supervisor
 - 3. Tom Grimes as the Central Count Presiding Judge.
- m. Appointment of Bilingual Election Clerk
 - 1. Kristina Martinez
 - 2. Brandon Garza
 - 3. Aaron Frodsham

12. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Council Request for Zoning Variance by Billy McClenney – 802 1st Street
 Billy McClenney asked City Council to consider a zoning variance so he can put a carport up next to the fence on the inside of the property line and over to the house. Councilman Shannon made a motion to grant the request for an exception to build a carport within the setback on the west side of the house at 802 1st Street. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
- b. Consider Changing Ordinance to Remove Tapping Fees – Tabled from December 2021 meeting.
 Councilman Shannon made a motion to table changing the ordinance to remove tapping fees to the February meeting. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
- c. Discussion and Action about Ave A and Flag Way Drive
 Council had originally closed the north end of Ave A to Railroad Ave. at Mayor Johnsons request. Mayor Johnson has now realized that closing the street has become a problem due to firetrucks not being able to make the circle at the cul-de-sac and he would like to give it back to the city. Mayor Johnson asked city council to accept the street back and he is willing to get rid of the cul-de-sac. Councilman Shannon made a motion to accept the street back from Mayor Johnson and go through the necessary steps to make it official. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
- d. Discussion Concerning the Fire Department Purchasing a New Tanker Truck Through a Grant with the City Matching Part of Cost
 Fire Chief Kelly Vandygriff asked Council for help on the purchase of a Tanker Truck. The current tanker is leaking, and it could be a hazard. Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve an additional \$120,000 capital expenditure for a water tanker truck. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.

13. Old Business

- a. Approve Two Properties Sold by Texas Community Group, \$27,007.00 for Parcel 23386 and \$1,260.00 for Parcel 72636.
 Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve the sale of the two properties sold through Texas Communities Group, LLC. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
- b. Carol Coggins with the Abernathy Senior Citizens Center thanked City Council for the flooring and invited them to come look at the center and have lunch with them.

14. New Business

No new business.

15. 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.

Mayor Johnson moved the executive session to the January 18, 2022, Meeting

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

Mayor Johnson moved to the January 18, 2022 meeting.

17. Informational Items

- a. Chief Read presented Council with Cindy Tapias letter of resignation as code enforcement officer.

- b. Police Chief Read gave his report to council.

- e. Acting City Manager Chief Read gave his report to council.

- a. Director of Public Works Report to Council- Absent

- b. Council gave their reports.

- c. Mayor Johnson gave his report.

18. Adjournment

Councilman Stone made a motion to Adjourn. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.

Mayor Ron Johnson

ATTEST

Krista Adames, City Secretary