

# CITY OF ABERNATHY

The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 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 Jared Shannon. Also present were City Staff including Dwain Read, Krista Adames, and Oscar Martinez. Members of the public were Brad Proctor, Laura and Hubert Austin, and City Auditors Randell Terry and Ryan King.

## MINUTES

1. Call to Order  
Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call of Council Members  
Members present were Mayor Ron Johnson, Jared Shannon, Gary Stone, and Matt Riley. Jessica Williams and Bilinda Prater were absent.
3. Welcome Guest  
Mayor Johnson welcomed the guest.
4. Invocation  
Mayor Johnson gave the invocation.
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.”  
Councilman Shannon led the Texas Pledge.
7. Public Comment (non-action)  
No public comments were offered.
8. Approval Minutes of the Previous Meeting  
Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve the January 17, 2022, January 18, 2022, and January 24, 2022, minutes. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
9. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports  
Councilman Riley made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
10. Approval of Fleet Maintenance Report  
Councilman Riley made a motion to approve the fleet maintenance report. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
11. Old Business
12. Discussion/Action Items
  - a. Appointment of Election Supervisor and Election Rover for each Vote Center for Election Day  
Councilman Riley made a motion to approve the appointment of the election supervisors and Election Rovers for each vote center for election day.

- Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
- b. Auditor's Presentation of Financial Statement – for FY2020-2021  
Ryan King presented the Auditor's Financial Statement for FY2020-2021. Councilman Riley made a motion to approve the Auditor's report. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
  - c. Consider Request from Rex Proctor
    1. Deciding on a 12" or 24" Casing Bore under BNSF for the Waterline of FM 597  
Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve a 12" Casing Bore under BNSF for the waterline on FM 597. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
    2. Clarification on if the City Wants to Pay the Upcharge of the Difference in 6" to 8" Waterline  
Councilman Riley made a motion to table until the city's master plan is complete. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
    3. Requesting Permission from the Council to Extend Waterline Further East on FM 2060 and FM 597 to CR Q and do the loop along CR Q  
Councilman Riley made a motion to table until the city's master plan is complete. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
  - d. Consider Agreement between City of Abernathy and Oller Engineering, Inc. to Prepare Water Master Plan with Cost Estimates for Supply and Distribution  
Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve the agreement with Oller Engineering Inc. to prepare a water master plan. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
  - e. Consider List of Properties that have taxes due past 5 years and Affidavit of Vacancy from PerdueBrandonFielderCollins&Mott LLP.  
After discussion, no action was taken.
  - f. Consider Changing Ordinance for Water and Sewer Tapping Fees – Tabled from January 2022 meeting  
Councilman Riley made a motion to change the ordinance for water tapping fees to ¾ meter - \$1,000; 1" meter - \$1,200; and anything above 1" meter - \$1,200 plus cost of meter. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
  - g. Consider Purchasing New Vest for Police Officers  
Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve the purchase of 5 new vest for the police department with a cost share grant and the city paying up to \$2,300. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
  - h. Police Chief's Presentation of Racial Profiling Report (Annual)  
Police Chief Read presented the Annual Racial Profiling Report to City Council.

13. New Business

No new business.

14. 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 into executive session at 9:12 pm.

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

City Council reconvened open session at 9:50 pm.

Councilman Shannon made a motion for the City of Abernathy to begin the steps necessary to purchase real property from the Bob Riley Estate at \$3,500 an acre to secure water and that if the city is to ever sell the property the family will have first right of refusal. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0 with Councilman Stone, Councilman Riley, and Councilman Shannon voting for.

Councilman Shannon made a motion to hire another full-time police officer that will serve as a police officer and a code enforcement officer at the discretion of the Chief of Police. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.

16. Informational Items

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

17. Adjournment

Councilman Stone made a motion to adjourn at 9:56 pm. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.

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Mayor Ron Johnson

ATTEST

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Krista Adames, City Secretary