

CITY OF ABERNATHY

The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in Regular Session on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. in the City Hall building at 811 Ave D. Members present were Mayor Ron Johnson, Bilinda Prater, Matt Riley, Gary Stone, Jessica Williams and Jared Shannon. Also present were City Staff including Delano Smith, Krista Adames, Paul Gonzalez, Will DeWitt, and Dwain Read. Members of the Public included Erica Marquez, Rich Oller, and Robert Prater

MINUTES

1. Call to Order
Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call of Council Members
Members present were Ron Johnson, Matt Riley, Bilinda Prater, Gary Stone, Jared Shannon, and Jessica Williams.
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.
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)
A tenant that leases a Hanger from the Abernathy Airport wanted City Council to know that he has the means to catch up and can have everything paid in 3 months but the city is not interested in letting him catch up.
8. Approval Minutes of the Previous Meetings
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
9. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports
Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve the financial reports.
Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
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 5/0.
11. Old Business
City Council would like to schedule a community cleaning day and put roll off dumpsters at different parts of town.
12. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Discussion about Placement of 911 Antennas on City of Abernathy’s Water Tower – *Milton Schober of Mission Critical Partners*

Councilman Riley made a motion to approve placement of 911 Antennas on the City of Abernathy's northwest water tower. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

- b. Discussion and Action about City of Abernathy and Lubbock Reese Redevelopment Authority – *Murvat Musa, CEO of Reese Technology Center*
Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve the agreement with Lubbock Reese Redevelopment Authority. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
- c. Review South Plains Waste Service Rates. Give City Manager guidance on Appropriate Action to Take
Councilman Riley made a motion to accept South Plains Waste Services rate increase effective the next billing cycle. Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
- d. Discussion about Light Placement at the City Park – *Russell Rexrode of the Abernathy Baseball Association*
Russell Rexrode, President of the Abernathy Baseball Association, asked City Council for lights on the baseball fields so that the Baseball Association can host tournaments. He informed City Council that innings do not start after 10 p.m. and lights will be off around 10:30 p.m. City Council asked him to come back with quotes and that there will need to be a separate meeting to give citizens the opportunity to voice their concerns.
- e. Discussion about Possible Cul-de-sac at the end of Avenue J, South of 12th Street
Curtis Childress asked City Council to consider putting a Cul-de-sac at the end of Avenue J, South of 12th Street and due away with the wall that was placed there. Councilman Riley made a motion to have the City Manager get estimates. Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/1 with Councilwoman Williams, Councilwoman Prater, Councilman Riley, and Councilman Shannon voting for and Councilman Stone abstaining.

13. New Business

No new business.

14. Executive Session – Convene into executive session in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.074 Personnel Matters and Texas Government Code §551.072 Deliberations Regarding Real Property
City Council entered into executive session at 8:21 p.m.

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

City Council reconvened open session at 9:29 P.M.

Councilman Shannon made a motion to lease the Riley Farm to Larry Wilson for dry farming over a period of four years, with the city receiving easement rights valued at \$18,000.00. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

16. Informational Items

- a. Police Chief Read gave his report to council.
- b. Public Works Director Paul Gonzales gave his report to council.

- c. City Manager Delano Smith gave his report to council.
- d. Council gave their reports.
- e. Mayor Johnson gave his report.

17. Adjournment

Councilman Stone made a motion to adjourn at 9:35pm. Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.