

# CITY OF ABERNATHY

The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in a Called Meeting on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 6:30 P.M. in the City Hall building at 811 Ave D. Members present were Mayor Ron Johnson, Bilinda Prater, Eva Cortez, and Gary Stone. Also present were City Staff including Bruce Kastning, Ricky Patterson, Desiree Stephenson, Krista Adames, and City Attorney Matt Wade. Members of the public included Robert Prater.

## MINUTES

1. Call to Order  
Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call of Council Members  
Members present were Mayor Ron Johnson, Gary Stone, Bilinda Prater, and Eva Cortez. Matt Riley and Jared Shannon were absent.
3. Welcome Guests  
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  
Mayor Johnson led the Texas Pledge.
7. Public Comment (non-action)  
No public comments were offered.
8. Executive Session – Convene into executive session in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.074 Personnel Matters and Texas Government Code §551.071 Consultation with Attorney  
City Council entered into executive session at 6:36 P.M.
9. Reconvene Open Session – Take action on items discussed in executive session.  
No action taken.
10. Discussion / Action Items
  - a. Discussion / Action Approval of Budget 2022-2023  
Councilman Stone made a motion to approve the FY 2022-2023 budget as presented. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0/2 with Councilman Stone - Aye, Councilwoman Prater- Aye, Councilwoman Cortez- Aye, Councilman Riley- absent, and Councilman Shannon- Absent.
  - b. An Action to Ratify the Property Tax Increase Reflected in the FY 2022-2023 Budget  
In accordance with Texas Local Government Code Section 102.007 Councilwoman Prater moved to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0/2 with Councilman Stone - Aye, Councilwoman Prater- Aye, Councilwoman Cortez- Aye, Councilman Riley- absent, and Councilman Shannon- Absent.

Action on Ordinance of the City of Abernathy, Texas, Setting and Levying the Municipal Ad Valorem Tax Rate for the Year 2022

Councilwoman Prater moved that the property tax be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.529314 Per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 4.26% increase in the tax rate. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0/2 with Councilman Stone - Aye, Councilwoman Prater- Aye, Councilwoman Cortez- Aye, Councilman Riley- absent, and Councilman Shannon- Absent.

#### 11. Adjournment

Councilman Stone made a motion to adjourn at 6:52 P.M. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.