

CITY OF ABERNATHY

The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, January 9th, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. in the City Hall building at 811 Ave D. Members present were Mayor Ron Johnson, Gary Stone, Eva Cortez, Jared Shannon, Matt Riley, and Bilinda Prater. Also present were City Staff including Delano Smith, Dwain Read, Krista Adames, Paul Gonzalez, and Ricky Patterson. Members of the public were Thomas Moore, Jeff Hill, Matt Traxel, Robert Prater, Albert Lopez, and Rich Oller.

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, Matt Riley. Jared Shannon arrived during executive session and Eva Cortez 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
Councilwoman Prater led the Texas Pledge.
7. Public Comment (non-action)
None
8. Approval Minutes of the Previous Meetings
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
9. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
10. Old Business
11. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Executive Session – Convene into executive session in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.074 Personnel Matters and Texas Government Code §2261.203 Comparable Costs
City Council went into executive session at 6:46 p.m.
 - b. Reconvene Open Session – Take action on items discussed in executive session.
City Council reconvened open session at 8:02 p.m.
Councilman Riley made a motion to renew the contract with UMC going to a 1st Responder vehicle in town 24 hours a day, for the remainder of the FY 2022-2023 contract. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/1 with Councilman Shannon, Councilman Riley, and Councilman Stone voting for and Councilwoman Prater voting against.
Councilman Shannon made a motion to compensate Oscar Martinez for 140 overtime hours while attending mandatory council meetings. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
 - c. Discussion about the City's Water Project – *Rich Oller*

Rich Oller with Oller Engineering, Inc. gave council an update on the relocation and when they plan to start construction on the ground storage tank and booster pumps. He also gave council an update on the north and south wells.

- d. Review and Consider Approval of Overtime Policy Revision – *Delano Smith*
Councilman Shannon made a motion to accept the proposed overtime policy revision. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
 - e. Review and Consider Approval of Certificate of Deposit Rates for 2023 – *Delano Smith*
No Action Taken
 - f. Discussion about Speed Bump Installation on 6th Street – *Delano Smith*
Delano Smith informed council he is in the process of acquiring bids for speed bumps.
 - g. Discussion and Approval of Engineers for CDBG Project – *Delano Smith*
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the highest scorer, High Plains Civil Engineers, as the Engineers for the CDBG project. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
 - h. Discussion about Proposed Plains Grain RV Park Project at 1421 Texas Ave – *Plains Grain Representative*
Albert Lopez gave council an update on the plans for the Plains Grain RV Park Project at 1421 Texas Ave. No action taken.
 - i. Discussion and Consider Approval of Computer Transition Services, Inc Contract – *Delano Smith*
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the contract with Computer Transition Services, Inc. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
12. New Business
No new business
13. Informational Items
- a. Police Chief Read gave his report to council.
 - b. Public Works Report
 - i. Water: Paul Gonzalez gave his report to council.
 - ii. SPS: Ricky Patterson gave his report to council.
 - c. City Manager Delano Smith gave his report to council.
 - d. Council members gave their report.
 - e. Mayor Johnson gave his report.
14. Adjournment
Councilman Stone made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.