



The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. in the City Hall building at 811 Ave D. Members present were Mayor Ron Johnson, Eva Cortez, Jared Shannon, Matt Riley, and Bilinda Prater. Also present were City Staff including Delano Smith, Dwain Read, Krista Adames, Luis Hernandez, Nadia Micheletti and Ricky Patterson. Members of the public are on the attached sign in sheet.

## MINUTES

1. Call to Order  
Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Roll Call of Council Members  
Members present were Mayor Ron Johnson, Matt Riley, Bilinda Prater, Eva Cortez, Jared Shannon arrived at 6:43 p.m. and Gary Stone was absent.
3. Welcome Guest  
Mayor Johnson welcomed the guest.
4. Invocation  
Councilwoman Bilinda 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)  
Gary Stephenson wanted city council to know that he appreciates the council and that the city is doing a great job.  
Shawn Vandygriff asked Council to remember the town hall meeting and that it was very clear that the citizens want to keep the ambulance service.
8. Review/Approval minutes of the previous meeting  
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
9. Presentation/Approval of monthly financial reports  
Councilman Riley made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
10. Presentation/Approval of fleet maintenance report  
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the monthly fleet maintenance reports. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
11. Consent Agenda  
Councilman Riley made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items A-L. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.

- a. Call for May 6<sup>th</sup> General Election – Mayor and 2 City Council members.
- b. Resolution 021323 – Adopting the use of Hart Intercivic Verity Duo Controller Version 2.5.1, Hart Verity Duo Writer Version 2.5.1, The Hart Verity Scanner Version 2.5.2, and Hart Verity Duo Go
- c. Resolution 021323A - Calling for Joint Election
- d. Approve Contract with Lubbock County Election Office - May 6<sup>th</sup> Election
- e. Appointment of Roxzine Stinson, Elections Administrator as the Joint Elections Officer
- f. Appointment of Roxzine Stinson, Elections Administrator as the Joint Early Voting Clerk
- g. Appointment of the Lubbock County Elections Office, 1308 Crickets Ave, Lubbock, TX as the Main Early Voting Polling Place.
- h. Approve Joint Early Voting Schedule and Locations (Exhibit A)
- i. Approve Election Day Vote Centers (Exhibit B).
- j. Appointment of Central Count Station Personnel
  - i. Roxzine Stinson, Election Administrator as Central Count Manager
  - ii. Kristen Phelps, Tabulation Supervisor
  - iii. Beth Bender, Central Count Presiding Judge
- k. Appointment of the Early Voting Ballot Board Judge and Alternate Judge
  - i. Johnny Franklin – Judge
  - ii. Ruth Martinez – Alternate Judge
- l. Appointment of the following Bilingual Election Clerks
  - i. Sandy Salazar
  - ii. Ruth Martinez
  - iii. Aaron Frodsham

## 12. Old Business

No old business.

## 13. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Discussion about UMC EMS Service  
Councilman Shannon made a motion to rescind the vote from the previous meeting to change the EMS agreement and to keep the current EMS service. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- b. Discussion and Consider Approval of Racial Profiling Report – *Dwain Read, Chief of Police*  
Chief Read presented the Racial Profiling Report to the city council. Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the racial profile report. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
- c. Discussion and Consider Approval of CAT Compact Track Loader – *Ricky Patterson, Public Works Supervisor*  
Street Supervisor Ricky Patterson asked council to approve the purchase of a CAT Compact Track Loader. After discussion, Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve the purchase of the CAT Compact Track Loader. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

- d. Review and Consider Approval of Resolution 021323B – CDBG Signatories Protocol – *Delano Smith, City Manager*  
Councilman Riley made a motion to approve Resolution 021323B. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- e. Review and Consider Approval of Resolution 021323C – Authorization to Apply for \$500,000 for CDBG Street Improvements – *Delano Smith & Ricky Patterson*  
Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve Resolution 021323C. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- f. Review and Consider Approval of Medical Stipend – *Delano Smith*  
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve a medical stipend in the amount of \$200.00 a month to part time or full-time employees that may not have access to adequate insurance. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- g. Executive Session – Convene into executive session in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.074 Personnel Matters  
City council entered into executive session at 7:05 p.m.
- h. Reconvene Open Session – Take action on items discussed in Executive Session  
City council reconvened open session at 7:34 p.m.

#### 14. New Business

City Manager Delano Smith informed Council that the city is hiring for a Water Clerk/Bookkeeper and that the city has received 20 applications so far.

#### 15. Informational Items

- a. Police Chief Read gave his report to council.
- b. Public Works Report
  - i. Water: Paul Gonzalez was absent.
  - ii. SPS: Ricky Patterson 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.

#### 16. Adjournment

Councilman Riley made a motion to Adjourn. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.