



The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, March 13th, 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, and Bilinda Prater. Also present were City Staff including Delano Smith, Dwain Read, Krista Adames, Paul Gonzalez, and Ricky Patterson.

## MINUTES

1. Call to Order  
Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call of Council Members  
Members present were Mayor Ron Johnson, Bilinda Prater, Jared Shannon, Gary Stone, and Eva Cortez arrived at 6:40 P.M. Matt Riley 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  
Councilman Shannon led the Texas Pledge.
7. Public Comment (non-action)  
No public comments were offered.
8. Review/Approval minutes of the previous meeting  
Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meetings. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
9. Presentation/Approval of monthly financial reports  
Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
10. Old Business  
Performance services spoke about the services they provide to improve and make the city more energy efficient.
11. Discussion/Action Items
  - a. Review and Consider and Approval of Certification of Unopposed Candidates  
Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve the Certification of Unopposed candidates. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

- b. Review and Consider and Approval of Sample Order of Cancellation  
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the Sample Order of Cancellation. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- c. Review and Discussion about Airport Hangar Lease Proposal – *Wade Wilson, Legacy LSC, LLC*  
Councilman Shannon made a motion to accept the lease proposal from Legacy LSC, LLC with the exception that they take responsibility of the current renters. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- d. Discussion about Street Abandonment Request: 1<sup>st</sup> Mesa Drive and 2<sup>nd</sup> Mesa Drive of the Rio Seco Subdivision – *Debby Tullis, WestMark Realtors*  
Tabled until a plan is brought back to council.
- e. Review and Consider Approval of Cullen Johnson Lease Agreement – *Delano Smith, City Manager*  
Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve the lease agreement with Cullen Johnson with the stipulation to include in the lease that prairie dog control will be 4J Prosperities responsibility.
- f. Discussion about the Free Backflow Tracking Program – *Paul Gonzalez & Ricky Patterson, Public Works Supervisors*  
Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve the contract with SC Tracking Solutions. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- g. Discussion about EMT Training for Abernathy Police Officers – *Dwain Read, Chief of Police*  
Dwain Read discussed with the Council about training police officers as EMT's since they respond to most EMS calls. Chief Read explained to council that the cost would total to about \$22,000 and would include Medic Kits including an oxygen bottle for \$459 apiece, AED's for each vehicle will be up to \$1800.00 per vehicle, and an EMT instructor 2 nights week for 3 months would be \$1,500 per person.
- h. Review and Consider Approval of Code Enforcement and Animal Control (CEAC) Department – *Delano Smith*  
Councilwoman Shannon made a motion to approve the Code Enforcement and Animal Control Department. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- i. Review and Consider Approval of City of Abernathy Social Media Policy – *Delano Smith*  
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the City of Abernathy social media policy. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- j. Review and Consider Approval of Resolution 031323 (Authorizing Signatures for Bank Accounts) – *Delano Smith*  
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve Resolution 031323 authorizing signatures for bank accounts. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- k. Review and Consider Approval of Resolution 031323A (Denying Southwestern Public Service Company's Proposed Rate Increase) – *Delano Smith*

Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve Resolution 031323A.

Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

- I. Executive Session – Convene into executive session in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.074 Personnel Matters  
City Council went into executive session at 8:00 P.M.
- m. Reconvene Open Session – Take action on items discussed in Executive Session  
City council reconvened open session at 8:27 P.M. No action was taken.

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 gave their reports.
- e. Mayor Johnson gave his report.

14. Adjournment

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

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Mayor Ron Johnson

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Krista Adames, City Secretary