



The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Tuesday, May 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, Bilinda Prater, Matt Riley, Gary Stephenson, and Tammy Mahan. Also present were City Staff including Dwain Read, Krista Adames, Ricky Patterson, Luis Hernandez, Cindy Tapia, Ryan Hernandez. Members of the public were Rich Oller, Spencer and Leigh Malick, Emma Cerda, and Daniel Herrera.

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, Eva Cortez, and Jared Shannon.
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 – “Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.”
Councilman Shannon led the Texas Pledge.
7. Installation of Elected Officials
 - a. Administer Oaths of Office
City Secretary Krista Adames administered the Oaths of Office to Ron Johnson, Tammy Mahan and Gary Stephenson.
 - b. Appoint Mayor Pro Tem
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to appoint Jared Shannon as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
8. Acknowledgment of Outgoing Councilmembers
 - a. Resolution of Appreciation
Mayor Johnson presented Resolution of Appreciations to Gary Stone and Matt Riley.
9. Public Comment (non-action)
Emma Cerda and Daniel Herrera informed the council of their intent to have a community festival June 10th at the City Park.
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 5/0.
9. Presentation/Approval of monthly financial reports
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

10. Executive Session – Convene into executive session in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.074 Personnel Matters
City Council entered executive session at 6:42 PM and then again at 7:55 PM.
11. Reconvene Open Session – Take action on items discussed in Executive Session
City Council reconvened open session at 6:46 PM and then again at 8:07 PM.
12. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Discussion and Action about July 4th Activities – *Kristi Thompson, Little League Representative*
Little League Representative Kristi Thompson informed the council of their intent to extend the 4th of July Activities after the Parade to benefit Abernathy’s Little League.
 - b. Discussion and Updates about the City of Abernathy’s Water Plan – *Rich Oller, Oller Engineering, Inc. (put b and c together)*
Rich Oller stated that in the middle of the summer they will start taking bids for the construction of the water tank. If they begin construction in early fall, the project will be completed within 120 days.
 - c. Review and Consider Accepting Annexation *Petition* for AX 01-23 and Annexation *Service Plan* AX 01-23 – Lot 6, Legacy Acres Addition, Petitioners: Spenser Ried Malick and Erika Leigh Malick
Councilman Stephenson made a motion to accept the Annexation Petition and Services Plan for AX 01-23 – Lot 6 Legacy Acres Addition.
 - d. Discussion and Action about Local Rabies Control Authority Designation Change – *Cindy Tapia*
Councilman Stephenson made a motion to appoint Nadia Micheletti, Joe Villa, and Cindy Tapia as the Local Rabies Control Authority.
 - e. Discussion and Action about Closure and Purchase of T-Alley between 306 and 308 of Avenue G – *Cindy Tapia*
Councilman Shannon made a motion to close the T-Alley between 306 and 308 of Ave G and allow property to revert to the respective homeowners. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
 - f. Discussion and Action about Stipend Incentives – *Delano Smith*
Tabled
13. Informational Items
 - a. Chief Read gave his report to the council.
 - b. Code Enforcement & Animal Control Officer Cindy Tapia gave her report to the council.
 - c. Public Works Supervisor Ricky Patterson gave his report to the council.
 - d. City Manager Delano Smith was not present.
 - e. The council gave their report.
 - f. Mayor Johnson gave his report.
14. Adjournment
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to adjourn at 8:08 PM. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

Mayor Ron Johnson

ATTEST

Krista Adames, City Secretary