



The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Tuesday, June 13th, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. in the City Hall building at 811 Ave D. Members present were Mayor Ron Johnson, Gary Stephenson, Eva Cortez, Jared Shannon, Bilinda Prater, Tammy Mahan. Also present were City Staff including Delano Smith, Dwain Read, Krista Adames, Ricky Patterson, Cindy Tapia, Luis Hernandez, Nadia Micheletti, and Melissa Jackson. Members of the public are on the attached sign in sheet.

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, Tammy Mahan, Gary Stephenson and Eva Cortez. Jared Shannon arrived at 6:57 P.M.
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.”
Councilwoman Prater led the Texas Pledge.
7. Public Comment (non-action)
Wade Henderson spoke to council about code enforcement.
Nadia Micheletti and Cindy Tapia spoke to council about City Manager Delano Smith and how grateful and blessed the city is to have Delano as the City Manager and that things are going in the right direction.
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 4/0.
9. Presentation/Approval of monthly financial reports
Councilman Stephenson made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports.
Councilwoman Mahan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
10. Executive Session – Convene into executive session in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.074 Personnel Matters
City Council entered into executive session at 8:50 P.M.
11. Reconvene Open Session – Take action on items discussed in Executive Session
City Council reconvened open session at 9:44 P.M. No action taken.
12. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Discussion and Action about Lubbock Reese Redevelopment Authority's (LRRRA) Request for Airport Usage – *Murvat Musa. LRRRA*
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to accept the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Lubbock Reese Redevelopment Authority's request for airport usage. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- b. Discussion about City Utility Infrastructure Findings – *Performance Services Team*
Chip Woods with Performance Services, an energy saving contracting company, updated council that they have been working with Delano and are focused on water. Chip said that the next step would be an investment grade audit. He believes that if the city replaces the old meters and adds technology to all meters it would pay for itself.
- c. Discussion about Water Tank and Booster Station Contractor Bid Process – *Rich Oller, Oller Engineering, Inc.*
Tabled to the August meeting
- d. Discussion about Out-of-Town Garbage Rates – *Eugene Crumpler*
Eugene Crumpler spoke to council about his water bill and his usage from a leak. Eugene told council if they are going to change rates that they need to let the citizens know. City Manager Delano Smith let Eugene know that rate changes were posted in the newspaper, and on the website. Eugene is also concerned about his Garbage Rates. Mayor Johnson informed Eugene that they will look into his concerns.
- e. Review and Consider Accepting Annexation *Petition* for AX 02-23 and Annexation *Service Plan* AX 02-23 – Lot 5, Legacy Acres Addition, Abernathy, Hale County, Texas, Petitioners: Kevin Dez Harrell and Lindsay Erin Harrell
Councilman Stephenson made a motion to approve AX 02-23 – Lot 5, Legacy Acres Addition Annexation Petition and Annexation Service Plan. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- f. Discussion About Cliff Harkey's Annexation Proposal – *Cliff Harkey*
Clint Harkey discussed with council about developing some land he owns and wanted to get the councils thoughts on annexing the lots and getting water from the city.
- g. Discussion and Action about Setback Variance Request – *Matthew Speer and Cassandra Speer*
Councilman Stephenson made a motion to approve the exception at 1511 Ave M. Councilwoman Mahan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
- h. Discussion and Action about Community Room and Baseball Field Rental Rates – *Delano Smith*
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to increase the community room rates to a deposit of \$150.00 and rental charge of \$200.00 and increase the baseball field rental rate to \$75.00 per day. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
- i. Discussion and Action about Western Dairy Airport Proposal – *Western Dairy Representative*
Mayor Johnson removed from agenda.
- j. Discussion and Action about Ordinance Regarding Deadline for Submitting Utility Payments – *Delano Smith*
Tabled
- k. Discussion and Action about July 4th Request to Close Main Street and 1st Street to 16th on Avenue D for Parade and approval of July 4th Fireworks Display – Delano Smith

The Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the street closings and firework display for the 4th of July activities. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

13. Informational Items

- a. Police Chief Read gave his report to council.
- b. Code Enforcement & Animal Control Officer Cindy Tapia gave her report to council.
- c. Public Works Supervisor Ricky Patterson gave his report to council.
- d. City Manager Delano Smith gave his report to council.
- e. Council gave their reports.
- f. Mayor Johnson gave his report.

14. Adjournment

Councilman Shannon made a motion to adjourn at 9:46 P.M. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

Mayor Ron Johnson

ATTEST

Krista Adames, City Secretary