



The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, October 9th, 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, Gary Stephenson, Tammy Mahan, and Bilinda Prater. Also present were City Staff including Dwain Read, Krista Adames, Ricky Patterson. Members of the public included Danak Spradlin, Rich Oller and Cree Welch.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order
Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:34 P. M.
2. Roll Call of Council Members
Councilmembers present were Mayor Johnson, Eva Cortez, Tammy Mahan, Bilinda Prater, Gary Stephenson, and Jared Shannon.
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 – “Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.”
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 of the previous meetings.
Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
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 5/0.
10. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Discussion and Action about Animal Control Agreement with the City of Petersburg – *City of Petersburg Representative*
Councilman Shannon made a motion to not enter into an Animal Control Agreement with the City of Petersburg. Councilwoman Mahan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/1 with Councilwoman Cortez, Councilwoman Mahan, Councilwoman Prater and Councilman Shannon voting for and Councilman Stephenson voting against.
 - b. Discussion and Consideration about Placement of Boone’s Lending Library – *Jessica Wilbanks, Library Director*
Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve the placement of Boone’s Lending Library at City Hall. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
 - c. Discussion and Consideration about Pouring a Concrete Pad at the Medical Clinic – *Ricky Patterson, Public Works Director*
Councilman Stephenson made a motion to table to the next meeting. After more discussion Councilman Stephenson withdrew his motion.
Councilwoman Mahan made a motion to approve the bid from The Concrete Man in the amount of \$3,628.00, to pour a concrete pad at the Medical Clinic and a residential

driveway that was damaged by city employees fixing a water leak. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

- d. Discussion and Action about Shed Replacement on Fence Line at 512 Phillips Avenue – *Danick Spradlin*
Councilman Shannon made a motion to grant an exception to allow a shed replacement on the fence line at 512 Phillips Avenue. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
 - e. Discussion about City of Abernathy Water Project – *Rich Oller, OEI*
Council did not discuss with Rich Oller about the City of Abernathy Water Project.
 - f. Discussion and Action about Republic First National Bank / KS Bank Water Project Loan Proposal
Council did not discuss the Republic First National Bank/KS Bank Water Project Loan.
 - g. Old Business
None
 - h. Executive Session – Convene into Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.072 Deliberations Regarding Real Property and in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code §551.074 Personnel Matters to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
City Council entered into executive session at 7:18 P.M.
 - i. Reconvene Open Session – Take action on items discussed in Executive Session.
City Council reconvened open session at 8:12 P.M.
Councilman Shannon made a motion to move forward with the financing option with Republic First National Bank/ KS Bank on a loan for the water project. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
12. 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 Director Ricky Patterson gave his report to Council.
 - d. City Manager - absent
 - e. Council gave their reports.
 - f. Mayor Johnson gave his report.
13. Adjournment
- Councilwoman Prater made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 P.M. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.