



The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in called special meeting on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 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, and Bilinda Prater. Also present were City Staff including Krista Adames, Dwain Read, 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 Johnson, Bilinda Prater, Eva Cortez, Gary Stephenson, and Jared Shannon. Tammy Mahan 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 – “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.
11. Discussion/Action Items
  - a. Action on Ordinance of the City of Abernathy, Texas, Setting and Levying the Municipal Ad Valorem Tax Rate for FY 23-24  
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING MOTION “I MOVE THAT PROPERTY TAXES BE INCREASED BY THE ADOPTION OF A TAX RATE OF \$0.546109/\$100 WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 3.17 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE,” WHICH WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER JARED SHANNON, MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PRATER TO APPROVE THIS ORDINANCE HAVING REVIEWED 4 AYES: 0 NAYS AND 0 ABSTAINED.  
COUNCILWOMAN MAHAN WAS ABSENT.
  - b. Discussion and Approval of Diffuser for the City’s Pond  
Tabled
  - c. Action Authorizing the Purchase of Police Vehicles  
Councilman Stephenson made a motion to allow Chief Read to purchase 3 instead of 2 equipped 2023 Tahoe’s in the amount of \$147,721.85. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
  - d. Discussion and Action on the Decommissioning of Cell Utility Pole Installed at 308 Avenue E Abernathy, TX 79311 by Boldyn Networks (formerly Mobilite LLC)  
Councilman Shannon made a motion to have Boldyn Networks remove the entire pole and remove the wireless equipment on the pole and complete restoration at 308 Ave E. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
12. Adjournment  
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.