



The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. in the City Hall building at 811 Ave D. Members present were Mayor Ron Johnson, Eva Cortez, Gary Stephenson, Tammy Mahan, and Bilinda Prater. Also present were City Staff including Don Provost, Krista Adames, Ricky Patterson, Cindy Tapia, Matt Brightbill and Jaden Zavala. Members of the public included Chance Rocha, Kelsey Maxwell, Michael Nail, and Tamber Black.

## 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, Gary Stephenson, Tammy Mahan. Eva Cortez was late, and Jared Shannon 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.”  
Councilwoman Prater led the Texas Pledge.
7. Public Comment (non-action)  
No public comments were offered.
8. Review/Approval minutes of the previous meeting  
Councilman Stephenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.
9. Presentation/Approval of monthly financial reports  
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports with the corrections of the code enforcement coding error.
10. Old Business  
No old Business
11. Discussion/Action Items
  - a. Official Canvass of Returns, November 7, 2023, Special Election

Councilman Stephenson made a motion to approve the order canvassing the returns for the November 7, 2023, Special Election. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.

b. Resolution 111423A - Casting Votes for Hale County Appraisal District Board of Directors

Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve Resolution 111423A casting 45 votes to Ron Johnson for Hale County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

c. Resolution 111423B - Casting Votes for Lubbock Central Appraisal District Board of Directors

Councilwoman Prater made a motion to cast 2 votes to Bobby McQueen for Lubbock Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. Councilwoman Mahan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.

d. Resolution 111423C – Removing and Authorizing Bank Signatories

Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve Resolution 111423C. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

e. Field 1 & 2 Improvements – Kelsey Maxwell, Abernathy Little League  
Kelsey Maxwell with the Abernathy Little League addressed council with the following proposals:

1. Approval for three digital scoreboards to be installed at no cost to the city at all little league playing fields.

2. Approval and necessary funding to take out the current outfield fence at field 2 and replace it at a distance more conducive for competitive softball play for all age levels.

3. Approval and necessary funding to increase the irrigation on field 2 to include the dirt infield playing surface and shallow right field.

4. A formal right of use agreement between the City of Abernathy and the Abernathy Little League that includes the aforementioned items the league will install and any future projects that will arise.

The City Council agreed to allow the Abernathy Little League start on the installation of the scoreboards and to present council with a formal agreement. City Manager Don Provost will get with Ricky Patterson to start working on moving the irrigation and any other projects will be looked at in the next budget year.

13. New Business

No new business

14. Informational Items

a. Police Chief Read was absent.

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 Don Provost gave his report to Council.

e. Council gave their reports.

f. Mayor Johnson gave his report.

15. Adjournment

Councilwoman Prater made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.