



The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, January 8th, 2024, 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, Jared Shannon, and Bilinda Prater. Also present were City Staff including Don Provost, Krista Adames, Ricky Patterson and Dwain Read.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order
Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call of Council Members
Council members present were Mayor Ron Johnson, Tammy Mahan, Eva Cortez, Bilinda Prater, Gary Stephenson, and Jared Shannon.
3. Welcome Guest
4. Mayor Johnson welcomed the guest.
5. Invocation
Councilwoman Prater gave the invocation.
6. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
7. 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.
8. Public Comment (non-action)
No Public Comments
9. Review/Approval minutes of the previous meeting
Councilman Shannon 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.
10. Approval of monthly financial reports
Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
11. Old Business
No old business
12. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Executive Session – In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section §551.074 Personnel Matters to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
City Council did not enter into executive session.

b. Reconvene Open Session - in accordance with Texas Government Code, consider any action necessary regarding matters discussed in Executive Session. No executive session.

c. Discussion on Setting Fees for Alcohol Sales

City Manager Don Provost informed council that an updated alcohol sales ordinance will be presented at the next council meeting.

d. Discussion on Reimbursement of Overpaid Local Sales and Use Taxes

Councilman Shannon made a motion to reimburse the comptroller on overpaid local sales and use taxes. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

e. Consider Installing GPS on all City Vehicles

Councilwoman Prater made a motion for the city to purchase GPS devices for all city vehicles. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

f. Consider Purchasing 7 American Business Software Meter Reading Tablets

Councilwoman Mahan made a motion to approve the purchase of 7 Meter Reading Tablets from American Business Software. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

g. Consider GIS System Implementation Software for Cloud Permitting

Councilman Shannon made a motion to purchase GIS System Implementation Software for Cloud Permitting. Councilwoman Mahan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0. Councilman Shannon made a motion to amend the previous motion to not spend more than \$1,350.00 on the software. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

13. New Business

No new business

14. Informational Items

a. Public Works Director Ricky Patterson gave his report to council.

b. Police Chief Chief Read gave his report to council.

c. City Manager Don Provost gave his report to council.

d. Council gave their Reports.

e. Mayor Johnson gave his report.

15. Adjournment

Councilwoman Prater made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.