



The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, February 12th, 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, Nadia Micheletti, Cindy Tapia, and Dwain Read. Members of the Public are on the attached sign in sheet.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order
Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:32P.M.
2. Roll Call of Council Members
Members present were Mayor Ron Johnson, Jared Shannon, Bilinda Prater, Eva Cortez, Tammy Mahan, and Gary Stephenson.
3. Welcome Guest
Mayor Johnson welcomed the guest.
4. Invocation
Councilwoman Prater gave the invocation.
5. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
Councilman Shannon 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
8. Review/Approval Minutes of the Previous Meeting
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
9. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports
Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports. Councilwoman Mahan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
10. Brief Council on New Agenda Format - City Manager Don Provost
City Manager Don Provost briefed the council about the new agenda format.
11. Consent Agenda
Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve the following items A-M, calling for the May 4th General Election. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
 - A. Appoint Roxzine Stinson, in her capacity as Elections Administrator as the Joint Elections Officer
 - B. Appoint Roxzine Stinson, in her capacity as Elections Administrator as the Joint Early Voting Clerk
 - C. Appoint the Elections Office at 1308 Crickets Avenue as the main early voting polling place
 - D. Approve Exhibit A as the Joint Early Voting schedule

- E. Approve Exhibit B as the Joint Election Day Vote Center
 - F. Appoint the Judge for each Vote Center (attached)
 - G. Appoint Ronny Gallaher as the Early Voting Ballot Board Judge and Beth Shapiro as the Alternate H. Early Voting Ballot Board Judge
 - i. Appoint Roxzine Stinson, Elections Administrator as Central Count Manager
 - J. Appoint Karyn Cruz at Tabulation Supervisor
 - K. Appoint Beth Bender as Central County Presiding Judge
 - L. Appoint Sandy Salazar, Vanessa Huizar, and Aaron Frodsham as Bilingual Election Clerks
 - M. Call for May 4th General Election – 3 City Council members.
12. Discussion/Action Items
- a. Consider and take action on Ordinance 635 providing for the sale and issuance of the City of Abernathy, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$1,650,000, to fund water and sewer system improvements; and ordaining other matters relating to the subject.
Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve Ordinance 635. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
 - b. Consider and take action on Ordinance 634 – Alcohol Sales
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve Ordinance 634. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0. Councilman Stephenson abstained from the vote.
 - c. Water Issues – Kelly Vandygriff
Shawn Vandygriff asked the council to consider approval to relocate their meter to a position closer to their property. Councilman Stephenson made a motion to table to the March meeting. Councilwoman Mahan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
 - d. Consider Curb Cut Exception Request for Property Located at 1602 Ave L – Tyson Rowin
Councilman Stephenson made a motion to approve an exception to allow two curb cuts spaced 40 feet apart at 1602 Ave L, which deviates from the city ordinance requiring a 50-foot spacing. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
 - e. Approval on cost to take down, move, and reinstall Chain Link Fence on Field 2
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve budget allocation of \$4,900.00 to facilitate the relocation of the outfield fence on field 2 by February 23, 2024. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
 - f. Consider Approval of Funds for GIS Software
Councilman Stephenson made a motion to table to the March meeting. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
 - g. Consider and Approval of Purchasing a new printer for City Hall
Councilman Shannon made a motion to proceed with a 60-month lease agreement with Visual Edge IT for a Xerox AltaLink C8145 Color Printer. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
 - h. Approval of Thunder Pump Service LLC Invoice
Councilman Stephenson made a motion to authorize payment of \$13,647.81 to Thunder Pump Service LLC for the installation of the new pump and motor at Well #4. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
 - i. 2023 Racial Profile Report – Chief Dwain Read

Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve the Abernathy Police Department 2023 Racial Profile Report presented by Chief Dwain Read. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

- j. Approval of Oller Engineering Invoices
Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve payment of invoices totaling \$15,571.68 to Oller Engineering. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
- k. 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. The City Council did not enter into executive session.
- l. Reconvene Open Session - in accordance with Texas Government Code, consider any action necessary regarding matters discussed in Executive Session. The City Council did not enter into executive session.

13. New Business

No new business

14. Informational Items

- a. Public Works Director Ricky Patterson was not present.
- b. Police Chief Read gave his report to the council.
- c. City Manager Don Provost gave his report to the council.
- d. The council gave their reports.
- e. Mayor Johnson gave his report.

15. Adjournment

Councilwoman Prater made a motion to adjourn at 7:49 P.M. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

Mayor Ron Johnson

ATTEST

Krista Adames, City Secretary