



The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, September 9, 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, Bilinda Prater, and Luis Villarreal. Also present were City Staff including Don Provost, Krista Adames, City Attorney Courtney White and Robert Prater with the AVFD. Members of the Public are on the attached sign in sheet.

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, Eva Cortez, Tammy Mahan, and Luis Villarreal. Gary Stephenson arrived at 6:36 P.M.
3. Welcome Guests
Mayor Johnson welcomed the guest.
4. Invocation
Councilwoman Prater gave the invocation.
5. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
Councilwoman Prater 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 City Council Meeting
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
9. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports. Councilwoman Mahan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
10. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Update Council on the demolition located at 904 Ave D
City Manager Don Provost updated council on the progress at 904 Ave D.
 - b. Consider and take action on Ordinance 638 AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF ABERNATHY, TEXAS, APPENDIX A – FEE SCHEDULE, ARTICLE A4.000, UTILITY RELATED FEES, SECTIONS A4.001 ENTITLED “SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES”
Councilman Stephenson made a motion to approve Ordinance 638. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
 - c. Consider and take action on setting the date to adopt the FY 2024-2025 Budget and Ratify the 2025 Tax Rate - September 25, 2024

Councilman Stephenson made a motion to set the date to adopt the FY 2024-2025 Budget and Ratify the 2025 Tax Rate to September 25, 2024, at 4:30 P.M. Councilman Villarreal seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

11. City Council Training

- a. The City Attorney will provide training on the Open Meetings Act, Public Information Act, and Council Member duties, responsibilities, and best practices. There will be no action items for the Council.

City Attorney Courtney White provided a training for council members.

12. Adjournment

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

Mayor Ron Johnson

ATTEST

Krista Adames, City Secretary