



The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in a Special Meeting on Wednesday, September 25th, 2024, at 4:30 P.M. in the City Hall building at 811 Ave D. Members present were Mayor Ron Johnson, Bilinda Prater, Eva Cortez, Luis Villarreal, Gary Stephenson, and Tammy Mahan. Also present were City Staff including Don Provost, Krista Adames, and Pyne Gregory.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order
Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call of Council Members
Councilmembers present were Mayor Ron Johnson, Bilinda Prater, Tammy Mahan, Eva Cortez, Gary Stephenson and Luis Villarreal.
3. Welcome Guest
Mayor Johnson welcomed the guest.
4. Invocation
Councilwoman Prater gave the invocation.
5. Public Comment (non-action)
No public comments were offered.
11. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 639- Budget for FY2024-2025
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve Ordinance 639 as presented, adopting the FY 2024-2025 Budget. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0 with Councilwoman Mahan - Aye, Councilwoman Prater- Aye, Councilwoman Cortez- Aye, Councilman Villarreal - Aye, and Councilman Stephenson - Aye.
 - b. Action to Ratify the Property Tax Increase Reflected in the FY2024-2025 Budget
Councilwoman Mahan made a motion to ratify the 2024-2025 Operating Budget and tax rate. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0 with Councilwoman Mahan - Aye, Councilwoman Prater- Aye, Councilwoman Cortez- Aye, Councilman Villarreal - Aye, and Councilman Stephenson - Aye.
 - c. Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 640 – FY 2024-2025 Tax Rate of 0.537824/\$100
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 640, that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.537824, which is effectively a 2.7% increase in the tax rate. This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 2.7% and will decrease taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$8.28. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0 with Councilwoman Mahan - Aye, Councilwoman Prater- Aye, Councilwoman Cortez- Aye, Councilman Villarreal - Aye, and Councilman Stephenson - Aye.
 - d. Consider the Approval of FY2024-FY2025 Pay and Holiday Calendar
Councilwoman Mahan made a motion to approve the FY 2024-FY2025 Pay and Holiday Calendar. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
 - e. Discuss and Approval of Resolution 09252024- Adopting the Official Newspaper for FY 2024-2025
Councilman Stephenson made a motion to approve Resolution 09252024 adopting the Abernathy Advocate as the official newspaper for FY 2024-2025. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

12. Adjournment

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

Mayor Ron Johnson

ATTEST

Krista Adames, City Secretary