



The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, October 14th, 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, Cindy Tapia, Ricky Patterson, Luis Hernandez, Dwain Read, Jaden Zavala, and City Attorney Courtney White. Members of the AVFD included Kelly Vandygriff, Robert Prater, and Michael Looney. 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, Tammy Mahan, Eva Cortez, Bilinda Prater, Gary Stephenson, and Luis Villarreal.
3. Welcome Guests
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.”
Mayor Johnson 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 Mahan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
9. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
10. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Discuss and consider the removal of the Water System Improvement fee for meters used solely for irrigation purposes, applicable only to residences with two meters at the same address.
Council discussed the Water System Improvement fee for irrigation meters.
 - b. Consider and take action on the request of citizen Prissy Gallian, residing at 903 Ave. E in Abernathy, TX, to block off a portion of the street in front of her home. (A detailed map of the requested area is attached.)
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve blocking a portion of the street in front of 903 Ave E. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
 - c. Discuss the ACH technical glitch that occurred on Friday, October 4, 2024, which resulted in most citizens being charged twice for their water bill. (Details of the event are attached.)
City Manager Don Provost gave an update on the ACH technical glitch.
 - d. Provide an update to the council on the new pump station and above-ground storage tank.
City Manager Don Provost gave an update on the new pump station and above -ground storage tank.

- e. Provide an update to the council on the city's lead line identification project in collaboration with HBK Engineering. Riley with HBK Engineering updated council on the city's lead line identification project.
- f. Update council concerning condemned building at 904 Ave. D Code Enforcement Officer Cindy Tapia updated council on the burned/collapsed building at 904 Ave D.
- g. Executive Session – In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section, §551.074 to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or hear a complaint or charge against an employee- Code Enforcement and Animal Control Manager. No votes or decisions will be made in executive session. The Code Enforcement and Animal Control Director requested to hold in open session. Council listened to a complaint by a citizen on the CE/AC Director. The CE/AC Director responded to the complaint.
- h. Convene in executive session pursuant to Government Code 551.071 to consult with the city attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney's duty to the governmental body under the Texas Rules of Professional Conduct clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act. City Council went into executive session at 8:17 P.M.
- i. Reconvene Open Session - in accordance with Texas Government Code, consider any action necessary regarding matters discussed in Executive Session. Council reconvened open session at 8:31 P.M. Councilman Stephenson made a motion to table until council can be provided the bodycam video, pictures, and open records request email. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

11. 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