



The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, January 13th, 2025, 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 LeAnn Gallman, Krista Adames, Cindy Tapia, Ricky Patterson, 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.

2. Roll Call of Council Members

Members present were Mayor Ron Johnson, Bilinda Prater, Eva Cortez, Gary Stephenson, Tammy Mahan, 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.”

Councilwoman Prater led the Texas Pledge.

7. Public Comment (non-action)

No Public Comments

8. Review/Approval Minutes of the Previous City Council Meeting

Councilwoman Prater 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.

9. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports

Councilwoman Mahan made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

10. Action Items

a. Consider accepting petition for annexation – Brent Ruder

Councilman Stephenson made a motion to accept Brent Ruder’s petition for annexation. Councilman Villarreal seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

b. Review and consider service plan - Ruder Annexation - AX 01-25

Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the service plan for Brent Ruder - AX-01-25. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

c. Consider accepting petition for annexation – Brenda B. Reyes

Councilman Stephenson made a motion to accept Brenda B. Reyes’ petition for annexation. Councilman Villarreal seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

d. Review and consider service plan - Reyes Annexation - AX 01-25

Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the service plan for Brenda B. Reyes - AX-01-25. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

11. Conduct Public Hearings

Mayor Johnson opened the following public hearings, items a – d. No public comments were received.

- a. Little Pencil - Legacy Acres Lots 11-13 (5.113 AC)
- b. Hegi - Legacy Acres Lot 7 (5 AC)
- c. Malick - Legacy Acres Lot 6 (5 AC)
- d. Ruder - Proctor Addition Section 14 Tract 11 (10.01 AC)

12. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Consider Ordinance 628 – Loth – Legacy Acres Lot 8 (4.5302 AC)
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve Ordinance 628. Councilman Villarreal seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
- b. Consider Ordinance 630 – Little Pencil – Legacy Acres Lots 11-13 (5.113 AC)
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve Ordinance 630. Councilman Villarreal seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
- c. Consider Ordinance 631 – Hegi – Legacy Acres Lot 7 (5 AC)
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve Ordinance 631. Councilman Villarreal seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
- d. Consider Ordinance 644 – Malick – Legacy Acres Lot 6 (5 AC)
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve Ordinance 644. Councilman Villarreal seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
- e. Consider Ordinance 645 – Ruder - Proctor Addition Section 14 Tract 11 (10.01 AC)
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve Ordinance 645. Councilman Villarreal seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
- f. Call for May 3, 2025, General Election
Councilman Stephenson made a motion to order the May 3, 2025, General Election. Councilman Villarreal seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
- g. Discuss and consider street paving – 500 Block of Ave M
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to seek bids for street paving at the 500 Block of Ave M. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
- h. Discuss and consider variance request 512 Phillips - Danick Spradlin
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve Danick Spradlin's variance request at 512 Phillips approving the lot setback to be at 10 ft instead of the 15ft setback requirement, allowing the peak of the building to exceed the peak of his house, and allowing over 30% lot coverage. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
- i. Discuss and consider variance request 1200 Texas Avenue – Plains Grain
Councilman Stephenson made a motion to approve a Scot Wesley's variance request at Plains Grain allowing a fence to be built at a 10 ft setback instead of the 15ft setback requirement. Councilwoman Mahan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
- j. Discuss and consider baseball/softball field parking
Councilwoman Mahan made a motion to approve the baseball/softball field parking quote from Leo the Concrete Man in the amount of \$11,700.00. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
- k. Discuss and consider the city providing wiring material and labor for electricity to scoreboards on city baseball/softball fields
Tabled
- l. Discuss and consider the city paying the electric bill for scoreboards at the city baseball/softball fields
Tabled
- m. Executive Session – In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section, §551.074 Personnel Matters, City Manager
City Council went into executive session at 7:13p.m.

- n. Reconvene Open Session - in accordance with Texas Government Code, consider any action necessary regarding matters discussed in Executive Session.

City Council reconvened open session at 7:56p.m.

Councilwoman Prater made a motion to give Interim City Manager LeAnn Gallman permission to hire Clear Career Professionals for all City Manager Recruitment services in the amount of \$14,000.00. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

13. Administrative reports:

- a. The Ave D building has been demolished and debris removed. Public Works will remove the fencing and reuse.
- b. City employees gathered to watch a webinar addressing the Texas Municipal Retirement System.
- c. KBR will perform some testing at the Abernathy Airport. They will set up on Friday, January 24th, with testing to take place the week of January 27th.

14. 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