



A Special Meeting of the Abernathy City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, 811 Ave. D, Abernathy, Texas on **Wednesday, February 19th, 2025, at 6:30 P.M.** This meeting was recorded, and the recording will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

Public Comment: Individual citizens desiring to address the Council during the public comment session may do so about any item on the agenda. All citizens desiring to speak during this time must fill out a comment form and comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and not more than five (5) people on the same subject matter.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call of Council Members

Council members attending were Mayor Johnson, Council members Stephenson, Villarreal, and Mahan.

3. Welcome Guests

4. Invocation

5. 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.”

7. Public Comment (non-action)

This is the opportunity for visitors and guests to address the City Council on any issue at this time. (Attorney General Opinion-JC-0169)

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

9. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports

10. HBK Engineering presentation on AMI Water Meters – Riley Watson

Riley Watson, HBK Engineering addressed the Council on AMI Water Meters and how the update of water meters will affect City operations and budget. There was no action on this item.

11. Consent Agenda – May 3, 2025, Election

a. Certification of Unopposed Candidates

b. Consider Order Cancelling Elections

Motion was made by Council member Stephenson, seconded by Council member Villarreal to approve items on the consent agenda. Motion carried.

12. Action Items

a. Consider accepting petition for annexation – Matthew and Makenzie Braidfoot Proctor Addition Section 14 Tract 10 (10.01 AC)

b. Review and consider service plan – Matthew and Makenzie Braidfoot Proctor Addition Section 14 Tract 10 (10.01 AC)

Motion was made by Council member Mahan, seconded by Council member Villarreal to accept the petition for annexation from Matthew and Makenzie Braidfoot – Proctor Addition Section 14, Tract 10 and approve the service plan for that property. Motion carried.

13. Conduct Public Hearings

a. Brenda Reyes – Proctor Addition Section 14 Tract 12 (10.01 AC)

b. Matthew and Makenzie Braidfoot – Proctor Addition Section 14 Tract 10 (10.01 AC)

Mayor Johnson opened Public Hearings for properties requesting annexation at 6:52 p.m. There were no comments. Mayor Johnson closed the Public Hearings at 6:53 p.m.

14. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Consider Ordinance 646 – Brenda Reyes – Proctor Addition Section 14 Tract 12 (10.01 AC)
- b. Consider Ordinance 647 – Matthew and Makenzie Braidfoot Proctor Addition Section 14 Tract 10 (10.01 AC)
Motion was made by Council member Stephenson made a motion, seconded by Council member Mahan to adopt Ordinance 646 and Ordinance 647 annexing properties. Motion carried.
- c. Consider zoning variance request from 25' setback for a carport build at 1008 12th Street
Motion was made by Council member Stephenson, seconded by Council member Villarreal to approve a zoning variance request from Kathrine Hemphill for the construction of a carport. Motion carried.
- d. Consider Resolution 02102025B- Denying the rate application and consolidation proposed by Atmos.
Motion was made by Council member Mahan, seconded by Council member Stephenson to approve Resolution 02102025B denying the rate application and consolidation proposed by Atmos Energy. Motion carried.
- e. Consider Interlocal Agreement between the City of Abernathy and South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) for the 2025 Downtown Revitalization and Main Street Program Application
Motion was made by Council member Stephenson, seconded by Council member Villarreal to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with South Plains Association of Governments for the 2025 Downtown Revitalization and Main Street Program Application. Motion carried.
- f. Discuss and consider the city providing wiring material and labor for electricity to scoreboards on city baseball/softball fields
Motion was made by Council member Stephenson, seconded by Council member Villarreal to approve up to \$10,000 for the materials needed for the wiring of the scoreboards at the baseball/softball fields. Motion carried.
- g. Discuss and consider the city paying the electric bill for scoreboards at the city baseball/softball fields
Motion was made by Council member Mahan, seconded by Council member Villarreal to agree to pay the electric bill for scoreboards at the city baseball/softball fields. Motion carried.
- h. Consider assignment of current Bank Depository from Vista Bank to First United Bank
Motion was made by Council member Stephenson, seconded by Council member Villarreal to approve the assignment of the current Bank Depository from Vista Bank to First United Bank. Motion carried.
- i. Consider authorizing Interim City Manager to advertise for bids for Bank Depository Agreements
Motion was made by Council member Stephenson, Seconded by Council member Majan to authorize the Interim City Manager to advertise for bids for Bank Depository agreements. Motion carried.
- j. Consider awarding janitorial bids
Motion was made by Council member Mahan, seconded by Council member Villarreal to award the bid for janitorial duties for City Hall to Sherry Prewitt in the amount of \$850.00 per month. Motion carried.
- k. Receive the 2024 Racial Profile Report
Motion was made by Council member Stephenson, seconded by Council member Villarreal to receive the 2024 Racial Profile Report.

- l. Consider seal coat, repair, and striping of the city hall parking lot
Motion was made by Council member Stephenson, Seconded by Council member Majan to table this item until the April, 2025 Council meeting. Motion carried.
- m. Executive Session – In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section, §551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development.
Mayor Johnson convened Executive session at 7:39 p.m.
- n. Reconvene Open Session - in accordance with Texas Government Code, consider any action necessary regarding matters discussed in Executive Session.
Mayor Johnson reconvened Open session at 8:03 p.m. There was no action on this item.

15. Administrative reports:

- a. Library Book Sale
- b. Auditors
- c. City Manager Recruitment Brochure
- d. Election Information
- e. Community Prayer on Monday, March 3, 2025
- f. Paving project for 500 block of Avenue M
- g. Concrete gutter work is complete at the baseball field.
- h. Repair for the bridge at the park has been completed.
- i. The Senior Center has closed. The Marian Struve Memorial Center has been cleaned.
- j. The Golden Spread water contract has been negotiated. The contract will come before Council in the near future for consideration.
- k. Mission Abernathy will hold a meeting at City Hall on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. to visit with Council members and City Staff.

16. Mayor and Council remarks

17. Adjournment

Motion was made at 8:11 p.m. by Council member Tammy Mahan, seconded by Council member Stephenson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Mayor Ron Johnson

ATTEST

Krista Adames, City Secretary