



The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, April 14th, 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, and Bilinda Prater. Also present were City Staff including LeAnn Gallman, Krista Adames, Cindy Tapia, Ricky Patterson, and Matt Brightbill. 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, Eva Cortez, Tammy Mahan, Bilinda Prater, and Gary Stephenson.

3. Welcome Guests

Mayor Johnson welcomed the guest.

4. Invocation

Council Member Prater gave the 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)

No public comments were offered.

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

Council Member Prater made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. Council Member Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

9. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports

Council Member Mahan made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports. Council member Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

10. Discussion/Action Items

a. Consider Auditor’s Presentation of Financial Statement – For FY2023-2024

Ryan King of Terry & King, CPAs, P.C. gave the Auditor’s Presentation of Financial Statement – FY 2023-2024. Council Member Prater made a motion to approve the Report. Council Member Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote was 4/0.

b. Accept City Councilman Luis Villarreal’s Resignation

Council Member Prater made a motion to accept Councilman Villarreal’s resignation effective immediately. Council Member Mahan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

c. Accept Municipal Judge Carl Johnson’s Resignation

Council Member Mahan made a motion to accept Municipal Judge Carl Johnson’s Resignation effective May 1, 2025. Council member Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

d. Appointment of Municipal Judge and consider Council confirmation of appointment

Luis Villarreal was appointed by Mayor Johnson as the new Municipal Judge effective May 1, 2025, with a two-year commitment and an annual compensation of \$12,000. Mayor Johnson’s appointment was approved with Council Member Tammy Mahan voting for, Council Member Cortez voting for, Council Member Prater voting for, and Council Member Gary Stephenson voting against. Motion passed.

e. Consider Upgrading Scada System

The SCADA system upgrade was discussed due to communication errors causing issues with wells turning on

and off. Council Member Stephenson made a motion to bring the system up to date to resolve the issues, choosing option two of the bid proposal, costing \$14,384.03. Council Member Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

f. Consider Post Office Lease Renewal

Council Member Stephenson made a motion to approve the Post Office Lease renewal authorizing Mayor Ron Johnson to sign the renewal with an increase from \$20,760 annually to \$31,000. The lease will be retroactive from May 2024, and includes two five-year extensions with built-in increases. Council Member Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

g. Executive Session – In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section, §551.074 “Personnel Matters”, City Manager.

Mayor Johnson opened executive session at 7:10 P.M.

h. 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 7:21 P.M. There was no action on executive session.

11. Administrative reports:

Interim City Manager LeAnn Gallman updated the Council that Courtney White has left Underwood Law Firm and is now with the City of Amarillo, Scoreboards have been installed at Field 1, 2, and 3, The motor is being repaired at Well 6, Downtown Revitalization Grant paperwork has been submitted. Drainage for Avenue C and lighting upgrade for Main Street are projects that have been submitted. The Agreement for Data Center has been signed with stipulations as set by the Council, renewal of employee CPR certifications, updates on a GIS system project by HBK Engineering for mapping water and sewer infrastructure, and code enforcement issues related to property maintenance.

12. Mayor and Council remarks

The Mayor and Council remarks included the need for improved maintenance and accountability for police vehicles.

13. Adjournment

Council Member Prater made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

Mayor Harold Bufe

ATTEST

Krista Adames, City Secretary