



The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, May 12th, 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 Harold Bufe. Also present were City Staff including LeAnn Gallman, Krista Adames, Ricky Patterson, and Chief 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, Tammy Mahan, Eva Cortez, Bilinda Prater, and Gary Stephenson.
3. Welcome Guests
Mayor Johnson welcomed the guest.
4. Invocation
Councilwoman Prater gave the invocation.
5. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
Councilman 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.”
Councilman Johnson led the Texas Pledge.
7. Election
 - a. Mayor Johnson comments
Outgoing Mayor Johnson commented on the City of Abernathy being a great city with a great staff, council Fire Department, and Police Department. He also mentioned that there are a lot of great things that are in the works that will be happening here in Abernathy, and he knows that they will be in great hands going forward.
 - b. Installation of Elected Officials
City Secretary Krista Adames administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Harold Bufe, Councilwoman Tammy Mahan, and Councilman Gary Stephenson.
 - c. Selection of Mayor Pro-Tem
Councilwoman Cortez made a motion to appoint Bilinda Prater as Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.
8. Public Comment (non-action)
No public comments were offered.
9. Review/Approval Minutes of the Previous City Council Meeting
Councilman Stephenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous city council meetings. Councilwoman Mahan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
10. 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 4/0.
11. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Resolution of Appreciation
Mayor Bufe presented Ron Johnson, Luis Villarreal, and Carl Johnson a Resolution of Appreciation.
 - b. Consider Resolution 05122025 – Authorizing Bank Signatories
Councilman Stephenson made a motion to approve Resolution 05122025. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

- c. Consider Resolution Authorizing Participation in the LOGIC Investment Pool and Designating Authorized Representatives
Councilwoman Mahan made a motion to approve Resolution 05122025A authorizing participation in the LOGIC Investment Pool and designating authorized representatives. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- d. Consider options for filling the unexpired term
Councilwoman Prater made a motion appoint Matt Speer to fill the unexpired term and to be sworn in as the new council member at the next meeting. Councilwoman Mahan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- e. Consider authorizing Interim City Manager to accept bids on 2016 Chevrolet Impala that was donated to the Police Department
Councilman Stephenson made a motion to authorize the Interim City Manager to accept bids on the 2016 Chevrolet Impala. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

12. Administrative reports:

Interim City Manager LeAnn Gallman provided council with an update on the following items:

- a. Downtown Revitalization grant
- b. Post Office Lease
- c. Stadium Partners easement and ETJ requests
- d. Library Book Sale on May 27-30
- e. City Manager recruitment
- f. City Hall parking lot
- g. City Well and SCADA system
- h. Game rooms
- i. July 4th celebration
- j. 2025-2026 Budget
- k. Employee farewell luncheon for Judge Carl Johnson.

13. Mayor and Council remarks

Councilman Stephenson thanked Interim City Manager LeAnn Gallman for all she has done and for bringing so much professionalism to Abernathy.

14. Adjournment

Councilwoman Prater made a motion to adjourn at 7:19 P.M. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

Mayor Harold Bufe

ATTEST

Krista Adames, City Secretary