



The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Tuesday, August 12th, 2025, at 6:30 P.M. in the City Hall building at 811 Ave D. Members present were Mayor Harold Bufe, Eva Cortez, Gary Stephenson, Matt Speer, and Bilinda Prater. Also present were City Staff including Julie Arrington, Cindy Tapia, Ricky Patterson, and Dwain Read. Members of the public are on the attached sign in sheet.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order
Mayor Bufe called the meeting to order.
2. Establishing Quorum
A quorum was established.
3. Welcome Guests
Mayor Bufe welcomed the guest.
4. Invocation
Mayor Bufe gave the invocation.
5. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
Mayor Bufe led the Pledge of Allegiance.
6. Texas Pledge – “Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.”
Mayor Bufe 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 approved the minutes of the previous meetings. Councilman Speer seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
9. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports
Councilman Stephenson made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
10. Public Hearing
 - a. 15-foot variance request of a front yard setback for a carport on property located at 411 1st Place
Mayor Bufe opened and closed the public hearing for the 15-foot variance request of a front yard setback for a carport on property located at 411 1st Place. No public comments were offered.
 - b. Variance request of a driveway width and curb radius on property located at 1601 Ave L
Mayor Bufe opened and closed the public hearing for the variance request of a driveway width and curb radius on property located at 1601 Ave L.
11. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Consider approval of a 15-foot variance request for a front yard setback for a carport on property located at 411 1st Place
Councilman Stephenson made a motion to approve the 15-foot variance request for a front yard setback for a carport on property located at 411 1st Place. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
 - b. Consider approval of a variance request for a driveway width and curb radius on property located at 1601 Ave L
Councilman Stephenson made a motion to approve the variance request for a driveway width and curb radius on property located at 1601 Ave L. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

- c. Consider notice of public hearing on a proposed ad valorem tax rate
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to adopt the proposed tax rate of \$0.547299/\$100. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0. With Councilwoman Prater voting for, Councilwoman Cortez voting for, Councilman Speer voting for, and Councilman Stephenson voting for.
- d. Consider Resolution 08122025A authorizing the assignment of Abernathy Advocate as the official newspaper
Councilman Stephenson made a motion to approve Resolution 08122025A. Councilman Speer seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- e. Consider Resolution 08122025B setting dates and times for regular city council meetings for FY 2025-2026
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve Resolution 08122025B. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- f. Consider Resolution 08122025C Authorizing the Mayor to accept a donation from DIRCOTTEN Farms, LLC
Councilman Stephenson made a motion to approve Resolution 08122025C. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- g. Consider approval of the FY 2025-2026 Holiday and Payroll Calendar
Councilman Stephenson made a motion to approve the FY 2025-2026 Holiday and Payroll Calendar. Councilman Speer seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- h. Consider approval of a quote from CTSI for a firewall on the SCADA System
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the quote from CTSI for a firewall on the SCADA System in the amount of \$2,871.72. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- i. Consider award of bid on 2016 Chevrolet Impala
Council reviewed bids for the 2016 Chevrolet Impala. Councilman Speer made a motion to Accept the top bid from ELRey Cantu in the amount of \$3,000.00. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- j. Consider adoption of an investment policy for the City of Abernathy
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to adopt the FY 2025-2026 Investment Policy. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- k. Discussion only on a Governance Policy for the City of Abernathy
Council discussed a Governance Policy with City Administrator Julie Arrington.

12. Administrative reports:

City Administrator gave reports on the following items.

- a. Finalized the Governance Policy and Procurement Policy
- b. Balanced the Budget and figured Tax Rates
- c. Comprehensive review of the cities fee schedule and online ordinances
- d. Data Center water line

13. Mayor and Council remarks

Mayor and Council gave their remarks.

14. Adjournment

Councilwoman Prater made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

Mayor Harold Bufe

ATTEST

Krista Adames, City Secretary