



The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, November 10th, 2025, at 7:30 P.M. in the City Hall building at 811 Ave D. Members present were Mayor Harold Bufe, Eva Cortez, Gary Stephenson, Tammy Mahan, and Bilinda Prater. Also present were City Staff including Julie Arrington, Krista Adames, Ricky Patterson, and Matt Brightbill. 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
Councilman Stephenson gave the invocation.
5. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
Mayor Bufe led the Pledge 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.”
Mayor Bufe led the Texas Pledge.
7. Public Comment (non-action)
A citizen was concerned about a property owner being denied a city trailer for debris removal due to inactive water service.
8. Review/Approval Minutes of the Previous City Council Meeting
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous city council meeting. Councilman Stephenson 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 report. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
10. Public Hearings
 - a. Annexation AX 11-25, AB S11295 LEGACY ACRES LOT 10 - 4.5914 ACRES LOCATED IN HALE COUNTY, 1351 CR 325, ABERNATHY, TEXAS 79311.
Mayor Bufe opened the public hearing at 7:38 P.M. No person spoke for or against annexation AX 11-25. Mayor Bufe closed the public hearing at 7:38 P.M.
11. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Discussion, consider and possible action on allowing Abernathy Little League to build a 24x24 storage building on park property behind field 2 – Danik Spradlin
Councilman Stephenson made a motion to allow Danik Spradlin to build a 24x24 storage building on park property behind field 2. Councilwoman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
 - b. Discussion, consider and possible action on the approval of Ordinance 655 - AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF ABERNATHY, TEXAS, APPENDIX A – FEE SCHEDULE
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve Ordinance 655 with the change that fire code

inspections be done by the fire chief. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

- c. Discussion, consider and possible action on the acceptance of termination for the Oswalt Farm Lease and the Bob Riley Farm located in Hale County provided by Larry Wilson effective February 1, 2026

Councilwoman Mahan made a motion to accept the termination of lease from Larry Wilson Effective February 1, 2026, and to go out for bids. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

- d. Discussion, consider and possible action on the approval for Southwestern Public Service Company's application to update their distribution costs recovery factor
Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the Southwestern Public Service Company's application to update their distribution costs recovery factor. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- e. Discussion and direction regarding the alley that was closed at the 300 blk of Ave G
Council discussed and directed City Manager Julie Arrington to reverse the closing of the alley at the 300 blk of Ave G.
- f. Discussion and direction on a city council retreat
Council discussed and directed City Manager Julie Arrington to bring it back up for discussion in the spring.
- g. Discussion and direction regarding future agendas
Council discussed and directed City Manager Julie Arrington on a Consent Agenda to group routine items (minutes, financials) into a single motion to streamline meetings and to move council meetings to Thursdays temporarily.
- h. Discussion and consider possible action to replace the 2020 Chevy Tahoe
Council discussed and directed City Administrator to keep searching for other options.

12. Administrative reports:

City Administrator Julie Arrington gave her report on the following items

- a. Holiday Updates
- b. Police Department
- c. Well 5
- d. Phone System
- e. Staff Updates and Training
- f. Park measurements and flooding

13. Mayor and Council remarks

Mayor and Council gave their remarks.

14. Adjournment

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

Mayor Harold Bufo

ATTEST

Krista Adames, City Secretary