



The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Thursday, December 11th, 2025, at 7:30 P.M. in the City Hall building at 811 Ave D. Members present were Mayor Harold Bufe, Matthew Speer, Eva Cortez, Gary Stephenson, Tammy Mahan, and Bilinda Prater. Also present were City Staff including Julie Arrington, Krista Adames, Ricky Patterson, City Attorney Slater Elza, and AVFD Member Robert Prater.

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 Speer gave the invocation.

5. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Mayor Bufe 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.”

Mayor Bufe led the Texas Pledge

7. Public Comment (non-action)

No public comments were offered.

8. Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

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

b. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports

c. Update application for participation in Logic and change account names

9. Discussion/Action Items

a. Review of Proposals, discussion, and consider possible action on authorizing the City Administrator to negotiate an engineering contract

Councilwoman Prater made a motion to allow City Administrator Julie Arrington to negotiate with both firms. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

b. Discussion and consider possible action on Resolution 12112025 Casting Votes for Hale Central Appraisal District Board of Directors

Councilwoman Mahan made a motion to approve Resolution 12112025 Casting 70 votes for Harold Bufe. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

c. Discussion and consider possible action on approval of the Thunder Pump Service LLC Invoice for the repairs to Water Well #5

Councilwoman Mahan made a motion to approve the payment of the Thunder Pump Service LLC invoice in the amount of \$10,894.35 to repair Water Well #5. Councilman Speer

seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

- d. Discussion and consider possible action on authorizing the City Administrator to sign a contract with SeeMyLegacy.com to assist in citizen engagement.
No action taken.
- e. Discussion and consider possible action on the adoption of a Procurement Policy
Councilman Speer made a motion to adopt the Procurement Policy. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
- f. Discussion and direction on a city council retreat. No action taken.
Council discussed the city council retreat
- g. Discussion and Direction on an outdoor exercise facility located at the city park
Council discussed the outdoor exercise facility located at the park. No action taken

10. Executive Session

- a. Sec. 551.074. PERSONNEL MATTERS; CLOSED MEETING - to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee. - Police Chief

Council entered into executive session at 9:12 P.M. and closed at 10:16 P.M.

- b. Sec. 551.087. DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS; CLOSED MEETING - to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision (1).

Council entered into executive session at 10:16 P.M. and closed at 10:30 P.M.

11. Reconvene Open Session - in accordance with Texas Government Code, consider any action necessary regarding matters discussed in Executive Session.

Council reconvened open session at 10:30 P.M. No action taken.

12. Discussion Only Items

- a. Governance Policy – Council discussed the draft Governance Policy.
- b. Stormwater Fee- Council discussed the Stormwater Fee.

13. Administrative reports:

City Administrator Julie Arrington gave a report on the following items.

- a. Holiday Updates
- b. Christmas Parade
- c. Airport Hanger
- d. Airport Update
- e. FY2024-2025 Audit
- f. Police Dept Vehicle Updates
- g. AVFD Purchase of Cab and Chassis
- h. TTU MPA Program Capstone Project & Resident Survey
- i. Staff Updates and Training

14. Mayor and Council remarks

Mayor Bufe would like to move the meetings back to 6:30P.M. on Thursdays.

15. Adjournment

Mayor Harold Bufe

ATTEST

Krista Adames, City Secretary