



The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Thursday, February 12th, 2026, 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, Tammy Mahan, and Bilinda Prater. Also present were City Staff including Julie Arrington, Krista Adames, Cindy Tapia, Jaden Zavala, Pyne Gregory, 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 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. Public Hearing
 - a. Variance request for a side yard setback at 611 10th Street, Abernathy, TX
Mayor Bufe opened the public hearing at 6:35P.M. No one spoke for or against the Variance request. Mayor Bufe closed the public hearing at 6:37P.M.
9. Consent Agenda
Councilman Stephenson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Speer 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
- a. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Auditor’s Presentation of Financial Statement – For FY2024-2025
Tabled to the March meeting.
 - b. Discuss, consider and possible action on the upgrades to the Baseball fields and cost sharing with the Little League
Councilman Stephenson made a motion to assist the Abernathy Baseball Association with labor costs, up to a maximum of \$5,000.00, for backstop

improvements on Fields 1 and 2 in the Abernathy Community Park.

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

- c. Discuss, consider and possible action on a variance requested by Mona Tolar for an accessory building on her property

Councilwoman Prater made a motion to approve the variance request at 611 10th Street, allowing for a side yard setback of less than the required 5 feet. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

- d. Receive the 2025 Racial Profiling

Chief Read presented the 2025 Annual Racial Profiling Report to the City Council.

- e. Discuss, consider and possible action on the adoption of the Governance Policy

Councilwoman Mahan made a motion to adopt the Governance Policy.

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

- f. Discuss, consider and possible action on accepting bids for the Oswalt and Riley Farm Leases

Councilwoman Prater made a motion to accept the bids of \$43.00 per Acre from Van Riley for Parcel 1 (Oswalt Farm) and Carson Riley for Parcel 2 (Riley Farm).

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

- g. Discuss, consider and possible action on the condition and repairs to the American Legion roof and buildings.

Councilman Speer made a motion for the City Administrator to work with the city attorney to build a request for bids for the sale of the property at 322 Main Street.

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

- h. Discuss, consider and possible action on authorizing the Mayor to enter into an engineering contract by and between the City of Abernathy and Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter, LLP and/or Parkhill for the purpose of providing engineering services

Councilwoman Prater made a motion to hire both firms for use as city engineers.

Berkhoff, Hendricks & Carter, LLP will be utilized for administration and general

services and Parkhill Engineering will be used for utility services. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

- i. Discussion and direction on a city council retreat

Council confirmed the topics for a one-day council retreat. Staff will begin to work on the location and dates.

- 10. Executive Session** In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee – Chief of Police

Chief Dwain Read opened the executive session. The council and staff discussed off – duty security work.

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

Council did not go into executive session.

- 12. Administrative reports:**

City Administrator Julie Arrington gave reports on the following items.

- a. Staff Updates and Training
- b. Holiday
- c. Data Centers
- d. Chamber of Commerce

e. Phone System Upgrades

f. Training

13. Mayor and Council remarks

No remarks were made.

14. Adjournment

Councilwoman Prater made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 P.M. Councilman Speer seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

Mayor Harold Bufe

ATTEST

Krista Adames, City Secretary