



The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in a special Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, February 26th, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. at the Alley located at 403 S. Ave D, Abernathy, TX. Members present were Mayor Harold Bufe, Gary Stephenson, Matt Speer, and Tammy Mahan. Also present were City Staff including Julie Arrington, Krista Adames, Ricky Patterson, Nadia Micheletti, Lisa Renfro, Jessica Wilbanks, Cindy Tapia, Luis Hernandez, Jerik Avila, Armando Tanguma, Paul Gonzalez. Members of the public are on the attached sign in sheet.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order
Mayor Bufe called meeting to order.
2. Welcome Guests
Mayor Bufe welcomed the guest
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
5. Texas Pledge – “Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.”
6. Discussion
 - a. A Town Hall discussion with the citizens of the City of Abernathy, the City Council of the City of Abernathy, and Aligned to discuss the construction and infrastructure needs of a new Data Center north of the City of Abernathy.

This meeting was held to address community concerns regarding a new data center development project outside Abernathy’s city limits and to provide information about the project’s impact, particularly concerning water usage. The Mayor and City Manager began by clarifying the limited jurisdiction over land outside the city limits, the financial benefits of selling water for construction, and the potential long-term tax revenue for the school, county, and city. They emphasized that current water sales for construction are a revenue source for exploring future water solutions. Representatives from Aligned Data Centers, David Robinson and Cordell Andrews, then presented details about their company. Aligned’s future data centers will use a patented, closed-loop cooling system that requires minimal water (primarily for restrooms and sinks), significantly less than a car wash or traditional agriculture. They highlighted the economic benefits, including job creation, tax revenue, and educational partnerships. The meeting concluded with various information tables and a Q&A session. Members of the community had concerns about water, the electrical grid, commitment to the community and the relationship with the school.

7. Adjournment

Mayor Harold Bufe

ATTEST

Krista Adames, City Secretary