



The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday, June 15, 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, Tammy Mahan, Matt Speer, and Robert Prater. Also present were City Staff including Julie Arrington, Krista Adames, Ricky Patterson, Cindy Tapia, Ryan Hernandez, and Dwain Read. Members of the public are listed on the attached sign in sheet.

Minutes

1. Call to Order
Mayor Bufe called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.
2. Establishing Quorum
A quorum was established.
3. Welcome Guests
Mayor Bufe welcomed the guests.
4. Invocation
Councilman Stephenson 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)
Chad Price introduced himself as a former City of Lubbock building inspector who recently started his own business. He offered his company’s services to assist the city with future building inspections.
8. Public Hearing
 - a. Water Conservation Plan
Mayor Bufe opened the public hearing at 6:35 P.M. No comments were received. Mayor Bufe closed the public hearing at 6:35 P.M.
 - b. Variance Request at 1901 Ave L for accessory building to be built on the rear property line which eliminates the setback requirement as established by the City of Abernathy’s Zoning Ordinance.
Mayor Bufe opened the public hearing at 6:35 P.M. No comments were received. Mayor Bufe closed the public hearing at 6:36 P.M.
9. Consent Agenda
Councilman Prater moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Councilman Speer seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.
 - a. Review/Approval Minutes of the Previous City Council Meeting.
 - b. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports.
10. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Discuss, consideration, and possible action on the Water Conservation Plan.
Councilman Stephenson moved to approve the Water Conservation Plan. Councilman Prater

seconded the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

- b. Discuss, consideration, and possible action on a variance request at 1901 Avenue L for an accessory building to be built on the rear property line which eliminates the setback requirement as established by the City of Abernathy's Zoning Ordinance.
Councilwoman Mahan moved to approve the variance request at 1901 Ave L. Councilman Prater seconded the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0-1 vote, with Councilman Stephenson abstaining.
- c. Discuss, consideration, and possible action on the approval of the estimate for repairs to water well #7.
Councilman Stephenson moved to accept the estimate from Kleen Pipe in an amount not to exceed \$33,582.25. Councilman Speer seconded the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.
- d. Discuss, consideration, and possible action on the extension of the Reese Airport Contract.
Muvat Musa and Mark Dieter addressed the council regarding the extension of the Reese Airport Contract with the Lubbock Reese Redevelopment Authority. Councilman Prater moved to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.
- e. Discuss, consideration, and possible action on the approval of the airport obstruction survey.
Councilman Speer moved to accept the Master Agreement for Professional Services with Parkhill for the Abernathy Municipal Airport Runway Obstruction Survey in an amount not to exceed \$170,000.00. Councilwoman Mahan seconded the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.
- f. Discuss, consideration, and possible action on the Municipal Utility Board Ordinance.
Councilman Prater moved to approve Ordinance 664 establishing a Municipal Utility Advisory Board, subject to amendments altering the board structure to five citizen members and two council members, setting the term at two years, removing the review of all franchise agreements, softening the language regarding "oversee and control," and adding compliance with city policies. Councilwoman Mahan seconded the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.
- g. Discuss, consideration, and possible action on Xcel Energy/SPS rate case filing and application to amend its distribution cost recovery factor.
Councilman Prater moved to approve the Xcel Energy/SPS rate case filing and application to amend its distribution cost recovery factor. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.
- h. Discussion and update on the Building Codes and Permitting Ordinances.
City Administrator Julie Arrington informed the council on her current review and intent to update building codes, permits, and enforcement procedures.
- i. Discussion and direction on the Data Center water line construction.
City Administrator Julie Arrington updated council on the waterline installation project.
- j. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget.
City Administrator Julie Arrington presented and reviewed the Preliminary FY 2026-2027 Budget with the council.
- k. Discussion on the Standard & Poor Global Review
The council reviewed the Standard & Poor Global Review regarding the city's rating adjustment from A+ to A-, noting recommended fiscal policies and operational changes aimed at improving the rating during next year's re-review.

11. Administrative reports:

City Administrator Julie Arrington presented reports on the following items:

- a. Staff Updates and Training
- b. Holiday

- c. Events
- d. August City Council meeting
- e. Data Center Bulk Water
- f. Chamber of Commerce

12. Mayor and Council remarks.

Mayor Bufe and Council members offered their remarks.

13. Adjournment

Councilman Prater moved to adjourn at 9:56 P.M. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Executive session was added between items 11 and 12.

Executive Session In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.071: Consultations with Attorney

Council entered executive session at 8:41 P.M.

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

Council reconvened open session at 9:49 P.M. No action was taken.

Mayor Harold Bufe

ATTEST

Krista Adames, City Secretary