



The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on **Monday, July 13, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.** in the City Hall building at 811 Avenue 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, Nadia Micheletti, Marcos Hinojos, Jaden Zavala, 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.
2. Establishing Quorum
Mayor Bufe established a quorum.
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)
The Council received public comments regarding the allocation of data center water sales revenue toward streets and parks. Additionally, residents shared their feedback on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the city and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement 287(g) Task Force Model.
8. Consent Agenda
Councilman Prater moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
 - a. Review/Approval of Minutes of the Previous City Council Meeting.
 - b. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports.
9. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the reimbursement of water damage to a residence located at 511 16th Street.
Councilman Stephenson moved to pay Bella Henson \$16,184.77. Councilman Speer seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
 - b. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the Master Agreement for Professional Services Task Order No. 3 Surveying of City Property.
Councilman Prater moved to seek bids. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
 - c. Discuss, consider, and possible action on a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Abernathy and the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement 287(g) Task Force Model.
After discussion and hearing citizens’ comments, Councilwoman Cortez moved to table for

consideration of a town hall meeting. Councilwoman Mahan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

- d. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the purchase of updated Community Development Software.

Councilman Prater moved to table to the budget workshop. Councilwoman Mahan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

- e. Discuss, consider, and possible action on an update regarding the American Legion Building Request for Proposal.

Gary Read with the Abernathy American Legion explained that Abernathy's American Legion has been here since the 1950s and is used by the West Texas Honor Guard for funerals. The American Legion has put over \$10,000 into the building on Main Street. If the city sells the building, they will need to find another location.

Councilman Stephenson moved to table to allow for an insurance determination. Councilman Speer seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

10. Administrative reports:

City Administrator Julie Arrington presented reports on the following items:

Staff Updates and Training

- a. Holiday
- b. Events
- c. Data Center Bulk Water

11. Mayor and Council remarks.

Mayor Bufe and Council offered their remarks.

12. Adjournment

Councilman Prater moved to adjourn. Councilman Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

Mayor Harold Bufe

ATTEST

Krista Adames, City Secretary