The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on **Monday, August 3, 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, Pyne Gregory, and Ricky Patterson. 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 6:34 P.M.
2. Establishing Quorum
   A quorum was established.
3. Welcome Guests
   Mayor Bufe welcomed the guests.
4. Invocation
5. 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."
7. Public Comment (non-action)
   No public comments were offered.
8. Consent Agenda
   Councilman Prater moved to approve the items on 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.
9. Discussion/Action Items
   a. Discuss, consider, and possible action on an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Abernathy, Texas approving a negotiated settlement between the executive committee of cities served by Atmos West Texas ("Cities") and Atmos Energy Corp., West Texas Division regarding the company's 2026 Rate Review Mechanism Filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement; finding the rates to be set by the attached settlement tariffs to be just and reasonable and in the public interest; approving an attachment establishing a benchmark for pensions and retiree medical benefits; approving an attachment regarding amortization of regulatory liability; requiring the company to reimburse cities' reasonable ratemaking expenses; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act; adopting a savings clause; declaring an effective date; and requiring delivery of this ordinance to the company and cities' legal counsel.
      Councilman Stephenson moved to approve Ordinance 665, the Atmos Rate Review. Councilman Speer seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Abstention (Councilman Prater).
   b. Discuss, consider, and possible action on awarding a bid for the purchase of the building located at 322 Main Street Abernathy, TX 79311; a.k.a. American Legion Building

Councilman Prater moved to deny bids and wait until we hear from the roof company to see if the roof has warranty. Councilwoman Mahan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

c. Discuss, consider and possible action on entering into a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Abernathy and the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) 287(g) Task Force Model.
   Two citizens spoke in opposition to the item.
   Councilman Prater moved to bring off table. Councilman Speer seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
   Councilwoman Mahan moved to not enter into an agreement. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
d. Discuss, consider, and possible action on an approval for the repairs to the east pump at the sewer farm.
   Councilwoman Mahan moved to approve the repairs to the east pump at the sewer farm. Councilman Speer seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
e. Discuss, consider, and possible action on an update and repair plan for water well #7.
   Councilwoman Mahan made a motion to approve the repair plan for water well #7 and not to exceed $35,000.00. Councilman Prater seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.
f. Proposed FY 2026-2027 Budget
   City Administrator Julie Arrington presented the proposed FY 2026-2027 Budget to the City Council.

10. Administrative Reports
    City Administrator Julie Arrington gave her reports to council.
11. Mayor and Council remarks.
    Mayor Bufe and Councilmembers gave their remarks.
12. Adjournment
    Councilman Prater moved to adjourn at 7:52 P.M. Councilwoman Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

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Mayor Harold Bufe

ATTEST

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Krista Adames, City Secretary