

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017 – 7:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Regular Council meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

A. WELCOME BY MAYOR LOWE

B. ROLL CALL

Members of Council Present:

Mrs. Cathy C. Lowe, Mayor
Mr. Richard E. Humphreys, Vice Mayor
Mr. Robert M. Howard
Mrs. M. Cindy Patterson
Mr. J. Wayne Craig

Administrative/Town Staff:

Greg Kelly, Town Manager
Cecile Rosenbaum, Asst. Town Mgr/Town Clerk
Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney
C J McGlothlin IT Department
Chuck Banner, Director of Finance
Stacey Reichler, Director of HR
Kevin Sigmon, Arborist
John McCormick, Fire Chief
Kevin Worley, Dir. of Parks & Rec
Amanda Livingston, Interim Dir. of Tourism
John Dew, Dir. of Public Services/Const.
Jennifer Johnson, Dir. of Parks and Rec
Melisha Wynne
John Holbrook, Lt., Abingdon Police Dept
Kim Kingsley, Paralegal/Deputy Treasurer
Tonya Triplett, Comm. Development Coordinator

Visitors:

Stephen Jett, Jim and Judy Moore, Donna Levine,
Al & Leslie Bradley, Nan Harman Michael A.
Trepiccione, Rich Macbeth, Kelly Hill, Anne
Lewis-Spicer, and others

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kevin Sigmon, Town Arborist.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (VIDEO 9:38 – 11:22)

Mr. Craig stated that the minutes of March 1st budget meeting indicated that he voted to go into and come out of executive session, however he had left the meeting earlier. Mayor Lowe had a correction to the March 6th regular meeting minutes abstaining from voting and the March 6th work session minutes as her employer mirrors the Town's employee health insurance benefits.

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Humphreys, the Council, with the prior noted changes by Councilman Craig and Mayor Lowe, approved the February 28, 2017 Budget Work session minutes; the March 1, 2017 budget meeting minutes; the March 6th work session minutes and the March 6th regular meeting minutes; and the March 20, 2017 budget work session.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Craig	Aye
Mrs. Patterson	Aye
Mr. Howard	Aye
Mr. Humphreys	Aye
Mayor Lowe	Aye

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS (VIDEO 11:39 – 17:35)

The following addressed Council:

- Jim Moore, 133 College Street
- Rudy Flora, 185 Longview Drive
- Steve Jett, 333 Court Street

F. PETITIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES – (VIDEO 17:49 – 12:47)

□ Public Hearing – consideration of construction by Old Glade Antique Tractor Association of a 30’ x 50’ event/picnic shelter and fire pit on property known as “Fairview Historic Site” on property known as “Fairview Historic Site” located at 908 Hillman Highway, Abingdon, Virginia, parcel ID 106-A-2

Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney, presented to Council the request from The Old Glade Tractor Association to build a shelter/picnic area and a fire pit on the Fairview property. Ms. Icenhour advised Council that this property was under lease for an additional fifty years and that it would not cost the Town any money as the Association and the Fairview Foundation had raised the necessary funds.

Mayor Lowe declared the public hearing open.

Joe Levine spoke in favor of the approval of this shelter.

Mr. Kelly, Town Manager, stating that if Council agreed with this project that it would be the management’s recommendation to dispense with the second reading of the ordinance so the project could begin immediately.

On motion by Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Mrs. Patterson, the Council, approved construction by Old Glade Antique Tractor Association, of the 30’ x 50’ event/picnic shelter and fire pit as described by the Town Attorney and as properly advertised as a public hearing and to dispense with the second reading.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Craig	Aye
Mrs. Patterson	Aye
Mr. Howard	Aye
Mr. Humphreys	Aye
Mayor Lowe	Aye

G. SECOND READINGS OF ORDINANCES - None

H. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS – (VIDEO 24:20 – 29:24)

Consideration of asphalt resurfacing bids for FY 2016/2017 – *John Dew, Director of Construction/Public Services*

John Dew, Director of Construction/Public Services advised Council that this was the annual maintenance contract for asphalt resurfacing and to identify the roads in the Town in most

desperate need. Mr. Dew recommended that Council award the bid W&L Construction for the bid amount of \$334,987.15. Mr. Dew also advised Council that VDOT has a program called primary extension paving that helps localities with paving and noted that he had submitted a request on behalf of the town for the additional funds.

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mrs. Patterson, the Council, awarded the bid for the town's annual asphalt resurfacing to W&L Construction and further authorized the Town Manager to execute all necessary documents associated with the bid award.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Craig	Aye
Mrs. Patterson	Aye
Mr. Howard	Aye
Mr. Humphreys	Aye
Mayor Lowe	Aye

I. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER AND ASST. TOWN MANAGER

1. Presentation by Blood Assurance – Kelly Hill, Representative (VIDEO 29:34 – 36:10)

Kelly Hill, Business Development Management and Anne-Lewis Howell, recruiter presented information about Blood Assurance and asked for support from the Council as becoming an advocate for Blood Assurance.

2. Consideration of Lease Agreement between Abingdon Main Street and Virginia Main Street – Greg Kelly, Town Manager (VIDEO 36:20 – 37:10)

Mayor Lowe announced that this matter was discussed in the work session and Jennifer Montgomery, Main Street Director, recommended Council table this matter until she meets with her Board of Directors.

On motion by Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Mr. Howard, the Council, moved to table this item until the next meeting.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Craig	Aye
Mrs. Patterson	Aye
Mr. Howard	Aye
Mr. Humphreys	Aye

Mayor Lowe

Aye

3. Presentation of Annual Arborist report – *Kevin Sigmon, Town Arborist (VIDEO 37:17 – 49:45)*

Kevin Sigmon, Town Arborist, presented the Annual Arborist report and a reported on a grant for plantings on the Muster Grounds as part of the stream restoration project. Mr. Sigmon commented on the upcoming Arbor Day Celebration at Abingdon Elementary School on April 13th at 1:30 pm and expressed appreciation to the Town Council for their support.

4. Request for funding for “*An Evening of Musical and Epicurean Delights*” – *Symphony of the Mountains* – *Cathy Lowe, Mayor (VIDEO 49:50 – 50:30)*

Mayor Lowe stated she received a letter asking the Town to be a sponsor for the gala but commented that the Council contingency funds had been allocated to other agencies and Council would not be able to sponsor the event.

5. Consideration of amendment of bylaws for Tourism Advisory Committee – *Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney*

This matter was discussed during the work session whereas Council requested changes be made to suggested amendments and brought back next month.

J. RESOLUTIONS

1. Consideration of a resolution designating April 3rd through April 7th as Local Government Education Week – *Greg Kelly, Town Manager (VIDEO 50:27 – 55:28)*

Greg Kelly, Town Manager, stated that the Virginia Local Government Manager’s Association together with the General Assembly and Delegate Joseph Johnson, cosponsored the legislation designating Local Government Education Week. Mr. Kelly noted that this was an effort to educate the youth on the local government and the Town of Abingdon has adopted this resolution for the past five years. Mrs. Patterson read the resolution into the record and Mr. Kelly recommended that Council adopt April 3rd through April 7th, 2017 as Local Government Education Week.

On motion by Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Mr. Howard, the Council, moved to adopt a resolution to designate April 3rd through April 7th, 2017 as Local Government Education Week.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Craig	Aye
Mrs. Patterson	Aye
Mr. Howard	Aye
Mr. Humphreys	Aye
Mayor Lowe	Aye

K. OLD BUSINESS OR MATTERS NOT COVERED AT WORK SESSION (VIDEO 55:37 – 55:51) - NONE

L. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (VIDEO 55:51 – 57:43)

1. Board of Building Code Appeals ➤ Reappointment of Tandy Rasnake, who is eligible to serve another term

➤ **Reappointment of Michael Scott, who is eligible to serve another term**

Mayor Lowe stated that Tandy Rasnake and Michael Scott were eligible to serve another term.

On motion by Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Mrs. Patterson the Council, moved to reappoint Tandy Rasnake and Michael Scott to another term of the Board of Building Codes Appeals.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Craig	Aye
Mrs. Patterson	Aye
Mr. Howard	Aye
Mr. Humphreys	Aye
Mayor Lowe	Aye

2. Tourism Advisory Commission ➤ Appointment to fill the unexpired term of Kathleen Bundy who is not eligible to complete the appointment

Mayor Lowe stated that someone from the Barter Theatre had always been on the Commission and that Council had an application from Adie Lee who has replaced Kathleen Bundy at Barter.

On motion by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mrs. Patterson, the Council, moved to appoint Adie Lee to the Tourism Advisory Committee as a representative of Barter Theatre.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Craig	Aye
Mrs. Patterson	Aye
Mr. Howard	Aye
Mr. Humphreys	Aye
Mayor Lowe	Aye

M. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (VIDEO 57:44 – 1:12:47)

Councilman Craig reported that Bristol Virginia Utility has resolved issues for the sale of Optinet.

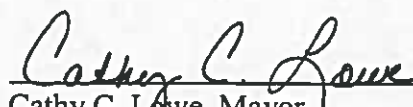
Councilwomen Patterson reported that she had been attending all the other meetings and appreciate all that the Town employees do. Mrs. Patterson also addressed a letter she had received from Delegate Delores L. McQuinn regarding the "Trail of Tears".

Councilman Humphreys feels that the Council should follow up regarding Delegate McQuinn's letter and responded to Mr. Flora's questions during the public comments section.

Councilman Howard stated that we started at 4:30 pm this afternoon to work on the budget and that he felt this was the toughest budget that he can remember.

Mayor Lowe stated that another budget meeting has been scheduled for Monday, April 10th.

Mayor Lowe declared the meeting adjourned.


Cathy C. Lowe, Mayor


Cecile Rosenbaum, Town Clerk