

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2017 – 7:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Regular Council meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Wednesday, January 11, 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:

Cecile Rosenbaum, Asst. Town Manager/Town Clerk
Tonya Triplett, Deputy Clerk
Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney
Jon Phelps, IT Department
Chuck Banner, Director of Finance
John McCormick, Fire Chief
Tony Sullivan, Police Chief
Kim Kingsley, Paralegal/Deputy Treasurer

Visitors:

Edison Jennings, Karen Tallman, Deron Ernst,
Barry Proctor, Michael Trepiccione, Joe and
Donna Levine, Jim Moore, Stephen Jett, and
others

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bob Howard, Council Member.

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D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Mr. Howard, the Council approved the December 5, 2016 Work Session Meeting Minutes, the December 5, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes and the December 19, 2016 Special Called Meeting Minutes as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Craig	Abstained (<i>absence at December meeting</i>)
Mrs. Patterson	Aye
Mr. Howard	Aye
Mr. Humphreys	Aye
Mayor Lowe	Aye

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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The following addressed Council:

- Edison Jennings, 247 E. Main Street
- Jim Moore, 133 College Street
- Karen Tallman, 289 Lowland Street
- Deron Ernst, 23485 Walden Road
- Barry Proctor, 927 Woodlawn Terrace
- Michael A. Trepiccione, 289 Lowland Street (presented petitions to Save Mary's Meadows)

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F. PETITIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

- 1. Public Hearing - An Ordinance of the Council for the Town of Abingdon, Virginia to Repeal, Amend, and Reenact Zoning Ordinance Article 26. Definitions.**

Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney reported on the Ordinance before Council for consideration. Mr. Humphreys asked that Ms. Icenhour and Mr. Taylor read each change to the definitions into the record.

Mayor Lowe called the public hearing to order and asked if anyone would like to speak.

Joe LeVine, 340 Green Springs Road, inquired about the process and order of how changes to ordinances are presented.

Stephen Jett commented on typographical errors he noted in the draft of the Ordinance and Ms. Icenhour indicated that the corrections would be made.

Mayor Lowe closed the public hearing.

G. SECOND READINGS OF ORDINANCES - None

H. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS – None

**I. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER AND ASST. TOWN MANAGER –
None.**

J. RESOLUTIONS - None

K. OLD BUSINESS

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Mayor Lowe stated that Kevin Costello, Director of Tourism, Tourism Advisory Committee and the Chuck Banner, Treasurer have been working on Tourism Zone Development incentives and will present it at the February Council meeting.

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L. MATTERS NOT ADDRESSED AT WORK SESSION MEETING

Councilperson Cindy Patterson thanked Mr. Trepiccione, Karen Tallman and the Friends of Abingdon for their hard work in collecting the 2000 signatures for review. Mrs. Patterson commented that during a meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board, Kathy Shearer reported that she felt the 40 acres Meadows property could contain slave burial sites and would like to allow Ms. Shearer to check that no graves were on the property.

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Mrs. Patterson made a motion to allow to Ms. Shearer and her crew to go into the Meadows and look at the issue of graves. Motion was seconded by Wayne Craig. Discussion ensued and Mrs. Patterson withdrew her motion and asked that the matter be placed on the February work session to further discussion.

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Vice-Mayor Rick Humphreys inquired of John Dew, Dir. of Public Services/Construction about the status of the turn lane at Brown Dental. Cecile Rosenbaum, Asst. Town Manager noted that this item had not been on the agenda for some time and staff felt it had been resolved some time ago. Mr. Humphreys requested that it be placed back on the February work session for further discussion.

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M. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Consideration of reappointment of Carolyn Lee to the Sinking Springs Cemetery Committee, who is eligible and willing to serve another term.

On motion by Mrs. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Howard, the Council reappointed Carolyn Lee to serve on the Sinking Springs Cemetery Committee. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

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M. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Mayor Lowe reported that she attended the Tobacco Commission meeting and noted that a topic for discussion involved educational grants for workforce development at VHCC.

Mayor Lowe declared the meeting adjourned.


Cathy C. Lowe, Mayor


Cecile Rosenbaum, Town Clerk