

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016 - 5:30
ARTHUR CAMPBELL MEETING ROOM - MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Work session meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Arthur Campbell meeting room of the Municipal Building.

A. Welcome - Mayor Morgan

B. ROLL CALL

Members of Council Present:

Edward B. Morgan, Mayor
Mrs. Cathy Lowe, Vice Mayor
Mr. Richard E. Humphreys
Mr. Robert M. Howard
Mrs. Jayne A. Duehring

Administrative/Town Staff:

Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager
Cecile Rosenbaum, Assistant Town Manager
Tonya Triplett, Deputy Clerk
Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney
Matthew Johnson, Director of Planning
Kevin Costello, Director of Tourism and Economic
Development
Chuck Banner, Director of Finance
C. J. McGlothlin, IT Department
John Dew, Dir. Of Construction/Public Services

Visitors:

Steven Spangler, Stephen Jett, Rich Macbeth, Joe &
Donna LeVine, Cindy Patterson, Nan Harmon, Allen
Hay, Jonathan Holbrook, and others

The following was discussed by Council:

1. Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order and Council members reviewed and discussed the requests presented by non-departmental agencies for funding appropriations for the FY 2016/2017.

Va Highlands Festival	30,000.00
Depot Artists Association	5,400.00
Dist.Three Gover.Coop.	4,669.00
Kiwanis Christmas Par.	1,500.00
Feeding America-Operation	8,500.00
Abingdon Band Boosters	0.00
Historical Society Of Wash.Co.	2,700.00
Washington Co.Fair	3,600.00

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Barter Theatre, Inc.	200,000.00
Washington Co Library	7,500.00
W.King Regional Arts Center	85,000.00
Senior Svcs-Meals On Wheels	0.00
Senior Svcs-Operations	22,500.00
White'S Mill Foundation Inc	10,000.00
Symphony Of The Mtns.	5,500.00
Ecum.Faith In Action-Heating	10,000.00
Ecum.Faith In Action-Operation	10,000.00
Sw.Va Ems Council, Inc	900.00
Small Business Incubator	109,497.00
Abingdon Farmer's Mkt.	2,700.00
ABINGDON MAIN STREET	30,000.00
Children'S Advocacy Center	0.00
Appalachian Indp.Ctr.	3,000.00
Transdominion Express	0.00
Bristol Historical Association	0.00
Crossroads Medical Mission	9,000.00
Community Christmas Program	500.00
Animal Defense League	5,000.00
Wonder Kids Ther.Eque.	0.00
High.Educ.Literacy Pgm.	4,500.00
Veterans Memorial Park	25,000.00
Overmountain Victory Trail	0.00
Brain Injury Svcs Of SwVa	2,250.00
Boys & Girls Club(Abn Chapter)	12,000.00
Holston Mountain Artisans	4,500.00
Fairview	0.00
Holston Mt Artisans (Mortgage)	0.00
Glade Spring Tractor Club	10,000.00
Sw Virginia Cult.Herit.Founda.	7,500.00
Appalachian Sustain.Develop.	2,250.00
Rotary Frolics	500.00
Economic Development Authority	15,000.00
BUSINESS CHALLENGE	5,000.00
ABINGDON RDHA	50,000.00
MOUNTAIN STAGE (BARTER)	0.00
MEMBERSHIPS NON- DEPARTMENTAL**	0.00
Membership-- Va Municipal League	5,274.00
Membership-- W.C.Chamber Of Commer.	13,500.00
Membership-- VML/VACO	2,400.00

2. Greg Kelly, Town Manager reported that the Mayor, Vice Mayor and town staff traveled to New York with Davenport and Company to meet with Moody's and

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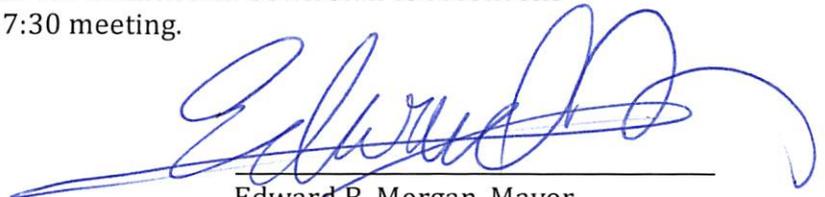
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Standard & Poor's bonding agencies. Both agencies were complimentary of the Town and the low amount of debt the town currently carries. Recommendations included implementing financial policies that would state a clear direction for the town.

Moody's has responded with a Double A rating. Standard & Poor's is expecting to have a rating the first part of May. Mr. Kelly, Town Manager reported that David Rose, Davenport and Company will attend the April 20 Work Session meeting to discuss the next steps in the bond process.

3. Matthew Johnson, Director of Planning reported on a proposed rezoning for Jesse L. and Lisa D. Owens to rezone property located at 325 Cummings Street, consisting of .33 acres, from O & I, Office and Institutional to B -2, General Business District. Tax Map No. 020-2-14. Mr. Johnson reported the Planning Commission met on March 28 and did not recommend the rezoning. Mr. Johnson noted there are no new businesses being added, only a request for a larger sign.
4. Greg Kelly, Town Manager reported he and Mayor Morgan had met with Charlie Bartlett to discuss an archaeology survey. Mr. Bartlett has submitted a proposal for \$8,500. Mr. Bartlett would likely involve Wolf Hills Archaeology Society. Mr. Kelly stated that the amount quoted by Mr. Bartlett would require the town to go through the procurement process. Consensus of Council is for Mr. Kelly to speak with Mr. Bartlett to further discuss the matter.
5. Matthew Johnson, Director of Planning presented CHA's proposal for completion of 30% plans for the proposed sports complex. The scope of services include infrastructure, updating the preferred conceptual plan, reviewing the amenities that should be included and development of professional cost analysis. The cost for the 30% plan is \$29,800. Mr. Kelly will contact J.A. Street for a quote and will report the results at the next budget meeting.
6. Kevin Worley, Director of Parks and Recreation had a family matter and could not attend the meeting. The needs assessment of existing fields and proposed sports complex will be placed on the May 2 work session agenda.
7. Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney reported that no bids were received on the proposed rental of the Summers Law Office building. Consensus of Council is to revisit it and try to get information on the blog, website and distributions lists for advertisement.

Mayor Morgan declared a 5-minute recess for Council and Town staff to reconvene in the Council Chambers for the regular 7:30 meeting.



Edward B. Morgan, Mayor



Tonya Triplett, Deputy Town Clerk