

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 – 7:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Regular Council meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 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
Mr. Richard E. Humphreys
Mr. Robert M. Howard
Mrs. M. Cindy Patterson
Mr. J. Wayne Craig

Administrative/Town Staff:

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

Visitors:

Rich Macbeth, Ed Icenhour, Nelson Wampler, Glenn
Triplett, Jimmy Stewart, Stephen Jett, Joe and
Donna Levine, Barry Proctor, Al & Leslie Bradley,
Stephen Spangler, Nan Harmon, Edison Jennings,
Jim Moore, and others

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chris Jennings, Abingdon Police Officer.

At this time, Mayor Lowe commented that she wished to address an email issue that had arisen over the weekend questioning certain sections of the August 1st Town Council minutes. Ms. Lowe reported that Cecile Rosenbaum, Assistant Town Manager/Clerk, had received an email from resident Joe Levin who had requested that she make changes to his comments noted in the minutes regarding the Marathon Development. Mayor Lowe then commented on the pending lawsuit and the request from the attorney representing the town advising that Council not discuss matters directly related to this matter. Mayor Lowe invited the public to attend the hearing regarding the lawsuit on October 5th at the Washington County Circuit Court. Mayor Lowe noted that any changes to the proposed minutes should be discussed among the Council members during the regular meeting and any amendments should be made in motion form and passed by Council. In addition, Mayor Lowe then noted that emails had been received by Council members from some town residents requesting the Council consider placing the Meadows **house and 40 acres** on the National Historic Register.

Mayor Lowe requested that Town Attorney Deb Icenhour read an excerpt from Roberts Rules of Order which states that minutes are a summary of discussions and actions of council.

Mayor Lowe commented further on the roles of Council appointees and staff and pointed out that Council members are not to act individually but as a collective public body.

Mayor Lowe noted that Council will not hear any further public comment about any matters that are contained in the lawsuit document.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- August 1, 2016 Work Session Meeting
- August 1, 2016 Regular Meeting
- August 17, 2016 Mid-month Work Session

Mr. Craig asked Ms. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk, if she had made the changes to the minutes that Mr. Levine had requested. Ms. Rosenbaum noted that she had not made the changes and Council would have to authorize her to do so.

On motion by Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Mrs. Patterson, the Council approved the August 1, 2016 work session minutes with the addition that (Mrs. Patterson stated she feels the most fitting place for the Historical Society is on The Meadows property), the August 1, 2016 Regular meeting with a correction on page 14 of the packet (Mr. Kelly stated that Food City, the owner of the study, has now turned over the complete study that was conducted by S&ME to DEQ and the Corp of Civil Engineers and now that it is a matter of public record it can be released to the Council with any necessary redactions) and the August 17, 2016 mid-month work session meeting minutes as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Mayor Lowe Aye

E. SPECIAL COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

Greg Kelly, Town Manager read the resolution recognizing Jeb Stewart for his continued dedication and service to the young athletes of our town and region and congratulating Mr. Stewart of being chosen as one of only sixteen individuals worldwide to umpire the 2016 Little League International World Series. Mr. Kelly also presented Mr. Stewart with a signed football and baseball. (See the resolution below).

On motion by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mrs. Patterson, the Council approved the Resolution by the Council for the Town of Abingdon, Virginia to Recognize One of Its Own Johnny "Jeb" Stewart for His Continued Dedication and Service to the Young Athletes of Our Town and Region and to Join With The Little League Association in Congratulating Jeb for Being Chosen As One of Only Sixteen Individuals Worldwide to Umpire the 2016 Little League International World Series In Williamsport Pennsylvania, August 18-28, 2016 as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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



**A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
TO RECOGNIZE ONE OF ITS OWN
JOHNNY "JEB" STEWART
FOR HIS CONTINUED DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE YOUNG ATHLETES
OF OUR TOWN AND REGION
AND TO JOIN WITH THE LITTLE LEAGUE ASSOCIATION IN
CONGRATULATING JEB FOR BEING CHOSEN AS ONE OF ONLY SIXTEEN
INDIVIDUALS WORLDWIDE TO UMPIRE THE 2016 LITTLE LEAGUE
INTERNATIONAL WORLD SERIES IN WILLIAMSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA
AUGUST 18 - 28, 2016**

WHEREAS, Johnny "Jeb" Stewart, (hereinafter, "Jeb"), a native of the Town of Abingdon and County of Washington, Virginia, became interested and involved in local Little League athletics very early in life; and

WHEREAS, upon his completion of his Washington County public school education in the year of 1971 at Abingdon High School, Jeb began his 43-yr. involvement with coaching the youth of this area on our local fields and facilities in a variety of different sports activities; and

WHEREAS, during said 43-yr. coaching stint, Jeb found himself coaching and/or officiating games in which members of the local athletic and coaching talent pool, including but not limited to, such notables as Barney Rubble, Fred Flintstone, Greg Kelly, Blake McKinney, Hugh Ferguson, Sam McKinney, Jeff Johnson, Whitey Johnson, Joey Johnson, Glenn Triplett, Mitch Halsey, Les Sutherland, Shane Poland, Mark Copley, Beau Blevins, Todd Yates, Doug Gardner, Roger Glover, Carson Smith, Mike Brisco, Allen Hardwick, Tim Brisco, Jimmy (Scabbo) Anderson, John Brisco, Tim Grubb, Allen Kilgore, Greg Widener, Jeff McCray, Bo Coleman, John Copley, Jerry Castle, Sterling Ellison, David Copley, Jonathan Jonas, Nick Belcher, Ryan Jordan, Johnny Reichler, Justin Triplett, etc; and

WHEREAS, Jeb has accompanied more than a dozen of his own teams to advance to the Virginia State Championship games; and

WHEREAS, during said extended coaching and officiating career, Jeb has coached and officiated for decades for the benefit of hundreds of area youth athletes and their respective teams in a variety of sports, with baseball remaining his love; and

WHEREAS, Jeb has officiated high school level baseball, softball and football pursuant to Virginia High School League for the past several years, and continues to be involved in same at the current time; and

WHEREAS, in order to qualify to officiate at State and Regional levels, Jeb realized that he must begin to amass his qualifications by working hard and accruing quality experience, thereby distinguishing himself to officiate at higher levels; and

WHEREAS, Jeb umpired the Virginia State Major League Baseball Tournament for 19 years, 1994 - 2016; and

WHEREAS, Jeb umpired the Southern Regional Major League Baseball Tournament in St. Petersburg Florida in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Jeb umpired the Southeast Regional Major League Baseball Tournament in Warner Robins, Georgia in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Jeb umpired the 9 & 10 year-old Tournament of State Champions in Ceredo-Kenova, West Virginia and Greenville, North Carolina every year from 2005 - 2016; and

WHEREAS, Jeb umpired the 10 & 11 year-old Tournament of State Champions in Greenville, North Carolina in 2014 - 2015; and

WHEREAS, one of the most important aspects to the success of the Little League International Tournament is the volunteer umpires calling the games. Umpires are selected for a World Series after going through a lengthy, stringent selection process. Appointment as a member of the umpiring crew for a World Series is the highest honor Little League can bestow on an umpire, and selection means that these umpires are considered among the best in the world; and

WHEREAS, Jeb was contacted earlier this year with regard to being selected as one of the 16 official umpires for the 2016 Little League International Tournament in Williamsport, Pennsylvania chosen from a world-wide pool; and

WHEREAS, the Council for the Town of Abingdon, Virginia wish to recognize and congratulate Jeb for the honor his standard of excellence, endurance and tenacity has brought not only to himself but also to the Town of Abingdon, Virginia and our entire region; and

WHEREAS, throughout the duration of his 40+ years of distinguished youth sports involvement, Jeb has managed to run his own roofing company and for the past 8 years has held down another part-time position with a local company; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it shall be resolved that the Council for the Town of Abingdon, Virginia recognizes one of its own, Johnny "Jeb" Stewart, for his continued dedication and service to the young athletes of our Town and region and joins with the Little League (tn) Association International in congratulating Johnny "Jeb" Stewart for having been chosen as one

of only 16 individuals worldwide, and the first person from our area ever, to umpire the 2016 Little League International World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania on August 18 - 28, 2016.

TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA

By: Cathy Lowe
Mayor

By: Raymond Kelly
Town Manager

The undersigned clerk of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia (the "Town"), hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of an ordinance duly adopted at a meeting of the Council held on September 6, 2016. I hereby further certify that such meeting was a regularly scheduled meeting and that, during the consideration of the foregoing ordinance, a quorum was present. I further certify that the minutes of such meeting reflect the attendance of the members and the voting on the foregoing ordinance was as follows:

MEMBERS	ATTENDANCE	VOTE
Cathy C. Lowe, Mayor	Present	Aye
Richard E. Humphreys, Vice Mayor	Present	Aye
Robert M. Howard	Present	Aye
M. Cindy Patterson	Present	Aye
J. Wayne Craig	Present	Aye

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Town of Abingdon as of September 6, 2016

(SEAL)

Tonya Triplett
Tonja Triplett, Deputy Clerk
Town of Abingdon, Virginia

F. PETITIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES – None.

G. SECOND READINGS OF ORDINANCES – None.

H. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS

1. Consideration of bids for the Tennis Court Resurfacing project.

Kevin Worley, Director of Parks & Recreation reported he advertised a request for proposal for tennis court resurfacing at the Harry L. Coomes Recreation Center and received two bids. PPMarkings- Dave Harless for a bid of \$38,400, which would require outsourcing some of the work. Court Works for a bid of \$22,000, who has the ability and resources to do all the required work in house. Mr. Worley recommended awarding the bid to the low bidder, Court Works at \$22,000.

Mayor Lowe inquired is the low bid the best bid. Mr. Worley stated that Court Work has done quality work for the town before and he feels that in this case the low bid is the best bid.

Mrs. Patterson inquired about the type of paint and the warranty. Mr. Worley stated plexi paint would be used and that Court Works had fulfilled the RFP requirements for the warranty.

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mrs. Patterson, the Council accepted the bid to resurface the tennis courts at the Harry L. Coomes Recreation Center from Court Works for \$22,000 and authorized Greg Kelly, Town Manager to sign and execute the necessary documents.

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

- 1. Request for approval Comprehensive Signage Plan (CSP): Marathon Realty Corp., owners, P.O. Box 518, Abingdon, VA 24212; Stephen Spangler, representative, P.O. Box 518, Abingdon, VA 24212. Proposed comprehensive signage plan to govern property within the 10 lot subdivision, property located near 440 Green Spring Road, commonly known as the "Meadows" development project, zoned B-2 (General Business). Including all or portions of Tax Map Numbers 105-A-39, 021-1-5B, & 021-1-5.**

Matthew Johnson, Director of Planning stated the town requires a comprehensive signage place from the development commonly known as The Meadows. The intent of the comprehensive signage plan is to allow flexibility from the code with respect to signage. Mr. Johnson stated this is typically approved at the Planning Commission level. However, because the decision-making body that is considering the architectural review, for example the COA is the Town Council the comprehensive signage plan should also be considered by the same body. The plan was presented to the Planning Commission on August 22, 2016 and was approved unanimously, noting that Mr. Shuman, was absent.

Stephen Spangler, Marathon Realty reviewed the comprehensive signage plan that was included in the council packet.

Mrs. Patterson stated the Historic Preservation Review Board has not had the opportunity to review the archeology study and a decision seems premature due to new developments.

Mayor Lowe stated that a judge will give us direction on October 5.

Mrs. Patterson questioned how can vote on this issue and asked what is the rush.

Mayor Lowe stated we are moving forward, until the judge tells us otherwise.

Mrs. Patterson stated voting on this tonight would be arbitrary and capricious because the citizens and the HPRB have not had time to review the study.

On motion by Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Mr. Howard, the Council at the recommendation of the Planning Commission approved the Comprehensive Signage Plan (CSP): Marathon Realty Corp., owners, P.O. Box 518, Abingdon, VA

24212; Stephen Spangler, representative, P.O. Box 518, Abingdon, VA 24212. Proposed comprehensive signage plan to govern property within the 10 lot subdivision, property located near 440 Green Spring Road, commonly known as the "Meadows" development project, zoned B-2 (General Business). Including all or portions of Tax Map Numbers 105-A-39, 021-1-5B, & 021-1-5.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

2. **Consideration for authorization for Town Manager to draw down funds for procuring final conceptual designs and complete design services for the proposed sports complex property.**

Greg Kelly, Town Manager reported the need to secure engineering services that would determine if the sports complex can be put on this particular site. First, RFPs would be sent to various engineering firms. Once proposals are received a vetting committee would be formed to review the RFPs, negotiate the firm and bring a recommendation to Council. Mr. Kelly requested authorization to drawdown necessary funding at the appropriate time to procure the engineering services for the sports complex. There is still a hurdle with the Corp of Civil Engineers that has to be overcome before this process can begin.

Mrs. Patterson stated we are putting the cart before the horse, approx. \$80,000 has already been spent on the charrettes, a DEQ and other permits may be required and that this is premature.

Mr. Humphreys asked for clarification that this is only to determine if the complex could work on the property and is not considering the 106 survey that has to be done by the Corp of Army Engineers and also the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) in the state of Virginia may need to come down and look at any artifacts mitigation.

Mr. Kelly stated that would be done if it is required by the Corp of Civil Engineers.

On motion by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Humphreys, the Council authorized Greg Kelly, Town Manager to draw down funds for procuring final conceptual designs and complete design services for the proposed sports complex property and to execute the necessary documents.

Mr. Craig, Council Member stated he would like to make a substitute motion.

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mrs. Patterson, the Council moved to delay authorization for Town Manager to draw down funds for procuring final conceptual designs and complete design services for the proposed sports complex property until the October Council meeting.

Mr. Craig has concerns about the curve and increased traffic on Green Springs Road and has been working on an alternate site for the sports complex. Mr. Craig has

developed a grading plan for the site and met with an engineer that thought Mr. Craig's plan would work. Mr. Craig has employed the engineer to determine an estimate of the earth work that needs to be done. The site that Mr. Craig stated the site he is working on does not have the traffic issues, require a 404 permit and he doesn't think it has the historical concerns that exist on The Meadows site. Mr. Craig suggested meeting with VDOT to see if there are alternatives to the S curve, delaying the vote until October and himself or the engineer presenting information on the alternate site.

Mayor Lowe stated a substitute motion should be voted on first and asked for a roll call vote and asked Mrs. Triplett to read the motion.

On motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mrs. Patterson, the Council moved to delay authorization for Town Manager to draw down funds for procuring final conceptual designs and complete design services for the proposed sports complex property until the October Council meeting.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Mayor Lowe asked Mrs. Triplett to read the original motion:

On motion by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Humphreys, the Council authorized Greg Kelly, Town Manger to draw down funds for procuring final conceptual designs and complete design services for the proposed sports complex property and to execute the necessary documents.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

- 3. Consideration of sponsorship for American Energy Society Local Energy – America's Power Summit planned for December 5-6, 2016 at Emory & Henry College.**

Mayor Lowe stated that during discussion in the work session meeting, Council did not have enough information and this item will be placed on the October agenda.

- 4. Consideration of declaring two vehicles as surplus. Two town trolleys 702 - 81 model Chevy bus, 1GBC621F4BV134093 and 703 -- 81 model Chevy bus, 1GBC621F2BV134092, as well as Drafting Table, File cabinets – Various, Hanging Plans Rack, Pictures and Frames – Various-**

John Dew, Director of Public Services and Construction asked Council to declare two town trolleys 702 - 81 model Chevy bus, 1GBC621F4BV134093 and 703 -- 81 model Chevy bus, 1GBC621F2BV134092, as well as Drafting Table, File cabinets – Various, Hanging Plans Rack, Pictures and Frames – Various- as surplus and allow them to be auctioned online.

On motion by Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Mr. Craig, the Council declared two town trolleys 702 - 81 model Chevy bus, 1GBC621F4BV134093 and 703 -- 81 model Chevy bus, 1GBC621F2BV134092, as well as Drafting Table, File cabinets – Various, Hanging Plans Rack, Pictures and Frames – Various- as surplus property, authorized Greg Kelly, Town Manager to execute all necessary documents and to allow Mr. Dew to put them on the online auction.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

5. The public unveiling of VA Open Government, Financial Transparency software system.

Chuck Banner, Director of Finance stated there will be a demonstration on the software and that the Town of Abingdon is the first in Southwest Virginia to acquire the software. Santana Shorty with OpenGov software gave an overview, a short demonstration on how the software works and how the public can get to the information on the town website. Cecile Rosenbaum, Assistant Town Manager reported the committee working on the roll out of the software had discusses hosting workshops in the computer lab at the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator. Mrs. Rosenbaum also stated that there is a tutorial and a section of frequently asked questions, but if anyone has trouble navigating the site, to please contact her or Mr. Banner.

Mr. Humphreys suggested that might be a good mid-month work session meeting.

Mayor Lowe explained the revenue streams (real and personal property, Business Licenses, meals & lodging etc...) and when they are collected for the town. Mayor Lowe also reported the town's real-estate tax is .28 on every \$100. The town is not in business of government to make money, but are in business to pay for our services.

Mrs. Patterson inquired about the cost.

Mr. Banner stated an initial set up cost of \$7,400 and is approximately \$3,800 a year.

Mr. Banner he is attending local government classes and learned about the software in class. Mr. Banner reported the auditors were impressed with the software and explained that we have three layers of auditing now.

Mayor Lowe thanks town staff for their willingness to a continuing education classes.

Mr. Kelly stated the Masters level program that staff is involved in was created by Virginia Local Government Managers Association (VLGMA) and is an affiliate program with Virginia Tech. The town is a member of VLGMA, therefore, our employees are eligible for scholarships and a large portion of their tuition is paid for by VLGMA.

6. SAGE SWVA

Bob Trevorrow and Craig Wiley reported that SAGE provides support enabling people to age in place and the ability to stay in their homes. SAGE is a non-profit 501 (c) (3), a seven (7) member Board of Directors and meet monthly. The goals are to provide education and information that enable older adults to age in place, develop programs that assist and encourage neighbor-to-neighbor networks that provide assistance to each other, research the needs of existing resources or needs not currently being met and to develop plans to address unmet needs.

Mr. Humphreys suggested the Abingdon Housing Authority and People Inc. may have some programs that would be of interest to SAGE.

J. OLD BUSINESS - None.

K. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Jim Moore, 113 College Street stated Abingdon is a Certified Local Government under the Virginia Department of Historic Resources Designation, which qualifies the town for a list of benefits. Mr. Moore asked Council to preserve history and not destroy it. Mayor Lowe asked if Mr. Moore would give copies of the literature to Mrs. Triplett for distribution to Council.
- Stephen Jett, 333 Court Street inquired about the lawsuit only concerns the Marathon Property. Mr. Jett suggested that Council take no action that may presuppose the outcome of the litigation. Mayor Lowe stated that is talks about the Meadows property, the house, the ballfields, the traffic, ponds, storm water runoff, comprehensive plan, zoning, preservation, topographic features and the farm house parcel. Mayor Lowe stated that once the lawsuit and the request for injunction was filed, the attorney, that the town's insurance company hired, has asked the Council to refrain from talking about the issue. Mr. Jett suggested that Council take no action that may presuppose the outcome of the litigation.

L. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

On motion of Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Humphreys, the Council reappointed Scott Wilson, Jennifer Ramseyer and Aaron Hicks to serve on the Recreation Advisory Committee.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

On motion of Mrs. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Humphreys, the Council reappointed Nicholaas Leidig to serve on the Tree Commission.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Mayor Lowe reviewed the announcements and declared a 5-minute recess.

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Mr. Craig, the Council went into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2 -3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, the Council will convene in a closed session for the purpose of discussion of appointments to boards and commissions.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Mr. Craig, the Council reconvened in regular session.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The Deputy Clerk, Tonya Triplett, read the following certification to be adopted by the Council members:

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia has convened in a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Sec. 2.2-3712(D) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, requires a certification by the Town Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from an open meeting requirement by Virginia law were discussed in closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies and (ii) only

such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Town Council.

The certification was as follows:

Mr. Craig	I so certify
Mrs. Patterson	I so certify
Mr. Howard	I so certify
Mr. Humphreys	I so certify
Mayor Lowe	I so certify

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Mr. Howard, the Council approved the revision of bylaws for the Sustain Abingdon Committee, changing the meeting date from the 2nd Thursday to the 2nd Wednesday.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Mrs. Patterson, the Council appointed John Kelly to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

On motion of Mrs. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Humphreys, the Council appointed Tarn Rosenbaum and Shana Carrico to serve on the Economic Development Authority.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Mr. Howard, the Council appointed Sigrid Phillips and Mike Farris to the Sinking Spring Cemetery Committee.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Mr. Craig, the Council appointed Bradley Conkle, Time Wade and Sherri Leab to serve on the Sustain Abingdon Committee.

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

- Cindy Patterson stated the VML newly elected officials training that was held in Richmond was extremely helpful and very educational.
- Rick Humphreys reported an excessive amount of tractor trailers coming off Highway 19, to Russell Road and onto Main on order to get to I-81. He suggested no thru truck traffic signs be placed at the intersections. Mr. Humphreys also reported that the Call to Arms event, which includes reenactors and demonstrations, will be open an extra day and will be open to the public on September 24.
- Mayor Lowe read a letter from Senator Mark Warner congratulating the Town of Abingdon upon its recognition as a Tree City USA Community by the Arbor Day Foundation.

Mayor Lowe declared the meeting adjourned.


Tonya Triplett, Deputy Town Clerk


Cathy C. Lowe, Mayor