

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
BUDGET WORK SESSION  
THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018 – 12:00 NOON  
ARTHUR CAMPBELL ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Budget Work Session of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 12:00 noon in the Arthur Campbell Room of the Municipal Building.

**Welcome by Mayor Lowe**

**A. ROLL CALL**

**Members of Council Present:**

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

**Administrative/Town Staff:**

Greg Kelly, Town Manager  
Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney  
Chuck Banner, Treasurer  
Kim Kingsley, Paralegal/Deputy Treasurer  
Deputy Clerk

**Visitors:**

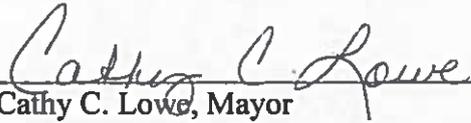
Chris Lowe, Al Bradley, Jess Nocera

The Council heard budget presentations from the following town department heads:

- Tyler Vencill and Jamie Chafin presented on behalf of Matt Bolick, Director of Construction/Public Service – Mr. Craig thanked the employees for their hard work and Ms. Patterson thanked them for keeping the Town beautiful.
- Tonya Triplett, Community Development Coordinator – Mrs. Triplett provided information regarding upcoming events in the Town and associated costs.
- John McCormick, Fire Chief – Chief McCormick presented the need for additional firefighters. Ms. Patterson and Mr. Craig requested a meeting with the Board of Supervisors to explore an agreement regarding calls in Washington County. (An adjustment to line item 100-45-32-100-6020 to \$4,400 was made.)
- Sarita Moore, Director of Sewer/Waste Water – Discussion was held regarding the possibility of an increase to sewer rates and tap fees.
- Melisha Wynne and Jennifer Johnson, Co-Directors of Indoor Parks and Recreation – There was discussion regarding an increase to the corporate rate with a fee structure.
- Jason Boswell, Interim Director of Planning – Mr. Boswell requested an assistant planner as the Planning Department to assist with the boards and commission.

Discussion ensued regarding the increase to health insurance. The Council directed Mr. Banner, Director of Finance/Treasurer, to explore several recommendations in an attempt to lower the costs to the employees.

Mayor Lowe declared the meeting recessed until March 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon, to resume departmental budget reviews.

  
Cathy C. Lowe, Mayor

  
Kimberly Kingsley, Deputy Clerk