

TO: Mayor Craig and Abingdon Town Council
FROM: Kenneth Vittum, Interim Town Manager
DATE: March 15, 2019
RE: Council Report for March 11-15, 2019

- **Washington County Sewer Service Agreement** – Jason Berry and Robbie Cornett met with Town staff to discuss the upcoming amendment to the sewer service agreement. Among the items discussed for inclusion was a base rate of \$2.50 that can go up but never below; a Discharge Limit Study to be funded by the Authority; and Pre-Treatment Testing and funding for new and existing industries. The draft of the addendum should be available for review prior to the April 1 meeting. Final approval would be at a special joint meeting on April 9.
- **Washington County Service Authority** – Robbie Cornett and I discussed the feasibility of joint billing for water and sewer and joint collection as a convenience to customers. I will be making a note for the new manager to follow up with this discussion.
- **Green Springs Road** – Work on the road is moving forward with the break in weather. Substantial completion is now expected for late April with Final Completion in late May. Any change order for this project needs to be submitted by April 15.
- **College/Church Street Project** – The conversion to one-way traffic will occur later this spring. Staff feels that the change can be made quickly, but will be delayed to allow for Green Springs Road completion.
- **Paving** – Spring Paving projects are slated for Old Eleven Drive and Stonewall Heights with Fall Paving in Winterham and Country Club subdivisions. Exact timing is unknown as it depends on the contractor's schedule. Staff will inform the council when this is known.
- **Church Street Sidewalk** – This project will be completed when bricks arrive. These are on order.
- **Plumb Ally Sewer** – Boring Construction has been awarded this contract. Work should begin in two weeks with construction lasting a month. Further notices will be given as the date for construction nears.
- **Park Street Project** – DEQ and Corp plan approvals are in hand. VDOT has the plans for right of way approval. This is taking longer than anticipated, but acquisition will begin as soon as VDOT returns the plans.
- **Urban Path** – Final construction is moving forward with the good weather. The Grand Opening is April 12th from 11 to 2.
- **Fairview Farm Leases** – Revisions are being made to the various leases and license documents to address concerns and finalize these for adoption on April 1.
- **Health Insurance** – The policy for the town was amended to allow members of council to join the group coverage by paying the full amount of the premium.
- **Harmony Lane (Sappo) Lease** – Council approved a Public Hearing on an agricultural lease for the 24 acre site to David Milsap. This will be April 1.
- **Sunset Fiber** – A rate increase was announced for cable customers by Sunset Cable. This will be \$4.00 per month for Local Retransmission Fees and \$2.00 per month for Basic Video service.
- **Building Official** – Rick Stazer is being promoted to Building Official to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Marion Watts. This will be effective April 1.

- **Noise Ordinance** – An amendment to this ordinance is on the agenda for April 1. This amendment will exempt restaurants in mixed use districts and establish a midnight to 7 a.m. curfew for these businesses.
- **Heartwood** – The Grand Re-opening occurred March 15, 2019.
- **Rotary Club** – I spoke to the Rotary Club on March 19 regarding the Comprehensive Plan and the Sports Complex. The Club continues to raise funds towards the Splash Pad.