

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019 – 6:30 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, June 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building.

**A. WELCOME- *Mayor Craig***

Vice Mayor Cindy Patterson led Council members and visitors in a belated “Happy Birthday” rendition. (Video 11:03 – 11:48)

**B. ROLL CALL – *Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk***

Members of Council Present:                      Mr. Bradley  
   Mrs. Quetsch  
   Mr. Webb  
   Ms. Patterson  
   Mayor Craig

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Al Bradley, Council Member***

**D. SPECIAL RECOGNITION (VIDEO 12:28 – 19:24)**

Recognition of Virginia Stockner, a student at E. B. Stanley Middle School, Region 1 winner of the Virginia Municipal League Essay Contest “*If I Were Mayor for a Day*”. – *Jessica Ackerman, Virginia Municipal League representative*

Mayor Craig introduced Virginia Stockner, who read her essay followed by a presentation by Jessica Ackerman, Virginia Municipal League representative.

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (VIDEO 19:25 – 20:11)**

- April 25, 2019 Work Session
- May 6, 2019 Regular Meeting
- May 14, 2019 Work Session

**On motion by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, Council approved the April 25, 2019 work session; May 6, 2019 regular meeting; and May 14, 2019 work session minutes as presented.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Bradley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Patterson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Craig</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**F. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Please place your name on the sign-up sheet provided and comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person. **(VIDEO 20:12 – 28:47)**

- Stephen Jett, 333 Court Street, Abingdon, Virginia
- Joe LeVine, 350 Green Spring Road, Abingdon, Virginia

**G. RESOLUTION** –

1. A Resolution of the Council for the Town of Abingdon honoring and recognizing Connie Duncan upon her retirement as a Town employee. – ***Sarita Moore, Director of Wastewater Operations*** **(VIDEO 28:59 – 34:17)**

Sarita Moore, Director of Wastewater Operations, read the Resolution honoring Connie Duncan.

**On motion by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Patterson, Council approved the Resolution as read honoring Dan Callahan.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Bradley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Patterson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Craig</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**H. PROCLAMATION** –

1. Proclamation designating June 3 - 8, 2019 as National Garden Week

Ms. Patterson read the proclamation designating June 3 – 8, 2019 as National Garden Week. **(VIDEO 34:21 – 37:45)**

2. Proclamation designating June 10 – 16, 2019 as Men’s Health Week  
Mr. Webb read the proclamation designating June 10 – 16, 2019 as Men’s Health Week. **(VIDEO 37:49 – 39:55)**

**I. PETITIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES - NONE**

**J. SECOND READINGS (VIDEO 40:00 – 44:29)**

1. **Public Hearing First Reading** – An Ordinance of the Council for the Town of Abingdon, Virginia proposing a budget for the Town of Abingdon, Virginia and to make appropriation for the current expenses of the Town and to fix a tax rate upon real and personal property, to fix all other local tax rates and fees and rates on utility services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2019. – **Chuck Banner, Director of Finance/Treasurer**

Chuck Banner, Director of Finance/Treasurer presented information regarding the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

Mayor Craig declared the public hearing open. Having heard no comments, Mayor Craig closed the public hearing.

**On motion by Mayor Craig, seconded by Mr. Webb, Council approved the budget as presented to become effective July 1, 2019.**

Discussion ensued.

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Bradley</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Patterson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Craig</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**K. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS**

1. **Consideration of Green Spring Road change order – Matt Bolick, Director of Public Services/Construction (VIDEO 56:07 – 1:03:26)**

Matt Bolick, Director of Public Services/Construction addressed the Council stating that the proposed change order would facilitate the completion of the fill placement from the Green Spring Road project to the Town owned sports complex property. Mr. Bolick stated that Town staff and the Town's consultant has reviewed the change order and recommended approval as a substantial cost savings; save several months from the schedule of the sports complex construction; and would be very beneficial to secure the contractor for the grading and associated work. Mr. Bolick recommended approval of the change order in the amount of \$1,133,261.86 and authorize the Town Manager to execute said change order.

Discussion ensued.

**On motion by Mr. Webb, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, Council approved the Town Manager and staff the authority to move forward with this change order as stated, not to exceed \$1,133,261.86, and authorize the Town Manager to sign any documents pertaining to such.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Bradley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Patterson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Craig</b>	<b>Aye</b>

#### **L. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER**

1. Presentation regarding The Community Center of Abingdon – *Nathalie Graham, Executive Director (VIDEO 44:31 – 56:06)*

Ernest Daniels spoke on behalf of Ms. Graham as she was unable to attend. Mr. Daniels informed the Council that effective July 1, 2019 he would assume the role of Executive Director and Ms. Graham would remain as Deputy Director. Mr. Daniels introduced Angie Ryder, Director of Development and advised Council of several programs developed for The Community Center of Abingdon.

2. Discussion regarding an additional eight (8) hours of holiday leave for July 5, 2019 as granted by Governor Northam. – *James Morani, Town Manager (VIDEO 1:03:31 – 1:05:03)*

James Morani, Town Manager advised Council that Governor Northam has granted an additional eight hours of holiday leave for July 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Morani stated that he understood that it is the Town's policy to follow the Commonwealth of Virginia calendar and wanted to advise of the same. Consensus from Council was to grant July 5<sup>th</sup> as a paid holiday.

3. Discussion regarding appointment to Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Foundation of one non-legislative citizen member who shall be an elected or appointed official of the Town of Abingdon to be appointed by the Governor, upon recommendation, if any, of the Abingdon Town Council. – *James Morani, Town Manager (VIDEO 1:05:08 – 1:07:49)*

Mayor Craig stated that he understands the Governor is asking the Town Council to provide two to four names to replace an individual with an expiring term of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Discussion ensued. It was determined that the names of Mayor Wayne Craig; Town Manager James Morani, and Ms. Patterson would be provided for consideration.

**M. OLD BUSINESS - MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

1. Discussion to refer to Planning Commission proposed changes regarding Historic District Entrance Corridor Overlay district, Appendix B – Zoning Ordinance, Article 18. Site Plan Review, Section 18-9. – **Cameron Bell, Counsel (VIDEO 1:07:49 – 1:26:40)**

Cameron Bell, Counsel discussed the proposed changes to the ordinance, in particular, Section 18-9-8-C5 and the difficulty with the current wording. Mr. Bell stated that the proposed changes would be referred to the Planning Commission to seek recommendations and then the Planning Commission would hold a public hearing with Council then conducting a public hearing. Also, Mr. Bell described the parameters defined in Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 15.2-2306 regarding historic districts. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Patterson called for point of privilege, at which time Mayor Craig stated he was not allowing further discussion unless it is related to Mr. Bell's recommendation to the Council. Mayor Craig stated that Ms. Patterson would need to make a motion to overrule the Chairman. Ms. Patterson did not make a motion.

**On motion by Mr. Webb, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, approved Mr. Bell's draft and to refer to the Planning Commission for a consensus as to what they (Planning Commission) feels is correct and that they can adopt and request a recommendation from Planning Commission.**

**Mr. Bradley added the review the list of streets and make deletions, corrections and/or additions as necessary.**

**Mr. Webb accepted Mr. Bradley's addition to the motion and added a 60-day time limit.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Bradley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Patterson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Craig</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**N. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (VIDEO 1:46:09 – 1:49:03)**

Ms. Patterson stated that attended the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting of the Washington County Prevention Coalition where Carrie Baxter with Abingdon Main Street previewed the "Wolves". Ms. Patterson stated that she approved of the new "Wolf" graphics on the police vehicles. Discussion ensued regarding how some reports were presented to Council members.

**O. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (VIDEO 1:26:46 – 1:36:57)**

**1. Planning Commission –**

Appointment to fill the expired term of H. Ramsey White, Jr. or reappointment of H. Ramsey White, Jr. for an additional four year term.

**On motion by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Webb, moved that the Abingdon Town Council convene in closed session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the purpose of considering applications for appointment for position on Planning Commission.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Bradley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Patterson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Craig</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**On motion of Ms. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Bradley, Council reconvened in open session.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Bradley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Patterson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Craig</b>	<b>Aye</b>

Mr. Webb moved that the Town Council certify that, in closed session just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matter or matters (1) specifically identified in the motion to convene in closed session and (2) lawfully permitted to be discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act cited in the motion.

**The certification was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Bradley</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Mr. Webb</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Ms. Patterson</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Mayor Craig</b>	<b>I so certify</b>

**P. Pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for the consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants**

pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body, namely *Berry v. Town of Abingdon, et al, Case No. 191CL19000989-00, Washington County, Virginia Circuit Court. (VIDEO 1:36:58 – 1:46:00)*

**On motion by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Webb, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) moved that the Abingdon Town Council convene in closed session, for the consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body, namely *Berry v. Town of Abingdon, et al, Case No. 191CL19000989-00, Washington County, Virginia Circuit Court.***

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Bradley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Patterson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Craig</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**On motion of Ms. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Bradley, Council reconvened in open session.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Bradley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Patterson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Craig</b>	<b>Aye</b>

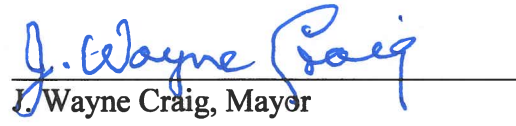
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**The certification was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Bradley</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Mr. Webb</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Ms. Patterson</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Mayor Craig</b>	<b>I so certify</b>

Mayor Craig adjourned the meeting.

  
Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk

  
J. Wayne Craig, Mayor