

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2019 – 6:30 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, August 5, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building.

- A. WELCOME-** *Mayor Craig*
- B. ROLL CALL –** *Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk*

Members of Council Present:

Mr. Bradley  
Mrs. Quetsch  
Mr. Webb  
Ms. Patterson  
Mayor Craig

- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –** *Cindy Patterson, Vice Mayor*
- D. PUBLIC COMMENTS –** Please place your name on the sign-up sheet provided and comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person. **(VIDEO 4:39 – 21:54)**

- Emmitt Yeary
- Dickie Kiser

- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (VIDEO 21:55 - 22:39)**

- June 20, 2019 Work session
- July 1, 2019 Regular meeting
- July 18, 2019 Work session

**On motion by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, Council approved the June 20, 2019 work session; July 1, 2019 regular meeting; and the July 18, 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. RESOLUTION – (VIDEO 22:40 – 28:14)**

1. Resolution of the Council for the Town of Abingdon regarding the Washington County Courthouse – *James Morani, Town Manager*

James Morani, Town Manager read the Resolution setting forth that if Washington County should decide the existing Courthouse is to be renovated, the Town will work with the County in good faith in accordance with Town Code and Ordinances. Discussion ensued.

**On motion by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Patterson, to amend the Resolution by including this sentence to this Resolution that it is the preference on the part of the Town Council for retaining the Courthouse in its present location.**

Discussion ensued.

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

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

**On motion by Mr. Webb, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, to adopt the Resolution as drafted.**

**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>

**G. PETITIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES - None**

**H. SECOND READINGS - None**

**I. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS**

1. **Consideration of bids for one (1) New/Unused 20220 Kenworth T370 Chassis with Reynolds 12' Dump Body Truck for Wolf Creek Waste Reclamation**

**Facility – Sarita Moore, Director of Wastewater Operations (VIDEO 28:23 – 34:31) (1:05:47 – 1:07:30)**

Chuck Banner, Finance Director/Treasurer presented that four bids for financing were received and VML/VACO reached out to approximately twenty difference banks and provided the Town with one that expressed an interest. Mr. Banner recommended First Bank and Trust for the lowest interest provided with 2.75% interest rate for a five year term for \$93,311.00. Mr. Banner stated that this has been approved in the budget and to secure financing for this purchase and asked that the Council authorize the Town Manager and Treasurer to sign the documents to proceed with this financing for the purpose of this dump truck.

Mrs. Quetsch questioned if \$93,311 was the lowest bid for the truck. Discussed ensued with Council requesting information on how bidding was received. This matter was tabled until the August 15, 2019 work session so that information would be available for consideration.

**On motion by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Patterson, to table the consideration of the dump truck until the August 15, 2019 work 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>

**J. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER**

1. Presentation regarding new bus route(s) serving Town of Abingdon by Mountain Lynx Transit (formerly District Three Governmental Cooperative) – **David Richardson and Molly Steffey (VIDEO 34:36 – 42:38)**

David Richardson and Molly Steffey provided Council with an update regarding the establishment of the two loop systems, one serving the east part of the Town and one serving the west part of the Town with two buses remaining to augment that service with final implementation in the fall.

2. Presentation regarding updated funding strategy for The Meadows Sports Complex and Infrastructure – **David Rose with Davenport & Company (VIDEO 42:32 – 1:02:50)**

David Rose presented Council with an updated funding strategy for The Meadows project and to take advantage of the recent drop in long term interest rates by authorizing Davenport &

Company to proceed with developing a competitive Request for Proposal to banking institutions as an option to obtain long term, fixed rate debt.

**On motion by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Patterson, that the Town Manager authorize Davenport & Company to issue an RFP to secure financing for \$7,500,000 of fixed rate, long term debt.**

**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>

3. Consideration of request from Sustain Abingdon Committee to remove an appointed voting member – *James Morani, Town Manager (VIDEO 1:02:51 – 1:04:57)*

James Morani, Town Manager advised Council that an appointee to the Sustain Abingdon Committee has not fulfilled the attendance requirement and the Committee would like to vacate that position at this time.

**On motion by Mayor Craig, seconded by Mr. Webb, that Mr. Doane be removed from the Sustain Abingdon Committee for the reasons set forth.**

Ms. Patterson questioned whether proper notice was given regarding the meetings. (VIDEO 1:07:34 – 1:08:08)

**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>

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

**L. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (VIDEO 1:05:13 – 1:05:37)**

Ms. Patterson reported that she has been attending her meetings as she is supposed to and doing my job.

**M. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (VIDEO 1:08:15 – 1:40:36)**

**1. Economic Development Authority -**

Appointment to fill the expired term of John Mahaffey, who is ineligible to serve an additional term.

Appointment to fill the expired term of Laura L. Blevins, who is ineligible to serve an additional term.

**2. Sinking Spring Cemetery Committee -**

Appointment to fill expired term of Wayne Miller, who is ineligible to serve an additional term.

*If Council so desires, 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 Economic Development Authority and/or Sinking Spring Cemetery Committee.*

- N.** Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultations pertaining to actual or probable litigation where such consultation affect the negotiating or litigation posture of the public body, specifically for the purpose of discussing EEOC letter.  
– *Cameron Bell, Counsel*

**On motion by Mr. Webb, seconded by Ms. Quetsch, moved that the Abingdon Town Council convene in closed session:**

- (1) 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*; and**
- (2) 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 Economic Development Authority and/or Sinking Spring Cemetery Committee.**

**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>

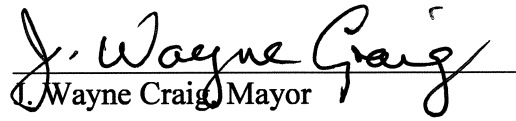
**On motion by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Patterson, Council appointed Robert Trevorrow and Ernest Daniels to fill the expired terms of John Mahaffey and Laura L. Blevins to the Economic Development Authority.**

**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>

Mayor Craig adjourned the meeting.

  
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Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk

  
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J. Wayne Craig Mayor