

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Work session meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Arthur Campbell meeting room of the Municipal Building.

A. ROLL CALL

Members of Council Present: Mr. Edward B. Morgan, Mayor
Mrs. Cathy Lowe, Vice Mayor
Mr. Richard E. Humphreys
Mr. Robert M. Howard

Absent: Mrs. Jayne A. Duehring

Administrative Staff: Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager
Cecile Rosenbaum, Town Clerk/Int.Asst. Town Manager
Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney
Chuck Banner, Dir. of Finance
Matthew Johnson, Dir. of Planning

Visitors: Jeff Johnson and Susan Howard

The following items were discussed by Council:

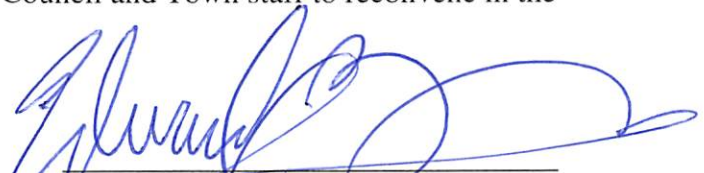
1. Ms. Rosenbaum reported that Mr. Dew was attending the VDOT meeting at the Higher Ed Center and the item he wished to have declared surplus was a plotter that was no longer being used by the GIS or Planning Departments. Ms. Rosenbaum noted that it would be listed on the surplus website and Mayor Morgan noted that Council had no objections to the item being surplus.
2. Mr. Kelly reported that Council members had asked town staff to review the curb and gutter situation on Summer Street brought to Council's attention at the April meeting. Mr. Kelly reported that Mr. Dew had proposed three (3) alternatives to alleviate the water runoff on that street and discussion ensued by Council and staff. Mayor Morgan requested town staff to move forward with reviewing funds in next year's budget that could be used for the project and report back to Council with a recommendation on the best option as presented by Mr. Dew.

3. Matthew Johnson, Director of Planning reported on the need for a revision of the town Ordinance which could assist with regulation of temporary structures in town. Mr. Johnson noted that he had researched the issue and was considering language that would address all temporary structures in town, not just in the historic district and noted that he planned to seek comments from both the Planning Commission and the HPRB. Lengthy discussion ensued with town staff and Council relative to the recent called meeting which addressed the appeal of a COA by Barter Theatre for a tent on Barter Green. Jeff Johnson, HPRB member and historic district property owner reiterated his concerns about the allowance of the tent and the need for guidelines regarding temporary structure. Mr. Johnson and Ms. Icenhour indicated that they planned to have a draft Ordinance for review in the very near future.
4. Mr. Humphreys inquired about the mailboxes on Whites Mill Road.
5. Mrs. Lowe commented on the progress of the Center for Excellence located at the Incubator and noted that residents in Country Club were inquiring about the paving schedule for their neighborhood.
6. Mr. Howard commented on the lack of a siren on the southside of Interstate 81.
7. Mr. Kelly commented on the installation of a dog watering station at the Snack Shack on the Creeper Trail and reported on the town's efforts to acquire the Snack Shack from Glenrochie Country Club.

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Mayor Morgan declared a 5 minute recess for Council and Town staff to reconvene in the Council Chambers for the regular 7:30 meeting.

  
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Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk

  
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Edward B. Morgan, Mayor