

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 6, 2015 – 7:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, July 6, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council chambers of the Municipal Building.

A. Welcome by Mayor Morgan

B. Roll Call – Cecile Rosenbaum, Town Clerk

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

Administrative/Town Staff: Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager
Cecile Rosenbaum, Town Clerk
Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney
Chuck Banner, Dir. Of Finance
Matthew Johnson, Dir. Of Planning
John Dew, Dir. Public Services/Construction
Tony Sullivan, Chief of Police
Kevin Worley, Dir. Of Parks & Recreation
Kevin Costello, Dir. Of Tourism

Visitors: Sean McMurray, Johnston Memorial Hospital
David Winship, Sinking Springs Cemetery
Phil Venson, Old Glade Antique Tractor Club
Rich Macbeth, Janet Woolwine and others

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**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief of Police, Tony Sullivan.

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D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- o June 1, 2015 Work Session Meeting
- o June 1, 2015 Regular Meeting

On motion by Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Mrs. Duehring, the Council approved the minutes of the June 1, 2015 work session meeting and the minutes of the June 1, 2015 regular meeting

with the following corrections: Page 85, under section L. Matters Not On The Agenda, the motion appointing Cecile Rosenbaum, as the Assistant Town Manger should include “upon recommendation of the Town Manger.”

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Duehring	Aye
Mr. Howard	Aye
Mr. Humphreys	Aye
Mrs. Lowe	Aye
Mayor Morgan	Aye

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**E. PETITIONS, PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES – None.**

**F. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES – None.**

**G. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS –None.**

**H. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER**

1. Sean McMurray, CEO of Johnston Memorial Hospital updated council about growth, new programs and additional physicians programs and various awards the hospital has received. No action was taken by Council on this matter.
2. Sinking Springs Cemetery, Committee Chair, David Winship updated council on events taking place at the cemetery and complimented the Parks and Recreation Department for exceptional work maintaining it. Unfortunately, some of the stones are very old and deteriorating. Jack Frost, Frost Funeral Home has offered to donate a columbarium at no cost to the town. No action was taken by Council on this matter.
3. Phil Vinson with Old Glade Antique Tractor Association, reported on all activities and programs taking place at the Fairview Homestead including the installation of the Bunn Center. Mr. Vinson asked Council to consider opportunities for the amount of \$15,000 to Old Glade Antique Tractor Association for current and ongoing programs and activities planned at Fairview Homestead. Mr. Humphreys reported that Mr. Doug Bower from Florida had given a loom to Fairview and that he had passed away. Mr. Humphreys wanted to thank Mr. Doug Bower for his generosity in donating the loom.

**On motion of Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Humphreys, the Council approved \$15,000 for The Old Glade Antique Tractor Association coming from Council contingency.**

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

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| <b>Mrs. Duehring</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Howard</b>    | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Humphreys</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mrs. Lowe</b>     | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mayor Morgan</b>  | <b>Aye</b> |

4. Mr. Kelly, Town Manager recommended that Council confirm the hire of Stacey Reichler as the Town's Human Resource Director. Mr. Kelly, Town Manager reported to Council that in accordance with the Town Charter, Council was to confirm the hiring of all town department head staff positions.

**On motion of Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Howard, the Council confirmed the hiring of Stacey Reichler, Human Resources Director for the Town of Abingdon at the recommendation of the Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager.**

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

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| <b>Mrs. Duehring</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Howard</b>    | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Humphreys</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mrs. Lowe</b>     | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mayor Morgan</b>  | <b>Aye</b> |

5. Mr. Kelly, Town Manager explained that there was an outstanding bill from Spiegler and Blevins in the amount of \$5,738.21 related to accounting services provided to the Alliance for Rural Health. The fees were for the establishment of a corporation and the committee chair, Jake Schum of Emory & Henry College recommended that it be divided among the three partners, Town of Abingdon, Emory & Henry College and Johnston Memorial Hospital. The town's portion is the amount of \$1,912.73.

**On motion of Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Humphreys, the Council appropriated payment of \$1,912.73, which is a third of the total bill, to Spiegler and Blevins for accountings services for the Alliance for Rural Health, with said funds coming from council contingency.**

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

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| <b>Mrs. Duehring</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Howard</b>    | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Humphreys</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mrs. Lowe</b>     | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mayor Morgan</b>  | <b>Aye</b> |

**I. RESOLUTIONS – None.**

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J. OLD BUSINESS – None.

K. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Stream restoration project, to restore trout to Wolf Creek.

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Mrs. Duehring, the Council authorized Greg Kelly, Town Manager to sign the application and any other documents associated with the Wolf Creek Trout Stream Restoration Project.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Duehring	Aye
Mr. Howard	Aye
Mr. Humphreys	Aye
Mrs. Lowe	Aye
Mayor Morgan	Aye

- Mr. Kelly, Town Manager reported he had received a memo from John Dew, Director of Public Services and Construction stating the town has four (4) surplus vehicles. Mr. Kelly recommended council declare the vehicles surplus so they can be sold online or by sealed bid.

On motion of Mrs. Duehring, seconded by Mr. Howard, the Council declared (4) vehicles as described by John Dew as surplus and authorized the sale of the vehicles, to be sold at online auction site or by sealed bid.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Duehring	Aye
Mr. Howard	Aye
Mr. Humphreys	Aye
Mrs. Lowe	Aye
Mayor Morgan	Aye

- Rich Macbeth of 1139 Panorama Drive, Abingdon reported concerns of chemicals being sprayed and properties not being maintained on Panorama Drive. Mr. Kelly explained the town is without a Code Compliance Officer right now and the direction of the position is being looked at by town officials, meetings have been scheduled discuss the position.
- Janet Woolwine of 185 Crestview Drive, Abingdon indicated she owns three businesses in the Park Street area of town, two of which are located in the flood plain. Mrs. Woolwine shared photos of high water on Railroad Street on July 4th weekend. The high water caused the straw to clog the drain, and turned the water toward Mrs. Woolwine's property. Mr.

Dew, Director of Public Services and Construction stated the straw bales were put in place and secured with metal rebar, but due the abnormal amount of rain the straw was uprooted. Mr. Dew was assessing town during the rain and cleared the drain. She also expressed concern that because of the holiday, she was not able to contact the town to report the situation. Mr. Kelly, Town Manager reported the non-emergency number for central dispatch was the best way to report a need. Central dispatch has contact information for town officials and they can reach them at anytime. Mr. Kelly further noted he would have the non-emergency number listed on the town website.

- Susan Howard with Abingdon Main Street reported the artwork will be installed on the signal boxes this week.

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#### **L. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

1. Board of Zoning Appeals and Sinking Spring Cemetery Committee

**On motion of Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Humphreys, the Council appointed Jan Reeves from the Planning Commission to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals and appointed Martha Keys to fill the position of James Hagy, who resigned from the Sinking Spring Cemetery Committee.**

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

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| <b>Mrs. Duehring</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Howard</b>    | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Humphreys</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mrs. Lowe</b>     | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mayor Morgan</b>  | <b>Aye</b> |

2. Planning Commission

**On motion of Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Humphreys, the Council accepted the recommendation from the Director of Planning to appoint Chris Burcher to the Planning Commission and requested that the records of other applicants be kept for reference for one fiscal year.**

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

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| <b>Mrs. Duehring</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Howard</b>    | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Humphreys</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mrs. Lowe</b>     | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mayor Morgan</b>  | <b>Aye</b> |

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M. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

- Mr. Humphreys reminded everyone that the Old Glade Antique Tractor Show is scheduled at Fairview July 23-25.
- Mrs. Lowe asked if Council could receive a report on all contingency line items in the budget on a monthly basis.
- Mr. Howard inquired about the Sawdust Festival held by Holston Mountain Artisans.
- Mrs. Duehring recognized Fire Chief, John McCormick for his efforts in returning a purse lost by a visitor to Abingdon.

Mayor Morgan noted the mid month work session, July 15.

Mayor Morgan declared the meeting adjourned.

Edward B. Morgan, Mayor

Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk