

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2014 – 5:30 P.M.  
ARTHUR CAMPBELL MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Work session meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, August 4, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Arthur Campbell meeting room of the Municipal Building.

**A. ROLL CALL**

Members of Council Present:

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

Administrative Staff:

Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager  
Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk  
Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney  
Mark Godbey, Town Treasurer/Dir. of Finance  
John Dew, Dir. of Construction/Public Services  
Floyd Bailey, Dir. Of IT Services  
Kevin Costello, Director of Tourism  
Debbie Atkins-Vance, Dir. Human Resources  
Sean Taylor, Assistant Planner  
Jon Phelps, IT Department

Visitors:

Susan Howard

The following items were discussed by Council:

1. Deborah Atkins-Vance, Dir. of Human Resources reported on additional changes that had been made to the revised Employee Handbook. Ms. Vance noted each page and commented on the changes and provided information about a new section that had been added relative to personal property belonging to employees. Ms. Vance commented that the Handbook had been updated per Council's recommendations at the prior work session and requested that Council consider it for adoption at the regular meeting.
2. Kevin Costello, Dir. of Tourism commented on the town property known as the Summers Law Office and the interest shown by Belle Avery in using the property for her work in the film industry. Mr. Costello indicated that Ms. Avery was still working out of the country but would try to arrange a meeting with her upon her return to Washington County.

3. Mr. Kelly inquired if the Council wished to hold a dedication ceremony for the Landon Boyd Park on “A” Street. Mr. Humphreys suggested a jazz band for the event and Mr. Kelly noted that he would bring further plans back to the Council for review at a later time.
4. John Dew, Dir. of Public Services/Construction reported on a letter addressed to the Council from Steve and Charlie Smith relative to the rebuild of Trestle #7 on the Creeper Trail. Mr. Dew noted the items that were not complete such as fence installation and removal of weeds and stumps on the property. Mr. Dew commented that he and Mr. Kelly would be contacting the Smith’s to set up a meeting to discuss their issues.
5. Mr. Kelly inquired about the Council’s wishes relative to the future of the Abingdon Music Experience. Mr. Kelly noted that he had met with Rick Rose at Barter Theatre and he had expressed interest in taking over the Music Experience. Discussed ensued relative to the Barter Tent and the concerns voiced by neighboring property owners relative to the loud music and late evening hours it took place. Susan Howard, Abingdon Main Street Director commented that her organization would like to be considered for taking over the Music Experience.
6. Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney reported on the property referred to as “The Knobs” and its location near the Wastewater Plant site. Ms. Icenhour noted that the property was not easily accessible and she was unable to confirm the validity of right of way that may be on the site.

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

---

Edward B. Morgan, Mayor

---

Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk