

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014 – 7:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, December 1, 2014 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, Clerk/Int. Asst. Town Manager
Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney
John Dew, Dir. Public Services/Construction
Deborah Atkins-Vance, Dir. Human Resources
Kevin Worley, Dir. of Parks & Recreation
Kevin Costello, Dir. of Tourism
John McCormick, Fire Chief
CJ McGlothlin, Code Enforcement/Asst. Fire Chief
Jon Phelps, IT Department

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by three (3) members of Boy Scout Troop 222 of Abingdon.

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**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- October 22, 2014 Work Session Meeting
- November 4, 2014 Work Session Meeting
- November 4, 2014 Regular Meeting
- November 19, 2014 Work Session Meeting

**On motion of Mr. Howard, seconded by Mrs. Lowe, the Council approved the minutes of the November 4, 2014 Work Session and Regular meetings and the November 19, 2014 Work Session meeting minutes as presented.**

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

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

**On motion of Mrs. Duehring, second by Mr. Howard, the Council approved the minutes of the October 22, 2014 as presented.**

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

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| <b>Mr. Howard</b>    | <b>Aye</b>                                         |
| <b>Mr. Humphreys</b> | <b>Abstain</b> ( <i>Mr. Humphreys was absent</i> ) |
| <b>Mrs. Duehring</b> | <b>Aye</b>                                         |
| <b>Mrs. Lowe</b>     | <b>Abstain</b> ( <i>Mrs. Lowe was absent</i> )     |
| <b>Mayor Morgan</b>  | <b>Aye</b>                                         |

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E. SPECIAL EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS - *Greg Kelly, Town Manager*

- Recognition of Ann Newman, Horticulturist, on her retirement from the town after thirteen (13) years of service
- Recognition of Linda Lawson on her retirement from the Abingdon Police Department after twenty-seven (27) years of service

Mr. Kelly presented Mrs. Newman and Ms. Lawson with a clock, framed town seal, and gift card in thanks for their many years of service to the town.

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

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G. SECOND READINGS – None.

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**H. SECOND READINGS OF ORDINANCES - None.**

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I. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS – None.

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**J. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER**

**1. Consideration of confirmation of Chuck Banner as the Director of Finance for the town of Abingdon.**

Greg Kelly, Town Manager commented that the town's Charter required that the Council confirm all department head hires and recommended that Council confirm Mr. Chuck Banner as the Director of Finance.

**On motion of Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Howard, the Council confirmed the hire of Chuck Banner as the town's Director of Finance.**

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

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

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2. Consideration of confirmation of Matthew Johnson as the Director of Planning for the town of Abingdon.

Greg Kelly, Town Manager commented that Matthew Johnson had been hired as the town's Director of Planning recommended that Council confirm his hire into that position.

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Mrs. Lowe, the Council confirmed the hire of Matthew Johnson as the town's Director of Planning.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

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**3. Consideration of motion made by Council at the regular September meeting relative to the Wolf Creek Stream Restoration Project.**

Greg Kelly, Town Manager commented that Council had made a motion at the September 2014 meeting authorizing an appropriation of \$1,300 to the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, from their contingency, for the Wolf Creek Stream Restoration Project. Mr. Kelly reported they would need to rescind that motion and make a new motion so the appropriation can be handled by the local chapter of Trout Unlimited.

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Mr. Howard, Council rescinded their motion made at the September 2, 2014 meeting that *stated "On motion of Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Mr. Howard, the Council appropriated the amount of \$1,300, from Council contingency funds, to the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries for the Muster Grounds Wolf Creek Stream Improvement Project"*.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

**On motion of Humphreys, seconded by Mr. Howard, Council appropriated the amount of \$1,250 to the Trout Unlimited local chapter, from their contingency funds, for the Muster Grounds Wolf Creek Stream Improvement Project.**

The roll call vote was as follows:

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| Mr. Howard    | Aye |
| Mr. Humphreys | Aye |
| Mrs. Duehring | Aye |
| Mrs. Lowe     | Aye |

Mayor Morgan      Aye

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K. RESOLUTIONS – None.

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**L. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

- Rich Macbeth of 1149 Panorama Drive, Abingdon commented on his safety concerns for Empire Drive and inquired if there was an update from VDOT.

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- Mr. Humphreys wished everyone a Merry Christmas
  - Mrs. Lowe commented that she is unable to attend the ribbon cutting at William King on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December as she will be out of town visiting with her granddaughter.
  - Mayor Morgan commented on the harvest of heritage corn at Fairview

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M. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Tourism Advisory Committee

- *Tourism Advisory Board*
 - Appointment of Susan Yates, Depot Artists Association, and she is eligible to serve a second term

On motion of Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Humphreys, the Council appointed Susan Yates from the Depot Artists Association to a second term on the Tourism Advisory Committee.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Howard Aye
Mr. Humphreys Aye
Mrs. Duehring Aye

Mrs. Lowe **Aye**
Mayor Morgan **Aye**

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Mayor Morgan declared the meeting adjourned.

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Edward B. Morgan, Mayor

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Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk