

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
COUNCIL MID-MONTH WORK SESSION  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2014 – 5:30 P.M.  
ARTHUR CAMPBELL MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Mid- Month Work session meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

**A. ROLL CALL**

Members of Council Present:

Mayor Edward B. Morgan  
Mr. Robert M. Howard  
Mrs. Jayne A. Duehring

*Absent:*

*Mrs. Cathy Lowe, Vice Mayor  
Mr. Richard E. Humphreys*

Administrative Staff:

Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager  
Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk/Int. Asst. Town Mgr.  
Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney  
Tony Sullivan, Chief of Police  
Kevin Worley, Dir. Parks/Recreation  
John McCormick, Fire Chief  
CJ McGlothlin, Asst. Fire Chief  
Tenille Montgomery, Public Information Officer

Visitors:

Pokey Harris, ES Coordinator

The following items were discussed by Council:

1. Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order and noted that Mr. Humphreys was out of town Mrs. Lowe was assisting her father with a health emergency and neither would be attending the meeting.
2. Mayor Morgan asked Pokey Harris, Emergency Services Coordinator for Washington County to provide information about emergency preparedness as it related to the town and county and our readiness for a potential disaster. Ms. Harris provided information about the NIMS (National Incident Management System), training that is available for government officials, emergency command structure, communication during an emergency, the establishment of emergency shelters, and the need for family assistance center during a crisis. Ms. Harris noted that the town staff worked very well with the County EMS and thanked all

the first responders for their commitment to emergency services in the town and county. Chief Sullivan commented on the installation of a generator at the Police Department and its ability to keep power to the facility. Chief Sullivan noted that this will internet and communication powered during a crisis or power failure in the town. Chief McCormick commented on the communication backbone that is in place and operating for first responders and provided information on the Norfolk Southern Railway system should a train disaster occur in Abingdon. CJ McGlothlin and Tenille Montgomery commented on the enhancements of the communication system and its value if a major emergency situation were to occur. Mr. Banner, Director of Finance inquired about the safety precautions in place for backing up the town's financial data.

3. Mr. Kelly provided updates on a possible development in town, the amendment of the Memorandum of Agreement with King School of Medicine aka Southwest School of Medicine and now Allied Center for Rural Health.
4. Mayor Morgan asked that town staff contact employees to establish an emergency preparedness committee focused on available resources, training, communication, and disaster plans.

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Edward B. Morgan, Mayor

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Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk