

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020 – 6:30 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building.

- A. WELCOME – *Mayor Webb***
- B. ROLL CALL**

Members of Council Present:

Mike Owens  
James Anderson  
Amanda Pillion  
Donna Quetsch, Vice Mayor  
Derek Webb, Mayor

- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (VIDEO 6:59 – 7:31)**

**On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, approved the draft agenda as presented.**

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

<b>Mr. Owens</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Pillion</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>

- E. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Please place your name on the sign-up sheet provided and comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person. (VIDEO 7:31 – 15:41)**

- Greg Lilly
- Billy Fullen

- F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (VIDEO 15:42 – 16:22)**

- September 8, 2020 Regular Meeting
- September 24, 2020 Mid-month Session

**On motion of Mrs. Pillion, seconded by Mr. Anderson, approved the September 8, 2020 Regular Meeting and September 24, 2020 Mid-month Session minutes as presented.**

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

<b>Mr. Owens</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Pillion</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**G. PROCLAMATIONS (VIDEO 16:24 – 19:17)**

1. Proclamation recognizing the Depot Artists Associations in celebration of the Thirtieth Anniversary of “*The Arts Depot*”.

Mayor Webb read the Proclamation into record and presented the framed Proclamation to Karen Moore.

**H. PETITION(S) AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. **Public Hearing** - proposed zoning text amendment to Article 9. OI Office and Institutional District, Section 9-2.-Same-Special uses, to allow two-family and multi-family dwellings as a special use. – **Jason Boswell, Director of Community Development (VIDEO 19:17- 20:46)**

Jason Boswell, Director of Community Development, briefed Council regarding the proposed zoning text amendment to Article 9. Mayor Webb declared the public hearing open for comment. Hearing no comments, Mayor Webb closed the public hearing.

2. **Public Hearing** - proposed zoning text amendment to Article 10.-B-1 Limited Business District, Section 10-2.-Same-Special uses, Article 11.-B-2 General Business District, Section 11-2.-Same-Special uses, and Article 12.-B-3 Central Business District, Section 12-2.-Same-Special uses, to allow short-term rentals as a special use. – **Jason Boswell, Director of Community Development (VIDEO 20:46 – 22:10)**

Jason Boswell, Director of Community Development, briefed Council regarding the proposed zoning text amendments to Article 10.-B-1; Article 11.-B-2; and Article 12.-B-3. Mayor Webb declared the public hearing open for comment. Hearing no comments, Mayor Webb closed the public hearing.

3. **Public Hearing** - proposed amendment to the Town of Abingdon Comprehensive Plan pursuant to Virginia Code Section § 15.2-2229. – **Jason Boswell, Director of Community Development (VIDEO 22:12 – 23:59)**

Jason Boswell, Director of Community Development, briefed Council regarding the proposed amendment to the Town of Abingdon Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Webb declared the public hearing open for comment. Hearing no comments, Mayor Webb closed the public hearing.

**I. RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution adopting amendment to the Town of Abingdon Comprehensive Plan pursuant to Virginia Code Section § 15.2-2229. – *Jason Boswell, Director of Community* (VIDEO 24:07 – 26:05)

**On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, approved the Resolution as presented adopting amendments to the Town’s Comprehensive Plan pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2229.**

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

<b>Mr. Owens</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Pillion</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

1. Proposed zoning text amendment to Article 9. OI Office and Institutional District, Section 9-2.-Same-Special uses, to allow two-family and multi-family dwellings as a special use. – *Jason Boswell, Director of Community Development* (VIDEO 26:07 – 27:13)

Jason Bowell, Director of Community Development, conveyed that the proposed amendment would be a good fit for the district.

Mayor Webb questioned whether this proposal should be rejected. Hearing no comments, the matter will be considered for a second reading.

2. Proposed zoning text amendment to Article 10.-B-1 Limited Business District, Section 10-2.-Same-Special uses, Article 11.-B-2 General Business District, Section 11-2.-Same-Special uses, and Article 12.-B-3 Central Business District, Section 12-2.-Same-Special uses, to allow short-term rentals as a special use. – *Jason Boswell, Director of Community Development* (VIDEO 27:18 – 29:47)

Jason Bowell, Director of Community Development, conveyed that the proposed amendment would allow short-term as a special use in the business district.

Mayor Webb questioned whether this proposal should be rejected.

**On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, the proposed zoning text amendment be rejected and tabled until receipt of additional information.**

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

<b>Mr. Owens</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Pillion</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**K. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**

**L. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS**

1. Authorization to award contract to Quesenberry's, Inc. for The Meadows Sports Complex – *John Dew, Director of Public Works (VIDEO 29:54 – 57:14)*

John Dew, Director of Public Works, stated that on August 26, 2020, five (5) bids were received with Quesenberry's Inc. of Big Stone Gap, Virginia submitting the lowest base bid of \$7,659,000, with three (3) add alternates. Mr. Dew recommended that Council award the bid to Quesenberry's, Inc. for the base bid in the amount of \$7,659,000. Discussion ensued.

**On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, accept and award the base bid from Quesenberry's, Inc. for The Meadows Sports Complex.**

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

<b>Mr. Owens</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Pillion</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**M. OLD BUSINESS**

**N. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER**

1. Adoption of Local Business and Employment Plan; Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan; Non-Discrimination Policy; Fair Housing Certification; and Grievance Procedure pursuant to the 2020 CDBG Urgent Need Grant. – *Tonya Triplett, Director of Economic Development/Assistant Town Manager (VIDEO 57:25 – 1:00:34)*

Town Manager James Morani stated that this matter has previously been discussed and is before Council to accept the adoption of documents necessary to complete the meals delivery grant.

**On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, adopted documents presented and authorize the Town Manager and/or Tonya Triplett authority to finalize any subsequent documents needed to complete the meals delivery grant.**

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

<b>Mr. Owens</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Pillion</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>

2. **Acceptance of bench for Valley Street labyrinth gifted by Hurt Properties – *James Morani, Town Manager* (VIDEO 1:00:37 – 1:03:25)**

Town Manager James Morani requested that Council accept a beautiful bench for improvement to the Valley Street labyrinth gifted by Hurt Properties with a \$16,457.50 value. Jan Hurt spoke on behalf of Hurt Properties stating that the design project was in memory of Sam Hurt. Council thanked Mrs. Hurt for the gift.

**On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Owens, accepted bench for Valley Street labyrinth gifted by Hurt Properties.**

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

<b>Mr. Owens</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Pillion</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>

Town Manager James Morani also advised Council that the tax bills would be mailed by the end of the week and that he planning to reopen the lobby within the next three to four weeks.

**O. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (VIDEO 1:04:39 – 1:05:28)**

Mrs. Pillion recognized Troop 222 members, Teddy Pillion and Isaac Thiessen, as a requirement of the “Citizenship in the Community” merit badge. Mayor Webb thanked them for attending the meeting.

**P. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (VIDEO 1:05:30 – 1:09:38)**

1. **Historic Preservation Review Board**
  - Appointment to fill expired term of Jeff Johnson, who is ineligible to serve an additional term

**On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Owens, appointed Betsy White to fill the expired term of Jeff Johnson on the Historic Preservation Review Board.**

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

<b>Mr. Owens</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Pillion</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**2. Sustain Abingdon**

- Appointment to fill expired term of Bradley Conkle, who is ineligible to serve an additional term
- Appointment to fill expired term of Sherrie Leab, who is ineligible to serve an additional term
- Appointment to fill expired term of Tim Wade, who is ineligible to serve an additional term

**On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, appointed Laura Pennington and Ricky Bray to the Sustain Abingdon committee.**

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

<b>Mr. Owens</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Pillion</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**3. Tourism Advisory Committee**

- Reappointment of David Matlock (Higher Education), who is eligible to serve an additional term
- Reappointment of Chris Cannon (Member at Large), who is eligible to serve an additional term
- Appointment to fill expired term of Janet Woolwine (Retail), who is ineligible to serve an additional term
- Appointment to fill expired term of Martha Keys (Historic Site/Museum), who is ineligible to serve an additional term

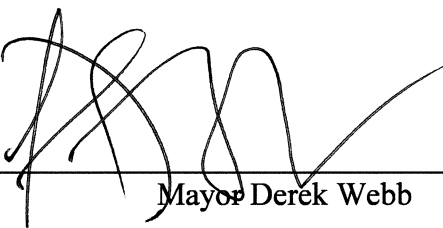
**On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, reappointed David Matlock and Chris Cannon for an additional term and appointed Walter Jenny as a**

**representative for the Historic Site/Museum entity to replace Martha Keys to the  
Tourism Advisory Committee.**

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

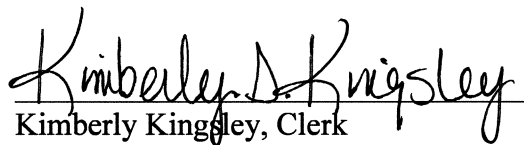
<b>Mr. Owens</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Pillion</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>

Mayor Webb declared the meeting adjourned.



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Mayor Derek Webb



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Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk