

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021 – 6:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, January 4, 2021 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 6:28 – 7:01)**

On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, approved the draft agenda as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Owens	Aye
Mr. Anderson	Aye
Mrs. Pillion	Aye
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye
Mayor Webb	Aye

- E. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Please place your name on the sign-up sheet provided and comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person. (VIDEO 7:02 – 7:11)**

- No comments

- F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (VIDEO 7:12 – 7:59)**

- December 7, 2020

On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Owens, approved the December 7, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Owens	Aye
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Mr. Anderson	Aye
Mrs. Pillion	Aye
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye
Mayor Webb	Aye

G. PROCLAMATIONS (None)

H. PETITION(S) AND PUBLIC HEARINGS (VIDEO 8:04 – 16:32)

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** - requested vacation of a right-of-way between properties located at 236 Barter Drive (Tax Map No. 013-3-36), 238 Barter Drive (Tax Map No. 013-3-116 and 013-3-116A) and 226 Barter Drive (Tax Map No. 013-3-28), an unopened portion of White Avenue.

Mayor Webb declared the public hearing open for comment.

- Robert Gilmer, 238 Barter Drive, Abingdon, Virginia spoke in favor of the requested vacation of right-of-way
- Lake Wagner, 236 Barter Drive, Abingdon, Virginia spoke in favor of the requested vacation of right-of-way

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Webb closed the public hearing.

I. RESOLUTIONS

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

K. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES (VIDEO 16:42 – 20:03)

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 allowing short-term rentals as a special use.

1. Proposed zoning text amendment to Article 10.-B-1 Limited Business District, Section 10-2.-Same-Special uses, to allow short-term rentals as a special use. – ***Jason Boswell, Director of Community Development***

On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, approved the proposed zoning text amendment to Article 10.-B-1 Limited Business District, Section 10-2. – Same – Special uses, to allow short-term rentals as a special use.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Owens	Aye
Mr. Anderson	Aye
Mrs. Pillion	Aye
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye

John Dew, Director of Public Works presented information, pursuant to the Code of Virginia, regarding the vacation of public rights-of-way, including the appointment of the Board of Viewers. Mr. Dew stated that Al Bradly, Wayne Craig and Robert “Bob” Howard expressed an interest in appointment to the Board of Viewers.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, appointed Al Bradley, Wayne Craig and Robert “Bob” Howard to the Board of Viewers.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Owens	Aye
Mr. Anderson	Aye
Mrs. Pillion	Aye
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye
Mayor Webb	Aye

Discussion ensued between the Council, Town Counsel, Town Manager and various members of the audience.

N. OLD BUSINESS

O. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER (VIDEO 31:48 – 35:42)

Town Manager James Morani congratulated Mayor Webb on being recognized as one of The Business Journal “40 Under Forty Emerging Stars of Our Region”. Mr. Morani also introduced Director of Finance, Steve Trotman.

P. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (VIDEO 35:43 – 39:02)

Vice Mayor Quetsch congratulated Mayor Webb on his recent recognition. Mayor Webb conveyed that he recently received the COVID-19 vaccine and encourage others to consider also.

Q. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES – (VIDEO 39:03 – 40:01)

1. Tree Commission

- Appointment to fill expired term of Kathleen Wild, who is ineligible to serve an additional term

On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Owens, appointed Stuart Hale to fill the expired term of Kathleen Wild to the Tree Commission.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Owens	Aye
Mr. Anderson	Aye
Mrs. Pillion	Aye


Mrs. Quetsch
Mayor Webb

Aye
Aye

Mayor Webb declared the meeting adjourned.



Mayor Derek Webb



Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk