

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021 – 6:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, February 1, 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 9:52 – 10:27)**

On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, 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 10:28 – 14:58)**

- Katy Brown on behalf of The Barter Theatre

- F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (VIDEO 15:00 – 15:37)**

- January 4, 2021 minutes
- January 19, 2021 mid-month meeting

On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Owens, approved the January 4, 2021 minutes and the January 19, 2021 mid-month minutes as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

G. PROCLAMATIONS (None)

H. PETITION(S) AND PUBLIC HEARINGS (None)

I. RESOLUTIONS (None)

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES (None)

K. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES (None)

L. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS

1. Consideration of bids for asphalt resurfacing project for the 2021-2022 fiscal year –
John Dew, Director of Public Works (VIDEO 15:53 – 21:37)

John Dew, Director of Public Works, advised bids were received for the annual asphalt resurfacing from Bizzack Construction, LLC and W-L Construction and Paving, Inc. Mr. Dew stated that W-L Construction and Paving, Inc. submitted the lowest base bid of \$561,281.05. Mr. Dew also advised that W-L Construction and Paving, Inc. submitted an add alternate bid of \$78,000 for high-friction surface treatment for several areas in the Town, however was not recommending that at this time. Mr. Dew explained that he would communicate with Virginia Department of Transportation for assistance with regard to surface treatment.

On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Owens, awarded the asphalt resurfacing project to W-L Construction and Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$561,281.05.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

M. NEW BUSINESS

1. Abingdon Police Department update - ***Chief Jon Holbrook (VIDEO 21:40 – 37:03)***

Chief Holbrook provided updates regarding new officers, Highlands Community Service Delta Award, training/instruction, special events/community policing, Crisis Intervention Team Assessment Center (CITA), and COVID-19.

N. OLD BUSINESS

**O. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN
MANAGER (VIDEO 37:10 – 42:21)**

1. Discussion of Proposed Vacation of Unopened Right-of-Way Known as “White Avenue” and Recommendation from Board of Viewers – *John Dew, Director of Public Works*

John Dew, Director of Public Works, advised Council that the Board of Viewers found that no inconvenience to the Town would result from the requested vacation and recommended that the vacation be contingent on three conditions:

- Easement be retained within the vacated right-of-way for any existing utilities and storm drainage;
- The remainder of White Avenue right-of-way be incorporated by resolution in to adjacent Barter Drive right-of-way; and
- All petitioners directly involved with the vacation acknowledge and approve by signature the division of the vacated right-of-way plat to be recorded.

Discussion ensued and agreed that this matter would be placed on the February 16 agenda for action. Counsel Cameron Bell stated that an additional ordinance be prepared regarding a rectangular remnant to include in Barter Drive. Robert Gilmer spoke from the audience.

P. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (VIDEO 42:26 – 44:13)

Mrs. Pillion announced that Washington County was the ranked number one for the highest rate of vaccines in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mayor Webb stated that one of the reasons for low volume at this time is the result of vaccinators doing an excellent job with the initial supply. Mayor Webb commended everyone involved in the vaccination process, further stating that it has not been an easy task.

Q. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES – (VIDEO 44:19 – 46:21)

1. Sustain Abingdon
 - Reappointment of Ashby Dickerson, who is eligible to serve an additional term
 - Reappointment of Anita Manuel, who is eligible to serve an additional term
 - Reappointment of Chelsea Goulding, who is eligible to serve an additional term

On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, appointed Ashby Dickerson, Anita Manuel and Chelsea Goulding to serve an additional term on the Sustain Abingdon committee.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Mayor Webb **Aye**

2. **Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority**
 - Appointment to fill expired term of Monica Appleby, who is ineligible to serve an additional term

On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Anderson, appointed Debbie Loveland to fill the expired term of Monica Appleby on the Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

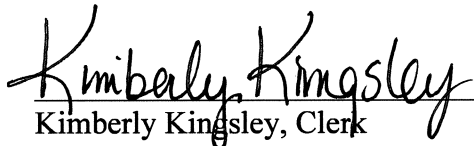
The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Mayor Webb declared the meeting adjourned.



Mayor Derek Webb



Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk