

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021 – 6:30 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Tuesday, July 6, 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  
Donna Quetsch, Vice Mayor  
Derek Webb, Mayor

Member(s) Absent:

Amanda Pillion

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**D. PRAYER – *Billy Fullen***

**E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (VIDEO )**

**On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Anderson, amended the agenda to include a closed session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the purpose of considering applications for appointment for position on the Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority.**

**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>Absent</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**F. PUBLIC COMMENTS (VIDEO )**

- Eric McReynolds, spokesperson for American History Preservation
- Billy Fullen
- Dr. Mark J. Matney
- Stephen Jett

**G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (VIDEO**

- June 7, 2021 meeting
- June 22, 2021 mid-month meeting

**On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, approved the June 7, 2021 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>Absent</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, approved the June 22, 2021 mid-month minutes as presented.**

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

<b>Mr. Owens</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Anderson</b>	<b>Abstain (absent from meeting)</b>
<b>Mrs. Pillion</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**H. PROCLAMATIONS**

**I. PUBLIC HEARING**

**J. RESOLUTIONS**

**K. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

**L. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**

1. An Ordinance of the Council to transition Council elections from May to November – *Cameron Bell, Town Counsel (VIDEO)*

**On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Anderson, adopted Ordinance to transition Council elections from May to November 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>Absent</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>

2. An Ordinance to amend Chapter 82 of the Town of Abingdon Code pertaining to ride-share – *James Morani, Town Manager (VIDEO)*

**On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Owens, adopted Ordinance to amend Chapter 82 of the Town Code pertaining to ride-share 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>Absent</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**M. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS**

1. Consideration of bids for natural gas franchise, privilege, lease or right proposed to be granted – *James Morani, Town Manager* (VIDEO)

Town Manager James Morani advised Council that one sealed bid was received from Atmos Energy Corporation. Mr. Morani stated that an Ordinance would be prepared for the franchise with Atmos Energy Corporation for presentation at the August meeting.

**N. NEW BUSINESS**

**O. OLD BUSINESS**

**P. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER (VIDEO)**

Town Manager James Morani advised Council that the fiscal year closed strong.

**Q. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Mayor Webb thanked the Council members for their hard work.

**R. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (VIDEO)**

**On motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to go into closed session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the purpose of considering applications for appointment for position on the Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority.**

**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>Absent</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**On motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Anderson, reconvened in open session.**

**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>Absent</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**Mr. Owens moved that the Town Council certify that, in closed session just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matter or matters (1) specifically identified in the motion to convene in closed session and (2) lawfully permitted to be discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act cited in the motion.**

**The certification was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Owens</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Mr. Anderson</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Mrs. Pillion</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Mayor Webb</b>	<b>I so certify</b>

1. Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority  
- Appointment to fill unexpired term of Constance Daggs

**On motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, to appoint Katlin Kasmi to the Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority to fill the unexpired term of Constance Daggs.**

**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>Absent</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>

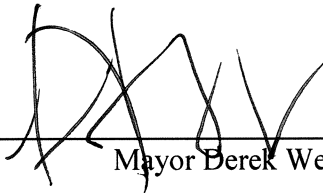
2. Recreation Advisory Commission  
- Reappointment of Derek Webb, who is eligible to serve an additional term

**On motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, to reappoint Derek Webb to serve an additional term of the Recreation Advisory Commission.**

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

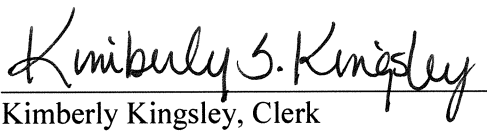
<b>Mr. Owens</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Pillion</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>

Mayor Webb declared the meeting adjourned.



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Mayor Derek Webb



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Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk