

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
MID-MONTH MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021 – 2:30 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A mid-month meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 2:30 pm at in the Council Chambers 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 – *Council Member Mike Owens***

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – *Mayor Webb* (VIDEO 11:40 – 12:44)**

**On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Anderson, amended the agenda to include two closed session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) involving disposition of publicly held real property and Section 2.2-3711(A)(29) concerning a proposed sewer contract where discussion of the terms or scope of the contract, because public discussion would adversely affect our bargaining position or negotiating strategy.**

**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.

**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS** - Please place your name on the sign-up sheet provided and comments are limited to five (5) minutes per person.

**G. PROCLAMATIONS**

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion regarding moving the October 6 Council meeting to October 4, 2021 – ***James Morani, Town Manager*** (VIDEO 12:54 – 14:26)

Town Manager James Morani questioned whether or not the Council would like to move the meeting back to October 4, 2021 as a result of the members not attending the Virginia Municipal League conference.

2. Discussion regarding revisions to Article VI - Peddlers, Vendors and Canvassers ordinance, Section 18-132 – Exemption from permit requirements – **James Morani, Town Manager (VIDEO 14:27 – 16:24)**

Town Manager James Morani advised Council that staff would be working on amending the Ordinance and would present the draft at the September mid-month meeting for discussion.

3. Discussion regarding agreement with Old Glade Antique Tractor Association – **James Morani, Town Manager (VIDEO 16:25 – 26:26)**

Town Manager James Morani advised Council that Old Glade Antique Tractor Association would like to renew the non-professional agreement with the Town for events held annually at the Fairview Homestead. Discussion ensued with Council agreeing to enter into negotiations, effective April 1, 2021, and present at next month's meeting.

#### **I. RESOLUTIONS**

#### **J. ORDINANCES**

#### **K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **L. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER (VIDEO 26:37 – 33:55)**

Town Manager James Morani introduced Deck Shaver, who is serving in the capacity of Interim Public Works Director.

Mr. Morani advised Council that a notice has been advertised to address a situation involving the John White property near the Watauga Road portion of the Creeper Trail.

Mr. Morani also advised Council that the Town will be applying for a \$100,000 grant for a pump track to be located on The Meadows, however the 1.8 acres would need to be dedicated as outdoor space. Discussion ensued and Council agreed to instruct the Town Manager to provide a letter in support of dedicating the parcel as outdoor space.

Tonya Triplett, Director of Tourism/Economic Development and Assistant Town Manager advised Council that the Housing and Community Development allowed to include full-service restaurants that opened after March 1, 2020 to participate in the second round of the grant.

1. Discussion regarding park and shelter fees – **James Morani, Town Manager (VIDEO 33:56 – 40:57)**

Town Manager James Morani advised that several Council members had requested to revisit the park and shelter fees. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that Town residents would not pay an hourly rate for neighborhood pocket-parks, however would be responsible for the \$25 application fee.

2. Discussion regarding wastewater contract operations – **James Morani, Town Manager**  
**(VIDEO 40:58 – 53:03)**

Representatives from Woodard & Curran answered Council’s questions regarding a proposed wastewater contract operations, which included budget matters and onboarding.

3. Update on outdoor refreshment area – **James Morani, Town Manager** **(VIDEO 53:03 – 1:00:11)**

Cameron Bell, Counsel provided Council with an update as to the progress on the outdoor refreshment area, including the status of the signage, safety plan, refuse, and logo.

**M. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

**N. CLOSED SESSION (1:00:27 – 2:16:58)**

**On motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, to go into closed session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) concerning disposition of publicly held real property; and Section 2.2-3711(A)(29) concerning a lease for sewer contract for discussion of the terms or scope of the contract, because public discussion would adversely affect our bargaining position or negotiating strategy.**

**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>

**On motion by Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, reconvened in open session.**

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

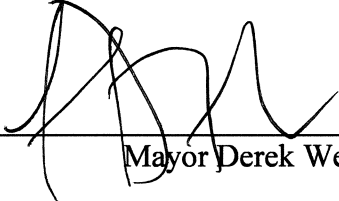
<b>Mr. Owens</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Pillion</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**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>I so certify</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Mayor Webb</b>	<b>I so certify</b>

Mayor Webb declared the meeting adjourned.



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Mayor Derek Webb



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Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk