

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

The regular meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, October 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. PRAYER – Pastor Jason Bakker, Abingdon Bible Church**

**E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (VIDEO 17:11 – 17:43)**

**On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, accepted the 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>

**F. PUBLIC COMMENTS (VIDEO 17:43 – 25:03)**

- Michael Roark
- Edison Jennings

**G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (VIDEO 25:05 – 25:48)**

- September 7, 2021 meeting
- September 23, 2021 mid-month meeting

**On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, approved the September 7, 2021 meeting and the September 23, 2021 mid-month meeting 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>

## **H. PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Recognition of October 3 – 9, 2021, as Fire Prevention Week “*Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety*”.

Mrs. Quetsch read into record a Proclamation recognizing October 3 – 9, 2021, as Fire Prevention Week “*Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety*”. Mayor Webb and Council presented Chief John McCormick, Assistant Fire Chief Tim Estes, Sr., Deputy Fire Chief Mark McCormick, and Captain Bob Howard with a framed Proclamation. **(VIDEO 25:51 – 31:19)**

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

## **J. RESOLUTIONS**

### **K. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES (VIDEO 31:27 – 32:20)**

1. First Reading –An Ordinance of the Council for the Town of Abingdon, Virginia for a proposed amendment to Chapter 66 Ordinance – Taxation, Article 1. – In General, Section 66-3. Collection of delinquent taxes by distress, personal judgment or sale.

Cameron Bell, Counsel presented the proposed Ordinance stating that this was discussed at the September 23, 2021 mid-month meeting. Mayor Webb questioned “Shall this proposal be rejected?” Hearing no objections, Mayor Webb declared that this matter will move to second reading in November.

## **L. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**

## **M. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS**

## **N. NEW BUSINESS**

## **O. OLD BUSINESS**

### **P. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER (VIDEO 32:34 – 36:48)**

Town Manager James Morani introduced Mayana Rice as the Director of Community Development. Council welcomed her to Abingdon.

Mr. Morani also advised that a public information meeting regarding the proposed Outdoor Recreation Area is scheduled for October 21, 2021 from 5 to 7 pm in the Arthur Campbell Room. Mr. Morani stated that information will be forthcoming regarding comment forms.

Mr. Morani reported that Steve Trotman, Director of Finance will present a quarterly update at the November 1, 2021 meeting.

Mr. Morani stated that Woodward & Curran will making a proposal to employees at the Wolf Creek Water Reclamation Plant regarding any unused time, hopefully at the October 13 – 14, 2021 meeting with Human Resources.

Cameron Bell, Counsel, stated that The Meadows sports complex progress looks good.

**Q. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (VIDEO 36:49 – 38:03)**

Mayor Webb stated that the progress at The Meadows is exciting and is coming along nicely.

**R. CLOSED SESSION (VIDEO 38:05 – 1:05:27)**

1. Closed session permitted by Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711(A)(3), a matter involving disposition of publicly held property because discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect our bargaining position.
2. Closed session pursuant to Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the purpose of considering applications for appointment for position on Board of Zoning Appeals, Historic Preservation Review Board, Recreation Advisory Committee and Infrastructure Advisory Committee.

**On motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, to go into closed session permitted by Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711(A)(3), a matter involving disposition of publicly held property because discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect our bargaining position; and pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for considering application for appointment to boards, specifically Board of Zoning Appeals, Historic Preservation Review Board, Recreation Advisory Committee and Infrastructure 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>

**On motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, 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>

**S. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (VIDEO 1:05:27 – 1:09:00)**

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**1. Board of Zoning Appeals**

- Appointment to fill expired term of R. Wayne Austin, who is ineligible to serve an additional term (Also serves as a Planning Commission representative)
- Appointment to fill expired term of Dr. H. Ramsey White, who is ineligible to serve an additional term

**On motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, appointed Joel Taylor to fill the expired term of Dr. H. Ramsey White.**

**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 announced that the matter is tabled regarding the expired term of R. Wayne Austin.**

**2. Historic Preservation Review Board**

- Appointment to fill expired term of Michael Weaver, who is ineligible to serve an additional term

**On motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, appointed Peyton Boyd to fill the expired term of Michael Weaver.**

**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. Recreation Advisory Committee
- Reappointment of Don Yates, who is eligible to serve an additional term
  - Reappointment of Brock Hawkins, who is eligible to serve an additional term
  - Reappointment of Eddie Ramirez, who is eligible to serve an additional term
  - Reappointment of Jimmy Woods, who is eligible to serve an additional term

**On motion by Mrs. Pillion, seconded by Mr. Owens, reappointed Don Yates, Brock Hawkins, Eddie Ramirez, and Jimmy Woods to serve an additional term.**

**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>

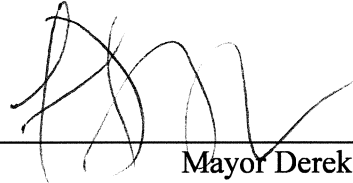
4. Infrastructure Advisory Committee
- Reappointment of Janet Woolwine, who is eligible to serve an additional term
  - Reappointment of Charlie Fugate, who is eligible to serve an additional term
  - Appointment to fill the expired term of Monty Vernon

**On motion by Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Owens, reappointed Janet Woolwine and Charlie Fugate to serve an additional term and appointed Wayne Craig to fill the expired term of Monty Vernon.**

**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.



Mayor Derek Webb



Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk