

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022 – 6:30 pm  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

**A. WELCOME – *Mayor Webb***

**B. ROLL CALL**

Members of Council Present:

Dwyane Anderson  
Mike Owens  
Amanda Pillion  
Donna Quetsch, Vice Mayor  
Derek Webb, Mayor

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**D. PRAYER – Pastor Kevin Campbell, Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church**

**E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (VIDEO 10:10 – 10:36)**

**On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, approved the agenda as presented.**

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

<b>Mr. Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Owens</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 10:37 – 15:34)**

- Katy Brown, Barter Theatre
- Tonya Triplett, Director of Economic Development & Tourism

**G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (VIDEO 15:38 – 17:31)**

- May 2, 2022 called meeting
- May 2, 2022 meeting
- May 3, 2022 called meeting
- May 9, 2022 called meeting
- May 19, 2022 mid-month meeting

**On motion of Mrs. Pillion, seconded by Mr. Owens, approved the May 2, 2022 called meeting; May 2, 2022 meeting; May 3, 2022 called meeting; May 9, 2022 called meeting; and the May 19, 2022 mid-month meeting as presented.**

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

<b>Mr. Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b> for May 9, 2022 called meeting and May 19, 2022 mid-month meeting <b>Abstained</b> for the May 2, 2022 called meeting; May 2, 2022 meeting and the May 3, 2022 called meeting as he was not a Councilmember
<b>Mr. Owens</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. Proclamation honoring and recognizing the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church (**VIDEO 17:32 – 22:43**)

Councilmember Amanda Pillion read the proclamation into the record, and Mayor Webb presented it to Pastor Kevin Campbell, Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church.

2. Proclamation recognizing June 5 -11, 2022, as National Garden Week (**VIDEO 22:52 – 27:46**)

Vice Mayor Donna Quetsch read the proclamation into the record, and Mayor Webb presented it to the Abingdon Garden Club members.

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

#### **J. RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution approving the Final Plat for Brooksfield Square subdivision; Owners: Richard W. and Darlene B. Hagy, Trustees, 966 Main Street: Tax Map ID 104C1-1-27 – *Mayana Rice, Director of Community Development* (**VIDEO 27:57 – 30:30**)

Mrs. Rice stated this matter was presented to Council at the May 2 meeting. She advised Planning Commission met on April 25, 2022, recommending approval of the preliminary plat. On May 23, 2022 the Planning Commission recommended approval of the final plat, with a required 10-foot sidewalk easement.

Upon receipt of final plat, language indicated a 10-foot utility easement. Staff requested, and owners agreed, language be added to include “a sidewalk installation waiver was granted by

the Town Council on May 2, 2022”, a 10-foot sidewalk easement was required by the Planning Commission with the approval with the approval of the preliminary plat.

**On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, approved the final plat for Brookfield Square subdivision as presented.**

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

<b>Mr. Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Owens</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>

2. Resolution approving the Final Plat for Stone Mill subdivision; Owner: Light Milling Company, 1060 West Main Street: Tax Map ID 104C2-A-1 – *Mayana Rice, Director of Community Development (VIDEO 30:30 – 31:45)*

Mrs. Rice stated the Planning Commission met on April 25, 2022 and approved. The Commission also met on May 23, 2022 and recommended approval for the final plat. The matter was presented to Council at the May 2 meeting. She advised Planning Commission recommended approval of the final plat with a required 10-foot sidewalk easement and is before Council for consideration. Mrs. Rice conveyed the final plat does include a 10-foot sidewalk easement, and the sidewalk waiver was granted.

**On motion of Mrs. Pillion, seconded by Mr. Anderson, approved the final plat for Stone Mill subdivision as presented.**

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

<b>Mr. Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Owens</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>

**K. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

**L. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**

1. An Ordinance of the Council for the Town of Abingdon, Virginia proposing a budget for the Town of Abingdon, Virginia and to make appropriation for the current expenses of the Town and to fix a tax rate upon real and personal property, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. – *Steve Trotman, Director of Finance (VIDEO 31:48 – 38:25)*

Mr. Trotman reported an amendment that included an additional \$100,000 in the Tourism department for one-half a fiscal year for Barter Theatre with a \$100,000 offset to Capital

Improvement that was self-funded. Mr. Trotman said \$200,000 will now be a loan or lease proceeds and \$100,000 from debt services. Mr. Trotman also conveyed a 3.5% Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) was built-in with no changes except cigarette tax, presently \$0.35 to \$0.45; solid waste cans, presently \$12.48 to \$17.00; and additional solid waste cans, presently \$4.00 to \$6.00.

Mr. Trotman also discussed the possible increase of solid waste fees with the issues concerning the Bristol Virginia landfill and a recent rate study for wastewater that will include a 5% increase this year. Mayor Webb questioned whether this was at the Town’s financial advisors’ suggested changes.

**On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, approved the Ordinance of the Council for the Town of Abingdon, Virginia proposing a budget for the Town of Abingdon, Virginia and to make appropriation for the current expenses of the Town and to fix a tax rate upon real and personal property, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 as presented.**

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

<b>Mr. Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Owens</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>

**M. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS**

**N. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Presentation regarding William King Museum of Art – *Betsy White, Director* (VIDEO 38:27 – 53:19)

Mrs. White provided Council information regarding upcoming events and the transformative partnership with the Virginia Museum of Animal Art.

**O. OLD BUSINESS**

**P. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER (VIDEO 53:25 – 53:49)**

Town Manager Mike Cochran conveyed he was happy to be in the Town of Abingdon.

**Q. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (VIDEO 53:52 - 56:39)**

Councilmember Amanda Pillion thanked the Town’s Veterans Advisory Board for placing the flags in honor of Flag Day on the lawn of the Abingdon Convention Center. Mrs. Pillion thanked the Board for working to unify the Veterans in the community and to bring recognition to all the holidays and observances.

Mayor Webb requested that the August 1, 2022 Council meeting be moved to August 8, 2022 due to a scheduling conflict. It was agreed to reschedule the meeting for August 8, 2022 at 6:30 pm. Mayor Webb agreed that the Town has an excellent staff and looked forward to working with Town Manager Cochran.

**S. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (VIDEO 56:39 – 1:09:12)**

**On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, to convene in 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(s) on Economic Development Authority, Sinking Spring Cemetery, 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>Aye</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. (VIDEO 1:09:22 – 1:09:32 )**

**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. (VIDEO 1:09:34 - 1:11:48)**

**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>

1. Economic Development Authority  
- Appointment to fill vacancy for the unexpired term of Ernest Daniels

**On motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Anderson, appointed William "Bear" Lloyd to the Economic Development Authority to fill the unexpired term of Ernest Daniels.**

**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>

2. Sinking Spring Cemetery  
- Reappointment of Chris Menerick, who is eligible to serve an additional term

**On motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, reappointed Chris Menerick to serve an additional term of the Sinking Spring Cemetery committee.**

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

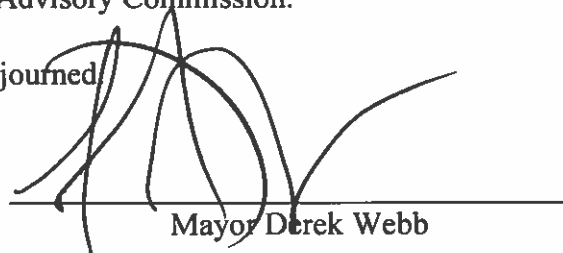
<b>Mr. Owens</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Pillion</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>

3. Recreation Advisory Commission  
- Appointment to fill vacancy for the unexpired term of Bob Howard

Appointment to the Recreation Advisory Mayor Webb requested the Clerk re-advertise the vacancy for a member on the Recreation Advisory Commission.

Mayor Webb declared the meeting adjourned.

  
Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk

  
Mayor Derek Webb