

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022 – 6:30 pm
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, July 11, 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 – Abingdon Community Pastor Tyler Vencill, Highlands Fellowship

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (VIDEO 6:42 – 7:09)

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS (VIDEO 7:09 – 10:38)

- J. W. Hornsby, Kiwanis Club

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (VIDEO 10:38 – 11:16)

- June 13, 2022 meeting
- June 23, 2022 mid-month meeting

On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, approved the June 13, 2022 and June 23, 2022 minutes as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

H. PROCLAMATIONS

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

1. Public hearing to solicit public input on local community development and housing needs in relation to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for a potential project in our community. **(VIDEO 11:18 – 15:12)**

Tonya Triplett, Director of Economic Development and Tourism, advised Council the public hearing for information regarding the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development provides funding for local governments to address critical community development needs. Mrs. Triplett stated approximately \$17,000,000 was available this budget year, and the Town will apply.

Mrs. Triplett provided the example of a \$400,000 grant that allowed the Town to distribute \$336,000 to small businesses to provide meals to Faith In Action during Covid-19. An additional \$40,000 was used for administration fees, and \$25,000 provided equipment to Faith In Action to carry on the services.

Counsel Cameron Bell stated that the public hearing was required to start the application process.

Mayor Webb opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, Mayor Webb closed the public hearing.

J. RESOLUTIONS

K. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

L. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

M. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS

N. NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation from Virginia Highlands Festival – *Ryan Henderson, Board President* and *Deidre Cole, Executive Producer (VIDEO 15:20 – 20:42)*

Executive Producer Deidre Cole thanked the Council, citizens, and Tonya Triplett for their support, invited Council to attend a ribbon-cutting for the juried arts and crafts and announced a call for volunteers.

O. OLD BUSINESS

P. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER (VIDEO 20:49 – 31:17)

1. Wastewater Operations Report – *Ryan Sullivan, Woodard & Curran*

Ryan Sullivan and Chris Pritt provided Council with a quarterly report regarding the operations at the Wolf Creek Water and Reclamation facility. Councilmember Mike Owens stated it was refreshing to see accountability and work accomplished.

(VIDEO 31:18 – 32:56)

Town Manager Mike Cochran provided Council with a diagram regarding the proposed Court Street realignment, including a single lane in a single direction. He felt it was a good design and would maintain parking for the Courthouse and businesses for approximately 1 ½ to 2 years during construction. Mayor Webb said he was happy to be coordinating with the County and looks suitable for everyone.

Q. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS - None

S. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (VIDEO 33:10 – 50:28)

On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Anderson, 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 Recreation Advisory Commission, Board of Building Code Appeals, Board of Zoning Appeals, District Three Government Cooperative, and Sustain Abingdon.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

On motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, reconvened in open session. (VIDEO 50:28 – 51:23)

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

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:

Mr. Owens	I so certify
Mr. Anderson	I so certify
Mrs. Pillion	I so certify
Mrs. Quetsch	I so certify
Mayor Webb	I so certify

(VIDEO 51:23 – 59:39)

1. Recreation Advisory Commission

Mayor Webb announced this matter was tabled and requested the Clerk to advertise for the vacancy.

2. Board of Building Code Appeals

On motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Anderson, appointed Daniel Swanson, Cullen Barker, and Chris Brewer to the Board of Building Code Appeals to fill the expired terms of Charlie Day, Tandy Rasnake, and Michael Scott.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

3. Board of Zoning Appeals

Mayor Webb announced this matter was tabled and requested the Clerk to advertise for the vacancy.

4. District Three Government Cooperative

On motion by Mrs. Pillion, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, appointed Councilmember Dwyane Anderson to fill the unexpired term of James Anderson on District Three Government Cooperative board.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

