

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023 – 2:30 pm  
ARTHUR CAMPBELL ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 2:30 pm in the Arthur Campbell Room of the Municipal Building.

- A. WELCOME – *Mayor Pillion***  
**B. ROLL CALL**

Members of Council Present:                      Wayne Austin  
   Donna Quetsch  
   Derek Webb  
   Dwyane Anderson  
   Mayor Pillion

- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (VIDEO 6:04 – 6:39)**

**On motion of Mr. Webb, seconded by Mr. Anderson, approved the agenda as presented.**

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

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

- E. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**  
**F. PROCLAMATIONS**  
**G. PUBLIC HEARING -** Please place your name on the sign-up sheet provided; comments are limited to five (5) minutes per person.  
**H. RESOLUTIONS**  
1. Resolution supporting Industrial Access Railroad Track Funds (**VIDEO 6:59 – 12:27**)

Director of Economic Development and Tourism Tonya Triplett conveyed that Appalachian Chemical Company, which is producing some bag fertilize at their Preston Street location, has the capability to bag salt and would like to get the railroad extension from Fuller to Preston refurbished. After contacting the railroad, it was advised there might be grants available for 70% of the costs. The proposed Resolution before you today is for support only for the application for the grant. J.J. Eaton spoke on behalf of Appalachian Chemical Company.

**On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Austin, approved the Resolution as presented.**

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

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

**I. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

**J. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**

**K. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS**

1. On-call general maintenance and repair services for various facilities owned and operated by the Town. **(VIDEO 12:29 – 21:47)**

Director of Public Works Michael Surrett presented information regarding the proposed on-call general maintenance and repair services for various facilities owned and operated by the Town, requesting the Council award the bid to Belfor. Discussion ensued between Council and Mr. Surrett, and Public Facilities Manager Matt Henderson.

Councilmember Webb made a motion to accept the bid. However, the motion failed for the failure of a second.

Councilmember Austin requested that the matter be placed on the following agenda and requested the contract be provided in the packet for review.

2. Agreement with Velosolutions – American Ramp Company for design and construction for pump track services. **(VIDEO 21:47 – 30:52)**

Assistant Town Manager and Director of Community Development Mayana Rice advised that Director of Economic Development and Tourism Tonya Triplett began this project and found private money and grant funding to complete Phase One. Mrs. Rice reported that after discussion with the on-call engineering services to discuss how to move through the DEQ process regarding moving a large quantity of dirt. After a conversation with Velosolutions – American Ramp Company, and explained the permitting requirement and determined a price breakdown for an asphalt pump track for \$220,000, the planning documents for Phase One and Phase Two of \$15,000, included in this contract.

Mrs. Rice requested that the Council consider authorizing the Town Manager to sign the agreement with Velosolutions – American Ramp Company for the design and construction of the pump track. Discussion ensued regarding funding for Phase II and the timeline of the project.

**On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Webb, authorized the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Velosolutions- American Ramp Company as presented.**

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

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

**N. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consideration of rescheduling the March 6, 2023 meeting. **(VIDEO 31:04 – 33:30)**

Discussion ensued regarding available dates to reschedule the March 6, 2023 meeting.

**On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, to combine the March 6, 2023 meeting with the March 23, 2023 meeting moving the time to 6:30 pm in Council chambers.**

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

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

**O. OLD BUSINESS**

**P. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER**

1. Presentation of current financial report. **(VIDEO 33:32 – 58:15)**

Director of Finance Steve Trotman provided Council with a summary of the current financial status.

**(VIDEO 53:23 – 58:19)**

Town Manager Mike Cochran discussed the visitors and membership increased. He also announced that Lt. Blake Eades has returned to work at the Abingdon Police Department, and thanked Fire Chief Tim Estes for responding to an alarm at the Washington County Government Building and reporting the water damage to the proper authorities. Mr. Cochran announced the Valley Street traffic calming meeting on February 1, 2023.

Councilmember Austin questioned whether The Meadows splash pad would be open by Memorial Day. Mr. Cochran advised that a water source was being considered but was hopeful that it would be operable by Memorial Day.

**Q. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (VIDEO 58:19 – 1:03:46)**

Mrs. Quetsch stated The Meadows sports complex looks good and thanked the staff. Councilmember Webb stated that the indoor track teams were doing well this year. Mayor Pillion suggested that every Councilmember provide an update regarding the boards and committees they serve on during the meetings. She also stated that she is working on a “Mondays with the Mayor” highlighting events in the Town.

**R. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (VIDEO 1:03:46 – 1:04:25)**

1. Consideration of appointing Derek Webb to replace Dwyane Anderson on the Tree Commission.

Mayor Pillion stated that a correction should be made to appoint Councilmember Webb to the Tree Commission to replace Vice Mayor Anderson.

**On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, to appoint Derek Webb to replace Dwyane Anderson on the Tree Commission.**

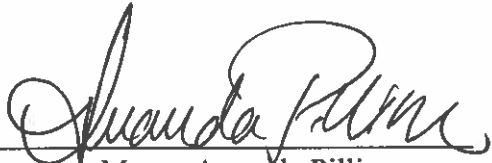
**The roll call vote was as follows:**

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

**S. CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Pillion declared the meeting adjourned.

  
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Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk

  
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Mayor Amanda Pillion