

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023 – 6:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular Council meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building.

- A. WELCOME**
- B. ROLL CALL**

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

Members of Council Absent: Wayne Austin

- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mrs. Quetsch led the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- D. PRAYER**
- E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (VIDEO 8:18 – 8:57)**

Mayor Pillion said she would entertain a motion to amend the agenda to move item P-1, Swearing in of Abingdon Police Department Sergeant after Public Comments, Item F.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Webb, Council approved agenda as amended.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Austin	Absent
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye
Mr. Webb	Aye
Mr. Anderson	Aye
Mayor Pillion	Aye

- F. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**
- G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (VIDEO 14:19 – 14:49)**

- January 3, 2023 minutes
- January 26, 2023 minutes

On motion of Mr. Webb, seconded by Mr. Anderson, approved the January 3, 2023 and January 26, 2023 minutes as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Austin	Absent
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye
Mr. Webb	Aye
Mr. Anderson	Aye
Mayor Pillion	Aye

H. PROCLAMATIONS

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS (VIDEO 14:52 – 40:41)

1. Proposed special use permit to construct a monument sign at the intersection of Jonesboro Road and Ole Berry Drive; Applicant: Snyder Signs, Inc. on behalf of Berry Home Centers, Inc. The monument sign will be signage for properties and businesses within the Oakstone Development with proposed placement on Tax Parcel 104C212-4, Owner Archland Property I, LLC., 1105 Ole Berry Drive

Assistant Town Manager and Director of Community Development Mayana Rice stated Berry Home Center (Applicant) and Snyder Signs (Representative) have requested approval of a Special Use Permit per Section 15-9 of the Town of Abingdon Zoning Ordinance to construct a monument tenant sign structure at the northeast corner of the intersection of Ole Berry Drive and Jonesboro Road, The SUP is for a Comprehensive Sign Plan per Section 21-22-23 of Article 21 Signs. The existing signs within subdivision known as Oakstone Properties are not currently proposed to change. The only sign that will be added as part of a Comprehensive Plan is this primary entrance sign, which will have identifiers for all of the existing and future business within the subdivision. The property is currently General Business District (B-2).

Mayor Pillion opened the public hearing. Mayor Pillion recognized Tom Bishop and Chris Brewer to speak. Discussion ensued. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Pillion closed the public hearing.

J. RESOLUTIONS (VIDEO 40:42 – 43:17)

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On motion of Mr. Webb, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, approved the Resolution as proposed with the same guidelines that the Planning Commission set forth.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Austin	Absent
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye
Mr. Webb	Aye
Mr. Anderson	Aye
Mayor Pillion	Aye

K. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

L. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

M. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS (VIDEO 43:22 – 49:27)

1. On-call general maintenance and repair services for various facilities owned and operated by the Town. – *Michael Surrett, Director of Public Works*

Director of Public Works Michael Surrett said this was a clarification to the RFP and this request was included in the budget project. Discussion ensued.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Webb, approved on-call general maintenance and repair services for various facilities owned and operated by the Town with Belfor.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Austin	Absent
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye
Mr. Webb	Aye
Mr. Anderson	Aye
Mayor Pillion	Aye

N. NEW BUSINESS

O. OLD BUSINESS

P. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATION FROM TOWN MANAGER

1. Swearing-in of Abingdon Police Department Sergeant – *Chief Jon Holbrook*
(SEE VIDEO 9:09 – 14:19)

Mayor Pillion recognized and welcomed Lieutenant Eads back after an absence, and invited Chief Jon Holbrook to introduce Christopher G. Barker. Chief Holbrook announced Mr. Barker promotion as Sergeant for the Abingdon Police Department. Sergeant Barker accepted oath of office, and Council congratulated him on his promotion.

(VIDEO 49:51 – 51:56)

Town Manager Mike Cochran provided an update on Valley Street traffic, number of calls for the Abingdon Fire Department, and commented regarding American Pickers coming to Virginia.

Q. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (VIDEO 51:56 – 58:35)

Mrs. Quetsch thanked the staff and the citizens that serve on the boards and for their hard work and dedication. She conveyed that she serves on the Infrastructure Advisory Committee and the Park Street project should be completed by August with VDOT is reviewing the design. She commented on the Valley Street calming and fifty people showed for a public comments with the final recommendation being available in 4 to 6 weeks. Mrs. Quetsch stated the sanitary sewer survey is complete and moving into final design and approved for \$3.2 million, with 75% loan forgiveness. Also, the sidewalk near the Dollar General will be completed and fully funded by VDOT. Mrs. Quetsch reported on the Finance Committee and thanked Steve Trotman for the financial reports and departmental budget meetings will be held on March 23rd. She also reported that Davenport & Associates gave a financial report at the recent Council retreat assuring the Town was in good standing.

Vice Mayor Anderson reported he attended the Rotary Frolics with a nice turnout. The Historic Preservation Review Board heard two certificates of appropriateness and staff is working on amending an ordinance to allow an individual to serve more than two years.

Mayor Pillion thanked the Abingdon Police Department and the Historic Preservation Review Board for presenting the Valley Street traffic study. She also reminded businesses and organizations with stories/events to consider getting the information out through “Monday with the Mayor.”

Mr. Webb announced that the Council Retreat was very beneficial and he is now serving on the Tree Commission. The Recreation Advisory Committee is working with bringing the State Little League event in July to The Meadows, planning a warm reception for players throughout Virginia with an estimated 500 guests for the tournament.

R. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (VIDEO 58:35 – 1:16:20)

On motion of Mr. Webb, 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 Sustain Abingdon, Tourism Advisory Commission and the Economic Development Authority.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Austin	Absent
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye
Mr. Webb	Aye
Mr. Anderson	Aye
Mayor Pillion	Aye

On motion by Mr. Webb, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, reconvened in open session.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Austin	Absent
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye
Mr. Webb	Aye
Mr. Anderson	Aye
Mayor Pillion	Aye

Mr. Webb 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. Austin	Absent
Mrs. Quetsch	I so certify
Mr. Webb	I so certify
Mr. Anderson	I so certify
Mayor Pillion	I so certify

- Sustain Abingdon
 - Reappointment of Kathlyn Terry Baker, who is eligible to serve an additional term
 - Appointment to fill expired term of Ricky Bray
 - Appointment to fill unexpired term of Sydney deBriel
 - Appointment to fill unexpired term of Ashby Dickerson

On motion of Mr. Anderson, second by Mr. Webb, reappointed Kathlyn Baker for an additional term and appointed Laura Nagle to the Sustain Abingdon committee.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Austin	Absent
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye
Mr. Webb	Aye
Mr. Anderson	Aye
Mayor Pillion	Aye

- Tourism Advisory Committee
 - Appointment to fill vacancy for hotel/motel entity
 - Appointment to fill vacancy for Arts and Culture – WKMA entity

On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, second by Mr. Anderson, appointed Danny Owens as the hotel/motel representative and Alyssa Justice as the Arts and Culture – WKMA representative.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Austin	Absent
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye
Mr. Webb	Aye
Mr. Anderson	Aye
Mayor Pillion	Aye

- Economic Development Authority
- Appointment to fill unexpired vacancy of William Lloyd


On motion of Mr. Webb, second by Mr. Anderson, appointed Doris Shuman to the Economic Development Authority.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Austin	Absent
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye
Mr. Webb	Aye
Mr. Anderson	Aye
Mayor Pillion	Aye

Mayor Pillion declared the meeting adjourned.


Kim Kingsley, Clerk


Mayor Amanda Pillion