

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023 – 6:30 pm  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

- A. WELCOME – *Mayor Pillion***
- B. ROLL CALL (VIDEO 5:06 – 5:15)**

Members of Council Present:

Wayne Austin
Donna Quetsch
Derek Webb
Vice Mayor Dwyane Anderson
Mayor Pillion

- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. PRAYER**
- E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (VIDEO 7:01 – 7:52)**

**On motion of Mr. Webb, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, approved the draft 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. Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pillion</b>	<b>Aye</b>

- F. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (VIDEO 7:58 – 8:30)**

**On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Austin, approved the March 23, 2023 minutes 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. Webb</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**Vice Mayor Anderson**      **Aye**  
**Mayor Pillion**                **Aye**

**H. PROCLAMATION ( VIDEO 8:32 – 10:15)**

1. Proclamation designating April 6, 2023 as Arbor Day

Mayor Pillion read the Proclamation into the record.

**I. PUBLIC HEARING (VIDEO 10:17 – 10:57)**

1. Public Hearing – the construction of a sidewalk addition, within the existing right of way, along the north side of East Main Street from an existing sidewalk at the Dollar General store to an existing concrete entrance gutter near St. John’s Lutheran Church for a length of approximately 345 feet. Funding for this project was secured through VDOT using the Highway Safety Improvement Program.

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

**J. RESOLUTIONS (VIDEO 10:59 – 13:05)**

1. Resolution approving the application for Industrial Revitalization Funds

Mayana Rice, Assistant Town Manager and Director of Community Development, advised that United Way of Southwest Virginia requested a current Resolution to reapply for Industrial Revitalization Funds.

**On motion of Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Mr. Austin, approved the Resolution approving the application for Industrial Revitalization Funds as presented.**

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

**Mr. Austin**                      **Aye**  
**Mrs. Quetsch**                **Aye**  
**Mr. Webb**                      **Aye**  
**Vice Mayor Anderson**      **Aye**  
**Mayor Pillion**                **Aye**

**K. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

**L. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**

**M. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS (VIDEO 13:15 – 15:13)**

1. Consideration of bids for annual asphalt resurfacing.

Director of Public Works Michael Surrett presented information regarding the bidding for the annual asphalt resurfacing.

**On motion of Mr. Webb, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, to accept the bid from W-L Construction for annual asphalt resurfacing for \$338,996.27.**

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

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

**N. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Presentation from Abingdon Arts Commission (**VIDEO 15:18 – 21:48**)

Chair Greg Lilly provided Council with an update on the Abingdon Arts Commission and a grant process recently established modeled after the Virginia Commission for the Arts. Mr. Lilly discussed the grant process and stated the work has begun on a public art inventory.

**O. OLD BUSINESS**

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

1. Recognition of Coomes Recreation Center lifeguards Carrie Bradshaw and Abby Holmes (**VIDEO 21:54 – 27:03**)

Town Manager Mike Cochran, Director of Recreation Kyle Pollard, and Assistant Director of Recreation Melisha Wynn recognized and thanked lifeguards Carrie Bradshaw and Abby Holmes for rescuing a recent patron at the Center. Patron. Misty Brooks thanked Ms. Bradshaw and Ms. Holmes for their heroism.

2. Arborist annual report (**VIDEO 27:05 – 37:29**)

Town Arborist Kevin Sigmon discussed the 2022 highlights, and the objectives and goals for 2023. He announced the Arbor Day Celebration would be held at Abingdon High School on Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 1:00 pm and invited everyone to attend.

**Q. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (VIDEO 37:32 – 44:44)**

Mr. Webb also invited everyone to attend the Arbor Day Celebration.

Vice Mayor Anderson said he attended the Historic Preservation Review Board and Tourism Advisory Committee meetings. He also thanked the Coomes Recreation Center staff for their actions recently.

Mrs. Quetsch advised of items discussed at the Infrastructure Advisory Committee, including the East Main Street flooding and Virginia Creeper Trail trestle repairs. She also discussed The Meadows splash pad and benches and a marker provided by the Rotary Club. Also, the Finance Committee met with department heads on March 23 and continued working on the proposed budget. She would like Council to schedule a meeting to review and discuss.

Mr. Austin stated that Rotary contributed \$100,000 to the splash pad and the benches.

Mayor Pillion reminded everyone that the Veterans Advisory Board Breakfast at Food City would be the first Tuesday of every month from 8:00 – 10:00 am. She is also looking for topics for her Monday with the Mayor and to contact her if you are interested.

Counsel Cameron Bell advised of the passing of Rachel Fowlkes.

**R. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (VIDEO 44:48 – 1:47:31)\***

**\*Due to technical difficulties, the remainder of the meeting was not recorded.**

**On motion by Mr. Webb, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, for closed session pursuant Closed Session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the purpose of considering applications for appointment/reappointment the position(s) on Recreation Advisory Commission and with members of the Economic Development Authority to discuss a prospective business or industry or the expansion of existing businesses or industries where no previous announcement has been made of the businesses or industries interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community, pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(5), as amended.**

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

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

**On motion by Mr. Webb, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, reconvened in open session.**

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

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

**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:**

<b>Mr. Austin</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Mrs. Quetsch</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Mr. Webb</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Anderson</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Mayor Pillion</b>	<b>I so certify</b>

1. Recreation Advisory Commission
  - Appointment to fill the unexpired term of Robert "Bob" Howard
  - Appointment to fill the unexpired term of Amanda Pillion
  - Reappointment of Steven Bednar, who is eligible for an additional term

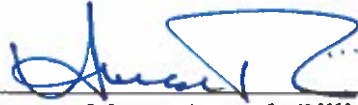
**On motion by Mr. Austin, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, appointed Joseph Matthews and Jonathan Berry to fill the unexpired terms of Robert "Bob" Howard and Amanda Pillion, and reappointed Steven Bednar for an additional term to serve on the Recreation Advisory Commission.**

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

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

- S. **CLOSED SESSION** with members of the Economic Development Authority to discuss a prospective business or industry or the expansion of existing businesses or industries where no previous announcement has been made of the businesses or industries interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community, pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(5), as amended.

Mayor Pillion declared the meeting adjourned.



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Mayor Amanda Pillion



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Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk