

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023 – 2:30 pm  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 2:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

- A. WELCOME – Mayor Pillion**
- B. ROLL CALL (VIDEO 5:25 – 5:33)**

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

- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (VIDEO 6:01 – 6:29)**

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

- E. PUBLIC COMMENTS (VIDEO 6:30 – 9:32)**
  - Katy Brown, The Barter Theatre
- F. PROCLAMATIONS (VIDEO 9:41 – 11:46)**
  - 1. Proclamation recognizing May as Foster Care Awareness and Foster Friendly Business Month  
Vice Mayor Pillion read the Proclamation into the record.
- G. PUBLIC HEARING**
- H. RESOLUTIONS**
- I. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**
- J. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**
- K. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS**
- L. NEW BUSINESS**

**M. OLD BUSINESS**

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

1. Recognition of Martin Lucas for obtaining CDL license (**VIDEO 12:06 – 13:55**)

Town Manager Mike Cochran recognized Martin Lewis for obtaining a CDL license and thanked him for his dedication to maintaining the Town. The Council also joined in congratulations on getting his CDL license.

2. Discussion of proposed policy regarding banner poles (**VIDEO 14:04 – 19:19**)

Town Manager Mike Cochran said Public Works staff was working on pole design to be placed on the Town's property line in the Veterans Memorial Park. The relocation would allow the use of the driveway for ease with the same visual optics. Discussion ensued.

**On motion of Mr. Austin, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, to proceed with the reinstalment of the banner poles in the areas as described by the Town Manager and as part of that adopt a policy presented to the Council called "Business Display Requirements" which was worked on by the Town Manager and Town Attorney, and authorize the Town Manager to proceed with whatever is necessary in order to accomplish the task.**

**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>

3. Discussion regarding July – December 2023 Council meeting dates (**VIDEO 19:20 – 26:16**)

Council scheduled the following meeting dates:

August 7, 2023 at 6:30 pm  
August 24, 2023 at 2:30 pm  
September 5, 2023 at 6:30 pm  
September 21, 2023 at 2:30 pm  
October 3, 2023 at 6:30 pm  
October 19, 2023 at 2:30 pm  
November 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm  
December 4, 2023 at 6:30 pm  
December 20, 2023 at 2:30 pm (tentative)

**4. Wayfinding signage Kick-off announcement (VIDEO 26:18 – 30:59)**

Assistant Town Manager and Director of Community Development Mayana Rice reminded Council they funded a wayfinding plan in last year's budget. The sub-committee kick-off is scheduled for May 23, 2023, to beautify and unify the Town. Discussion ensued.

**5. Main Street VDOT Study (pipeline project) Kick-off announcement (VIDEO 31:00 – 44:34)**

Assistant Town Manager, Director of Community Development Mayana Rice, and Director of Public Works Michael Surret provided the Council with information about a Main Street study, including connectivity, redevelopment, safety, and future VDOT projects. Discussion ensued regarding the project. Council agreed the study would be beneficial.

**O. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (VIDEO 44:39 – 54:42)**

Vice Mayor Anderson advised he was out of town from July 8 – 15, 2023. He also recommended attending The Barter Theatre. He recently visited a Little League Baseball game and was happy to see the children's activity and that the League was doing a good job. He also encouraged supporting the Washington County Public Library's summer reading program.

Councilmember Austin mentioned the Abingdon Rotary Club Splashpad dedication on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm; the Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am with speaker Lt. Gen. Marshall Bradley Webb; and commented on Valley Street restriping which seems to be slowing traffic and achieving the goal.

Councilmember Quetsch advised on the Infrastructure Advisory Committee meeting on June 5, 2023.

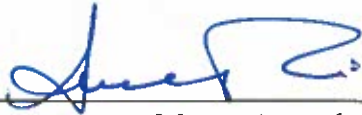
Town Manager Mike Cochran advised the batting cages at The Meadows would be complete in July; the inclusive playground is almost complete; the removed playground equipment was redeployed to A Street; and the pump/skill track will begin in August.


Mayor Pillion also commented on the slower traffic on Valley Street. She also mentioned the Coomes Recreation Center outdoor pool will open on Saturday, May 26 from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm generally with a concession stand. Also, there are limited spots for swimming lessons and the swim team. She reminded everyone about Plumb Alley Day and thanked a recent Town visitor for the complementary email.

Councilmember Webb announced he was happy with the success of The Meadows Sports Complex and that he understood Pal's ran out of certain foods recently.

**P. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**  
**Q. CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Pillion declared the meeting adjourned.

  
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Mayor Amanda Pillion

  
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Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk