

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023 – 6:30 pm
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, June 5, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

- A. WELCOME – *Mayor Pillion***
- B. ROLL CALL (VIDEO 6:25 – 6:37)**

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

Absent: Derek Webb

- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. PRAYER**
- E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (VIDEO 8:26 – 8:56)**

On motion of Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Mr. Austin, approved the agenda as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

- F. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (VIDEO 8:56 – 9:41)**

- April 26, 2023
- May 1, 2023
- May 18, 2023

On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, approved the April 26, 2023, May 1, 2023, and May 18, 2023 minutes as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS (VIDEO 9:42 – 20:08)

- Dickie Kiser, Cruisin' Classics Car Club
- Jennifer Blankenship, Abingdon Fiddlers and Cariso
- Ross Egan, Barter Theatre

H. PROCLAMATIONS (VIDEO 20:11- 46:00)

1. Proclamation to honor and recognize the Abingdon High School Boys' and Girls' Regional and State Indoor track teams

Mayor Pillion read the Proclamation into the record. Vice Mayor Anderson presented framed Proclamations to the members.

2. Proclamation of National Garden Week, June 4 – 10, 2023

Councilmember Quetsch read the Proclamation into the record. Mayor Pillion presented a framed Proclamation to members of the Abingdon Garden Club.

3. Proclamation recognizing June as PTSD Awareness Month

Councilmember Austin read the Proclamation into the record. Mayor Pillion presented a framed Proclamation to the members of the Town of Abingdon Veterans Advisory Board. Chair Kiser thanked the Council for their support and Kyle Craig presented a report.

I. PUBLIC HEARING (VIDEO 46:06 – 46:42)

1. Public Hearing – An Ordinance of the Council for the Town of Abingdon, proposing a budget, make appropriation for the current expenses, and to fix a tax rate upon real and personal property for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

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

J. RESOLUTIONS

K. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES (VIDEO 46:47 – 1:50:25)

1. An Ordinance of the Council for the Town of Abingdon, proposing a budget, make appropriation for the current expenses, and to fix a tax rate upon real and personal property for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

Town Manager Mike Cochran and Director of Finance Steve Trotman presented the proposed budget to Mayor Pillion and Councilmembers. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Pillion questioned shall the proposal be rejected. Hearing no comments, the matter will continue to a second reading at the mid-month meeting.

L. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

M. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS

N. NEW BUSINESS

O. OLD BUSINESS

**P. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER
(VIDEO 1:50:36 – 2:05:38)**

1. Quarterly report from Public Works Department

Director of Public Works Michael Surrett provided Council with a quarterly update including keynote projects, Virginia Creeper Trail trestles and Virginia Department of Transportation items.

Town Manager Mike Cochran reminded Council regarding the July 1st Independence Day Celebration and thanked the Abingdon Fire Department and Police Department for making the Cruisin' Classic Car Show a huge success.

Q. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (VIDEO 2:05:38 – 2:10:27)

Mr. Austin commented on the opening of the splashpad, and the Veterans Memorial Day event had a wonderful turnout.

Vice Mayor Anderson discussed the daycare for kids at the Coomes Recreation Center, the Washington County Public Library programs, the Veterans Memorial Day event, Barter Theatre's June 10th birthday celebration, and swimming lessons at the Coomes Recreation Center.

Mayor Pillion echoed the comments regarding the Veterans Memorial Day event and the splashpad. She also thanked everyone involved in the Field of Flags ceremony and stated that she appreciated the vigorous and healthy debate regarding the FY 23-34 budget.

R. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (2:10:27 – 2:11:28)

1. Veterans Advisory Board

- Reappointment of Lynn Bennett, who is eligible to serve an additional term
- Reappointment of Kyle Craig, who is eligible to serve an additional term
- Reappointment of Francine Ivery, who is eligible to serve an additional term

2. Arts Commission

- Reappointment of Matthew Frederick, who is eligible to serve an additional term
- Reappointment of Ben Jennings, who is eligible to serve an additional term
- Reappointment of Dirk Moore, who is eligible to serve an additional term

On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Austin, reappointed Lynn Bennett, Kyle Craig and Francine Ivery to serve an additional term on the Veterans Advisory Board, and Matthew Frederick, Ben Jennings, and Dirk Moore to serve an additional term on the Arts Commission.

The roll call vote was as follows:

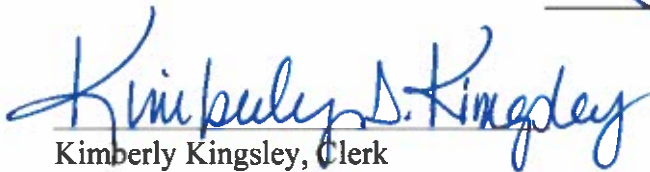
Mr. Austin	Aye
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye
Mr. Webb	Absent
Vice Mayor Anderson	Aye
Mayor Pillion	Aye

S. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Pillion declared the meeting adjourned.



Mayor Amanda Pillion



Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk