

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023 – 6:30 pm
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

- A. WELCOME – *Mayor Pillion***
B. ROLL CALL (VIDEO 5:41 – 5:52)

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

Absent: Vice Mayor Anderson

- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
D. PRAYER
E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (VIDEO 9:10 – 9:45)

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

- F. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (VIDEO 9:52 – 12:27)**

- June 5, 2023
- June 22, 2023

On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Austin, approved the June 5, 2023, minutes as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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| Mr. Austin | Aye |
| Mrs. Quetsch | Aye |
| Mr. Webb | Abstain (was not present for meeting) |
| Vice Mayor Anderson | Absent |
| Mayor Pillion | Aye |

On motion by Mr. Webb, seconded by Mr. Austin, amended the June 22, 2023, minutes to reflect the following motion regarding an Ordinance proposing a budget, make appropriations 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, as follows:

On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Austin, the budget ordinance be passed with an amendment to the appropriation of the line item identified as “Use of General Fund Reserves” to be renamed “Council Appropriation Expenditures”, meaning that before funds may be expended from General Fund Reserves that Town management first obtain Town Council’s approval.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS (VIDEO 12:29 – 17:08)

- Amanda Bailey, Washington County Public Library
- Greg Lilly

H. PROCLAMATIONS (VIDEO 17:25 – 20:12)

1. Proclamation recognizing July as National Parks and Recreation Month

Mr. Webb read the Proclamation into record. Mayor Pillion presented members of the Abingdon Veterans Advisory Board with a framed proclamation.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

J. RESOLUTIONS

K. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES (VIDEO

L. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

M. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS

N. NEW BUSINESS

O. OLD BUSINESS

P. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER (VIDEO 20:36 – 40:24)

1. Quarterly report from Abingdon Police Department

Chief Jon Holbrook provided Council with a quarterly report stating that his officers are the Town's biggest asset, a third School Resource Officer through a grant from last year and gave statistics regarding various traffic and criminal matters.

Town Manager Mike Cochran encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming Virginia Highlands Festival and to participate in the Town-wide yard sale in August.

Q. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (VIDEO 40:25 – 41:01)

Mr. Webb stated that the Fourth Celebration was great, and the fireworks were fantastic.

R. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (VIDEO 41:03 – 52:02)

1. Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority
 - Appointment to fill unexpired term of Debbie Loveland
2. Tourism Advisory Committee
 - Appointment to fill expired vacancy of Kathy Shearer
3. Infrastructure Advisory Committee
 - Appointment to fill unexpired vacancy of Wayne Craig
4. Planning Commission
 - Reappointment of Kirk Sproles, who is eligible to serve an additional term

On motion of Mr. Webb, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, to go into 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 for the position(s) on Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Tourism Advisory Committee, Infrastructure Advisory Committee and Planning Commission.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

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| Mr. Austin | Aye |
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| Mrs. Quetsch | Aye |
| Mr. Webb | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Anderson | Absent |
| 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:

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

On motion by Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Austin, appointed Janet Woolwine to the Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority; Tina Murray to the Tourism Advisory Committee; Mike Owens to the Infrastructure Advisory Committee; and reappointed Kirk Sproles to serve an additional term on the Planning Commission.

The roll call vote was as follows:

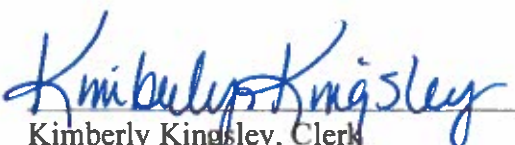
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| Mr. Austin | Aye |
| Mrs. Quetsch | Aye |
| Mr. Webb | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Anderson | Absent |
| Mayor Pillion | Aye |

S. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Pillion declared the meeting adjourned.



Mayor Amanda Pillion



Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk