

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023 – 2:30 pm  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 2:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

- A. WELCOME – *Mayor Pillion***
- B. ROLL CALL**

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

Members of Council Absent:                      Derek Webb

- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (VIDEO 6:29 – 7:18)**

**On motion of Mr. Austin, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, amended agenda motion for a closed session under Item Q, Closed Session, to consider applications for appointments to the Infrastructure Advisory Committee pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), and approved 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>Absent</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pillion</b>	<b>Aye</b>

- E. PUBLIC COMMENTS (VIDEO 7:19 – 10:33)**
  - Eddie Copenhaver
- F. PROCLAMATIONS (VIDEO 10:39 – 20:00)**

1. Proclamation recognizing November 2023 as Veteran and Military Families Month

Mr. Austin read the Proclamation into record. Mayor Pillion presented the framed Proclamation to Kyle Craig, member of the Veterans Advisory Board.

2. Proclamation supporting October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mrs. Quetsch read the Proclamation into the record.

3. Proclamation in support of Red Ribbon Week, "*Be Kind to Your Mind.*"

Mayor Pillion read the Proclamation into the record and Vice Mayor Anderson presented a framed Proclamation to the representatives.

**G. PUBLIC HEARING**

**H. RESOLUTIONS**

**I. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

**J. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**

**K. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS (VIDEO 20:18 – 23:53)**

1. Consideration of bids for emergency sewer repairs to the 900 block of West Main Street –  
*Michael Surrett, Director of Public Works*

Director of Public Works Michael Surrett said the bids for the emergency sewer repairs were opened this morning, with Little B Construction providing the lowest bid of \$89,883.15 and recommended Council accept this bid.

**On motion by Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, accepted the bid from Little B Construction for emergency sewer repairs.**

**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>Absent</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pillion</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**L. NEW BUSINESS (VIDEO 23:54 – 26:43)**

1. Abingdon Farmer's Market annual update – *David McLeish, Manager*

Abingdon Farmer's Market Manager David McLeish 520 children were provided with \$10 to purchase items and applied for \$10,000 for the 2024 year. He stated approximately 1000 to 1200 customers attend the market on Saturday morning. He thanked the Town for its continued support.

**M. OLD BUSINESS**

**N. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER  
(VIDEO 27:09 – 30:07)**

1. Update regarding Brown Edwards audit

Director of Finance Steve Trotman provided information to the Council regarding the audit and recently discovered that a Federal single audit would be required. Mr. Trotman requested the Council to consider the Planning Communication Letter and the Updated Engagement Letter as the fee increased by \$4,000.

**On motion by Mr. Austin, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, accepted the Planning Communication Letter and the Updated Engagement Letter 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>Absent</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pillion</b>	<b>Aye</b>

2. Tourism update (VIDEO 30:10 – 42:50)

Tonya Triplett, Director of Tourism and Economic Development and Chad Thompson, Marketing Coordinator provided the Council with events occurring in the Town.

**(VIDEO 42:50 – 45:38)**

Town Manager Mike Cochran stated that he would like to have a “Plumb Alley Day” everyday in the Town. He thanked Michael Surrett, the Public Works Department, and The Meadows staff for keeping the Town looking wonderful. He said the Town Manager’s report would be posted by the end of the month.

Mr. Cochran also stated that he worked with VDOT to address the problem of tractor-trailers turning onto Country Club Drive. (VIDEO 48:32 – 49:38)

**O. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (VIDEO 45:38 – 52:12)**

Mrs. Quetsch said the staff does an amazing job and spoke of several projects discussed during the Infrastructure Advisory Committee.

Vice Mayor Anderson announced the Historic Preservation Day went well and Mayana Rice, the Community Development department and Martha Washington Inn did great.

Mr. Austin also agreed with Mrs. Quetsch remarks regarding keeping the Town lovely. He reminded everyone that the Veterans Day Ceremony will be on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am and the Veterans Memorial Park Foundation will be bringing preliminary plans to the Town Council regarding a Memorial Wall.

Mayor Pillion thanked everyone for participating in the Day of Service, as it was very successful.

**P. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (VIDEO 52:22 – 1:07:42)**

**On motion by Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Austin, 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 to the Infrastructure Advisory Board.**

**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>Absent</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pillion</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Austin to reconvene 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>Absent</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pillion</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**Mrs. Quetsch moved that the Town Council certify that in closed session just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matter or matters specifically identified in the motion to convene in closed session and lawfully permitted to be discussed under the provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act cited in that motion.**

**The roll call vote 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>Absent</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Anderson</b>	<b>I so certify</b>
<b>Mayor Pillion</b>	<b>I so certify</b>

**On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, appointed Otey Dudley to the Infrastructure Advisory Committee.**


**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>Absent</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Anderson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pillion</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**Q. CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Pillion declared the meeting adjourned.

  
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Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk

  
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Mayor Amanda Pillion