

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024 – 6:30 Pm
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

A. WELCOME – *Mayor Pillion*

B. ROLL CALL

Members of Council Present:

Wayne Austin
Donna Quetsch
Derek Webb
Vice Mayor Anderson
Mayor Pillion

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. PRAYER

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (VIDEO 7:15 – 7:43)

On motion of Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Derek Webb, approved the agenda 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

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (VIDEO 7:43 – 8:18)

- April 1, 2024
- April 18, 2024

On motion of Mr. Webb, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, the minutes of April 1, 2024 and April 18, 2024, were approved 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**

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS (VIDEO 8:18 – 10:27)

- Eddie Copenhaver

H. PROCLAMATIONS (VIDEO 10:28 – 11:56)

1. Proclamation designating May 2024 as Small Business Appreciation Month

Mr. Webb read the Proclamation into the record.

I. PUBLIC HEARING (VIDEO 11:56 – 15:37)

1. Public hearing to repeal, amend and reenact Chapter 74, Utilities, Sewers, and Sewage Disposal, Division 5. Fees and Charges

Mayor Pillion opened the public hearing.

Treasurer Tammy Baldwin requested to modify the due dates and charges on utility accounts. The proposal set the due date as the sixth of each month and imposed a 10% late fee if payment is not received by the seventh day of the month.

Mayor Pillion and Mr. Austin questioned the due date information and potential impacts on customers. Mrs. Baldwin and Mr. Cochran explained the proposed benefits, stating it would give customers an extra day or two.

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

J. RESOLUTIONS (VIDEO 15:37 – 20:37)

1. Resolution of the Council for the Town of Abingdon to establish approved banners to be displayed on the Cummings Street banner poles.

Town Manager Cochran conveyed that this Resolution establishes the approved banners for non-commercial, Town-supported events. If an application meets the criteria, it will be presented for approval.

On motion of Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Mr. Austin, approved the Resolution 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 (VIDEO 20:37 – 21:36)

1. First reading of an ordinance to repeal, amend and reenact Chapter 74, Utilities, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, Division 5. Fees and Charges.

On motion of Mr. Austin, seconded by Mr. Webb, approved the ordinance presented and to wave the second reading of the ordinance so it can become effective immediately.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

L. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

M. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS (VIDEO 21:38 – 24:32)

1. Consideration of bids for Coomes Recreation Center parking lot pavement project

Director of Public Works Michael Surrett discussed a bid for \$149,474.57, from W-L Construction for the parking lot pavement project. Vice Mayor Anderson questioned the fairness and reasonableness of the bid, which Mr. Surrett confirmed.

On motion of Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, approved the bid from W-L Construction in the amount of \$149,474.57.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Mayor Pillion

Aye

N. NEW BUSINESS

O. OLD BUSINESS

P. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER

1. Discussion regarding the FY24-25 budget (**VIDEO 24:38 – 36:30**)

Town Manager Mike Cochran provided a draft FY24-25 budget, including ARPA projects, VDOT funding, COLA, and proposed increase rates for the Coomes Recreation Center, if not funded by Washington County. Director of Finance Steve Trotman discussed personnel matters regarding the budget.

2. Schedule July – December 2024 Council meetings (**VIDEO 36:32 – 43:47**)

The Council discussed dates for proposed Council meetings.

Q. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (VIDEO 43:47 – 46:29)

Mr. Webb announced Tree Day was a huge success and all were distributed. Mayor Pillion stated the Community Day of Service included several successful projects.

R. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

S. CLOSED SESSION (VIDEO 46:28 – 1:48:56)

1. Closed session pursuant to Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(7), consultant with legal counsel, or briefing by staff or consultant regarding a proposed Memorandum of Agreement with Washington County, Virginia.

On motion of Mr. Webb, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, Council conveyed in closed session pursuant to Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(7), consultant with legal counsel, or briefing by staff or consultant regarding a proposed Memorandum of Agreement with Washington County, Virginia.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

On motion of Mr. Webb, seconded by Mr. Austin, Council reconveyed in open session.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Vice Mayor Anderson 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 certification was as follows:

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

T. ADJOURNMENT



 Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk



 Mayor Amanda Pillion