

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026 – 6:30 pm
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, August 3, 2026, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

- A. WELCOME – *Mayor Anderson***
B. ROLL CALL (VIDEO 5:24 – 5:33)

Members of Council Present:	Mrs. Quetsch
	Mrs. Pillion
	Vice Mayor Austin
	Mayor Anderson
	Mr. Webb

- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
D. PRAYER
E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (VIDEO 6:45 - 7:03)

On motion by Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mr. Webb, Council approved the agenda as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

- F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (VIDEO 7:03 – 7:25)**
• July 6, 2026

On motion by Mrs. Pillion, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, approved the July 6, 2026 minutes as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Webb	Aye
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye
Mrs. Pillion	Aye

Vice Mayor Austin Aye
Mayor Anderson Aye

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

H. PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation recognizing the Abingdon High School Girls Softball Team for winning the 2025-2026 Virginia High School League Class 3 State Championship. **(VIDEO 7:49 – 13:25)**

Council Member Amanda Pillion read the proclamation recognizing the Abingdon High School Lady Falcons Softball Team for winning the 2025–2026 Virginia High School League Class 3 State Championship. Mayor Anderson presented members of the championship team and coaching staff with a framed Proclamation. Mayor Anderson congratulated the team on its historic accomplishment.

2. Proclamation recognizing National Farmers Market Week – August 2 to August 8, 2026 **(VIDEO 13:25 – 18:07)**

Council Member Derek Webb read the proclamation recognizing National Farmers Market Week, August 2–8, 2026. Following presentation of the proclamation, Farmers Market Manager David McLeish thanked the Town Council for its continued support, highlighting recent improvements to the Farmers Market, including new lighting, doors, tables, and additional amenities. Council members commended Mr. McLeish for his leadership and the success of the Farmers Market.

I. PUBLIC HEARING (VIDEO 18:08 – 20:58)

1. Public hearing on the proposed issuance of bonds by the Town of Abingdon, estimated aggregate maximum amount of the bonds is \$5,701,200. The bond proceeds are expected to be used to pay costs of capital improvements to the Town's wastewater system.

Finance Director Amanda Henegar presented the proposed issuance of a General Obligation Sewer Revenue Bond to finance Phase II of the Town's Sewer System Rehabilitation Project. Mrs. Henegar reported that the total estimated project cost is \$7,975,171, which would be funded through a Virginia Resources Authority (VRA) loan of \$4,174,371, principal forgiveness totaling \$3,557,675, and an EPA grant of \$243,236. She noted that approximately 48 percent of the project's total cost would be covered through principal forgiveness and grant funding. The VRA loan carries a 0% interest rate with a repayment term of up to 30 years. Construction is anticipated to be completed in November 2027, with loan repayment scheduled to begin in Fiscal Year 2028.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing. With no public comment, the hearing was closed.

J. RESOLUTIONS (VIDEO 20:59 – 22:10)

1. Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of a General Obligation and Sewer Revenue Bond in an amount not to exceed \$5,701,200 of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia, providing for the form, details and payment of the bond, and authorizing certain related actions

On motion by Council Member Webb, seconded by Council Member Pillion, Council adopted the resolution authorizing issuance and sale of a General Obligation Sewer Revenue Bond in an amount not to exceed \$5,701,200.

Council Member Webb commented that obtaining financing at a 0% interest rate was an outstanding opportunity for the Town.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

K. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

L. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

M. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS

N. NEW BUSINESS

O. OLD BUSINESS

**P. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER
(VIDEO 22:24 – 25:44)**

Town Manager Mike Cochran commended Town staff and the Virginia Highlands Festival Board on a highly successful Virginia Highlands Festival, noting exceptional attendance throughout the event, including strong participation at activities held at the Meadows and the VA250 Muster Grounds. He thanked the Public Works Department and other Town staff for their support in ensuring the festival's success.

Mr. Cochran reported that installation of the Town's new wayfinding signage had begun and announced that the new Abingdon High School State Championship recognition sign would be installed soon. He also reported that the final work associated with Phase I of the Town's Sewer System Rehabilitation Project at the S-curve had been completed.

Mr. Cochran concluded his report by providing an update on the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) roundabout project near the school campus, noting that construction

would pause during the school year because of traffic and safety concerns and would resume after classes concluded.

Q. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (VIDEO 25:44 – 33:13)

Mayor Anderson thanked everyone who contributed to the success of the Virginia Highlands Festival and recognized the popularity of the hot air balloon events at the Meadows. He reported receiving positive comments from local businesses regarding increased economic activity during the festival and thanked the Public Works Department for recent improvements, including the installation of lighting along the Virginia Creeper Trail entrance. He also expressed appreciation to all Town employees for their continued dedication and contributions to the Town's success.

Council Member Amanda Pillion commended Town staff, including the Public Works, Police, Fire, Parks and Recreation, Tourism, and Grounds departments, for their efforts during the Virginia Highlands Festival. She stated that it was one of the best festivals she had experienced and noted the positive feedback received from local businesses.

Vice Mayor Wayne Austin expressed support for delaying completion of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) roundabout project until after the school year because of traffic and safety concerns. He also recognized a Public Works employee for taking pride in maintaining the appearance of downtown by removing weeds during the festival's opening ceremonies.

Council Member Donna Quetsch echoed the positive comments regarding the Virginia Highlands Festival, noting that the event attracted many young families and generated overwhelmingly positive community feedback.

Council Member Derek Webb praised the Meadows as an outstanding community asset, commenting that the venue has become one of the Town's premier event locations and expressing appreciation for the success of recent events.

Council members agreed that the Meadows has become one of the Town's most successful projects and noted the growing community support for the facility.

R. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (VIDEO 33:14 – 34:22)

On motion by Vice Mayor Austin, seconded by Council Member Quetsch, Council unanimously reappointed Bob Howard and Mike Spiegler to serve an additional term on the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator Board.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Webb

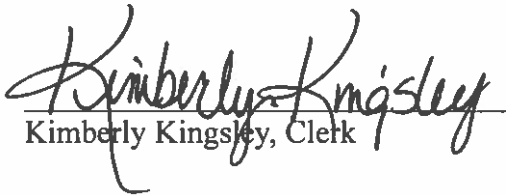
Aye

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

S. CLOSED SESSION

Having no further matters, Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting.


Dwyane Anderson, Mayor


Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk