

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026 – 6:30 pm
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, June 1, 2026, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

A. WELCOME – *Mayor Anderson*

B. ROLL CALL (VIDEO 6:01 – 6:11)

Members of Council Present:	Mrs. Quetsch Mrs. Pillion Vice Mayor Austin Mayor Anderson
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Member(s) of Council Absent:	Mr. Webb
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C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. PRAYER

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (VIDEO 7:50 – 8:09)

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (VIDEO 8:09 – 8:32)

- May 4, 2026

On motion by Vice Mayor Austin, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, approved the May 4, 2026 minutes as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS (VIDEO 8:32 – 13:51)

- Eddie Copenhaver
- Greg Lilly

H. PROCLAMATIONS (VIDEO 14:08 - 17:53)

1. Proclamation recognizing June 7 - 13, 2026 as National Garden Week

Mrs. Pillion read the Proclamation into the record recognizing June 7 – 13, 2026 as National Garden Week honoring gardeners and the contributions of garden clubs to the community and environment. Representatives of local garden organizations were present to receive the proclamation.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

J. RESOLUTIONS

K. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

L. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance to amend the Fiscal year 2025-2026 annual budget (VIDEO 18:09 – 27:59)

Finance Director Amanda Henager addressed questions by Greg Lilly during Public Comments and presented the proposed budget amendment as follows:

- Emergency electrical repairs at the Wolf Creek Water Reclamation Facility.
- Costs associated with the Town's wastewater rate study.
- Participation in a regional wastewater study.
- Adjustments to debt service payments.
- Grant revenues and related expenditures.

The amendment reduced the planned addition to Enterprise Fund reserves from \$423,902 to \$291,339.

On motion by Vice Mayor Austin, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, approved the requested amendment to Fiscal Year 2025-2026 annual budget as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Webb	Absent
Mrs. Quetsch	Aye

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

2. 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, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.
(VIDEO 27:59 – 36:41)

Finance Director Amanda Henegar presented the proposed FY 2026-2027 Budget with the following key highlights:

- No increase in real estate, personal property, meals, lodging, or other local tax rates.
- Revenue projections maintained at conservative levels.
- General Fund budget includes use of fund balance in the amount of \$692,748.
- Personnel costs include a 3% Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA).
- Health insurance costs reflect an 11.6% premium increase.
- Funding for three new full-time positions.
- Capital improvement project funding and grant match expenditures.
- Sewer service rate increase of 4%.
- Enterprise Fund projected addition to reserves of \$64,635.

Town Manager Mike Cochran and Finance Director Henegar explained that the 4% sewer rate increase was based on a comprehensive cost-of-service rate study and necessary infrastructure investments.

On motion by Mrs. Pillion, seconded by Mrs. Quetsch, approved the proposed budget, make appropriation for the current expenses and fixed a tax rate upon real and personal property for the FY beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

M. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS

N. NEW BUSINESS (VIDEO 36:59 – 40:53)

1. Schedule Council meetings for August – December 2026

Council established the following meeting schedule:

August

- August 3, 2026
- August 20, 2026

September

- September 8, 2026
- September 17, 2026

October

- October 5, 2026
- October 15, 2026

November

- November 2, 2026
- November 17, 2026

December

- December 7, 2026

Council will determine later whether a mid-December meeting is necessary.

2. Consideration of a Banner Display Permit from Appalachian Memory and Aging Initiative for June 8, 2026 – June 13, 2026 (1st Annual Memory Mile Walk on June 12, 2026)

On motion by Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Mrs. Pillion, approved the requested permit as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

O. OLD BUSINESS

**P. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER
(VIDEO 41:02 – 42:21)**

Town Manager Mike Cochran reported that Abingdon High School will host VHSL state tournament competition, bringing visitors and families to town. He added that Plumb Alley Day was successful despite weather concerns and apologized for the air conditioning issues at Town Hall but they are being addressed. He added comments about the ongoing postseason competition involving Abingdon High School athletic teams.

Q. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (VIDEO 42:22 – 51:30)

Council members discussed:

- Mrs. Quetsch discussed the successful Memorial Day observances.
- Mayor Anderson recognized Abingdon High School student-athlete A.J. for receiving the Pappy Award and her commitment to North Carolina State University; Continued tourism activity along the Virginia Creeper Trail; Public safety reminders related to summer activities and increased pedestrian traffic.
- Vice Mayor Austin questioned the status of grant funding for a generator at the Coomes Recreation Center.
- Mr. Cochran added that the addition of tap-to-pay capability at the Coomes Recreation Center and there are progress and challenges associated with Trestle 12 improvements.
- Vice Mayor Austin asked for consideration of expanding Abingdon's DORA District; Council requested the topic be placed on a future agenda.
- Mrs. Pillion discussed the success of the Abingdon High School tennis program and utilization of the recently improved tennis courts and ongoing postseason competition involving Abingdon High School athletic teams.

R. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (VIDEO 51:30 – 53:27)

1. Sustain Abingdon
-appointment to fill a vacancy

Council considered one applicant to fill a vacant position on the Sustain Abingdon Committee.

On motion by Mrs. Quetsch, seconded by Vice Mayor Austin, appointed Kathleen "Kit" Cole to the Sustain Abingdon committee.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Webb	Absent
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