



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016 7:30PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Welcome to the Town of Abingdon, Virginia Regular Council Meeting. We appreciate your interest and we encourage public participation in our meeting. Your comments are important to our decision making process. Please note that there will be two (2) opportunities during the meeting for you to address the Council members. The first opportunity to address the council will come near the beginning of the Agenda when the Mayor will inquire if anyone wishes to speak to Council members. The second opportunity will come when the Mayor declares a public hearing open for comment. We do request that anyone addressing the Council, approach the podium, identify your first and last name, give your complete mailing address and limit your comments to 3 minutes.

A. WELCOME – Mayor Lowe

B. ROLL CALL – Tonya Triplett, Deputy Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Rick Humphreys, Vice Mayor

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 6, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes – *minutes were tabled at the October 3rd regular meeting for review by the Clerk*
2. October 3, 2016 Work Session Minutes
3. October 3, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Please place your name on the sign-up sheet and limit comments to 3 minutes.

F. PETITIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** – Consideration of proposed purchase of properties; 3.54 acres, more or less, laying and being in the Madison Magisterial District, Old South Way and Watauga Road area, being a portion consisting of 2.20 acres, more or less, of Tax Map No. 127-A-18, currently owned by John R. and Nina C. White; and being a portion consisting of 1.34 acres, more or less, of Tax Map No. 127-A-10, currently owned by Cornelia H. Counts – *Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney*

- a. Authorization of Town Manager to acquire the properties, as described, for the

purpose of improving the Virginia Creeper Trail, Watauga Road parking and restroom facilities and to execute any and all documents necessary to complete the transaction – *Greg Kelly, Town Manager and Kevin Worley, Dir. of Parks and Recreation*

G. SECOND READINGS OF ORDINANCES - None

H. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS - None

I. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER AND ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER

1. Consideration of recommendation of proposals submitted for banking services for the town and authorization of the Town Manager to execute all necessary documentation relative to the town's General and Sewer Fund accounts – *Chuck Banner, Treasurer/Dir. of Finance and Greg Kelly, Town Manager*
 - a. Authorization of Chuck Banner, Director of Finance to move the sewer fund deposit account - *Chuck Banner, Treasurer/Dir. of Finance and Greg Kelly, Town Manager*

J. RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution of the Council of the Town of Abingdon for Authorization to Pick up the Employees Contributions, through payroll deduction, to VRS for Past Service Credit Under as provided for under § 414(h) of the Internal Revenue Code - *Cecile Rosenbaum, Assistant Town Manager*
2. A Resolution of the Council of the Town of Abingdon Endorsing the town's 2016 Virginia Smart Scale Project Applications - *John Dew, Director of Public Services and Construction*

K. OLD BUSINESS - None

L. MATTERS NOT ADDRESSED AT WORK SESSION MEETING

M. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES - None

N. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

O. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- November 4-5 - Mistletoe Market, SWHEC 9am-6pm.
- November 6 - Mistletoe Market, SWHEC 11am-5pm.
- November 7 - 7:00 FREE Event: Young Playwrights Festival performs for the public at

Barter Stage II.

- November 7 – Indoor Grilling: Winter Health & Flavor, Matt Shy at SWHEC, 6-9pm.
- November 8 – Election Day Hootenanny, William King at 6:00pm.
- November 9 – Noon Knowledge, Is your Business Group Friendly, Small Business Incubator, Noon-1:30pm.
- November 10 – Autumn Landscape Painting Class with Gino Di Dio – Heartwood 6:30-8:30pm. \$30 include all supplies.
- November 11 – Veterans Day, Town Offices Closed
- November 11 – Veterans Day Ceremony and Dedication at 11am at Veterans Memorial Park.
- November 12 - America Recycles Day 9:00-1:00 at the Abingdon Police Department. E-Waste, Document Shredding, accepting food donations for Second Harvest Food Bank and gently used shoes.
- November 12 – Concert/Dinner fundraiser for Meals on Wheels, featuring Bluegrass Band “Boots on The Ground”, Abingdon Community Center 6-8pm.
- November 13 - 3:00 Barter Theatre performs “Chicago” with The Symphony of the Mountains at The Toy F. Reid Center in Kingsport.
- November 14 – Colors and Flavors of the Feast, Matt Henry, SWHEC 6-9pm.
- November 16 – Noon Knowledge, Generational Recruiting, Small Business Incubator, Noon-1:30pm.
- November 18 – 8:00 “A Christmas Carol” begins performances at Barter Theatre.
- November 22 - 7:30 “Over the River and Through the Woods” begins performances at Barter Stage II.
- November 23 - 7:30 Opening Night of “Over the River and Through the Woods” at Barter Stage II.
- November 23 – Town Offices Close at Noon for Thanksgiving Holiday.
- November 24-25 – Town Offices closed for Thanksgiving Holiday.
- November 24 – Thanksgiving Buffet at Heartwood, 11am-5pm. Reservations recommended.
- November 25 - 8:00 Opening Night of “A Christmas Carol” with gala at Barter Theatre.
- November 28 – Healthy and Hearty Main Dish Soups, Shaun Crookshank, SWHEC 6-9pm.
- December 2 – Over 50 Expo at SWHEC, 9am-4pm.
- December 3 – MLH Local Hack Day, SWHEC, 9am-9pm.
- December 5 – Festive Artisan Breads for the Holidays, Kelli Mehl, SWHEC 6-9pm.
- December 7 – Community Christmas at Barter Theatre.
- December 12 – Holiday Cookie Making, Francine Ivery, SWHEC 6-9pm.

P. ADJOURNMENT