



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018 – 6:30 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
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 an opportunity during the meeting for you to address the Council members when the Mayor declares the public comments open. We do request that anyone addressing the Council, sign-up, approach the podium, identify your first and last name and give your complete mailing address.*

- A. WELCOME – *Cathy Lowe, Mayor***
- B. ROLL CALL – *Kim Kingsley, Deputy Clerk***
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Bob Howard, Council Member***
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- February 12, 2018 Special Called Meeting
  - March 5, 2018 Regular meeting
  - March 8, 2018 Departmental Budget Work Session
  - March 12, 2018 Departmental Budget Work Session
  - March 20, 2018 Non-Departmental Budget Work Session
- E. PUBLIC COMMENTS –** Please place your name on the sign-up sheet provided and comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person.
- F. PETITIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES –**
1. **PUBLIC HEARING – FIRST READING** – Consideration of a request for vacation of unnamed fifteen foot (15’) public right-of-way labeled as “15 ft. ROW to water” located between two parcels, namely, 018-6-37 and 018-6-36B, at or near 243 Fugate Street - *Deborah C. Icenhour, Town Attorney*
  2. **PUBLIC HEARING – FIRST READING** – Consideration of an Ordinance to enact Chapter 30, Article VI, Stormwater System, §§3126-3131 and §§3141-3143, Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection. – *Deborah C. Icenhour, Town Attorney*

**G. SECOND READINGS – NONE**

**H. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS – NONE**

**I. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER**

1. Presentation of Urban Archery Deer-Hunting Program concerning deer population in the Town limits – *Dr. David Kalb and Nelson Lafon, Deer Project Coordinator, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries*
2. Arborist Annual Tree Report – *Kevin Sigmon, Town Arborist*
3. Update on FY2018/2019 budget process- *Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager*
4. Consideration and adoption of October 1, 2003 Bylaws of Board of Architectural Review Board (now Historic Preservation Review Board) – *Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager*

**J. RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution to facilitate obtaining financial assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture for the purchase of a vehicle for the Abingdon Police Department – *Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager*
2. Resolution to approve financing terms with Highlands Union Bank for the lease purchase of a new refuse truck – *Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager*

**K. OLD BUSINESS/MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

1. Discussion regarding acceptance of property located 507 Butt Street via Assignment of Note and Deed of Trust to satisfy real estate taxes and blight abatement expenses – *Deborah C. Icenhour, Town Attorney*

**L. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

**M. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**1. Abingdon Tree Commission**

- Reappointment of Kathleen Wild, who is eligible to serve another term
- Reappointment of Ryan Monahan, who is eligible to serve another term

**2. Tourism Advisory Commission**

- Appointment of Neta Farmer, Executive Vice-President, to fill the term of Susanne Lay, *Ex Officio*, Washington County Chamber of Commerce, who retired April 1, 2018.

**3. Economic Development Authority**

- Appointment to fill the unexpired term of Richard Buddington, who has been appointed as Juvenile and Domestic Relations Judge for 28<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.

*If Council so desires, 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/reappointment the position(s) on the Abingdon Tree Commission, Tourism Advisory Board and/or Economic Development Authority.*

**N. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- April 4 – Best iPad Apps for Developing Content - VHSBI
- April 6-7 Mid-Atlantic Garden Faire- SWHEC
- April 7 – Opening Day at the Abingdon Farmers Market
- April 13-16 WKMA – Art in Bloom Exhibit
- April 18 - Grants – How to Find - VHSBI
- April 21 – Earth Day – Fields Penn Lawn
- April 28 – Virginia Creeper Trail Fest

**O. ADJOURNMENT**