



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2014 – 7:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

AMENDED – AUGUST 4, 2014 AT 10:49 A.M.

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 will come when the Mayor declares a public hearing open for comment. The second opportunity to address the council will come near the end of the Agenda when the Mayor will inquire if anyone wishes to speak to Council members regarding matters not listed on the Agenda. We do request that anyone addressing the Council, approach the podium, identify your first and last name and give your complete mailing address.

A. WELCOME – *Mayor Morgan*

B. ROLL CALL – *Cecile Rosenbaum, Town Clerk*

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - *Jayne Duehring, Council Member*

D. SPECIAL EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS – *Greg Kelly, Town Manager*

- Recognition of Johnny Pace, Coomes Recreation Center, for his twenty (20) years of service to the Town
- Recognition of Pat Brown, Department of Public Works, for her fifteen (15) years of service to the Town
- Recognition of Kevin Christy, Police Department for his twenty-five (25) years of service to the Town

- Swearing in of Officer Craig A. Weaver as Patrol Sergeant for the Town of Abingdon Police Department – *Cecile Rosenbaum, Town Clerk with pinning of the badge by Chase Weaver*

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- June 25, 2014 Emergency Closed Session Meeting
- July 1, 2014 Organizational Meeting
- July 16, 2014 Work Session Meeting

F. PETITIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

1. **Public Hearing** –Right of Way Vacation request for the east-west unopened right-of-way (approximately 250 feet long and 15 feet wide) between Campbell Street and Fulkerson Street, bound by parcels 017-11-33 and 017-11-35 on the north and Parcels 017-1-29 and 017-1-29A to the south – *John Dew, Director of Public Services/Construction*

a. Consideration of Appointment of Board of Viewers

G. SECOND READINGS - None

H. SECOND READINGS OF ORDINANCES - None

I. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS – None

J. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

1. Consideration of revised Town of Abingdon Employee Handbook – *Deborah Atkins-Vance, Director of Human Resources*
2. Consideration of annual report for the Sustain Abingdon Committee – *Tom McMullen, Chairman*
3. Consideration of renaming of the Board of Architectural Review to the Historic Preservation Review Board – *Sean Taylor, Assistant Planner*
4. Consideration of modification to the sign at the entrance of Virginia Highlands Community College relative to the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator – *Cathy Lowe, Director Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator*
5. Consideration of moving the date for the September Work Session and Regular meetings to Tuesday, September 2, 2014 as Monday, September 1st is Labor Day Holiday – *Cecile Rosenbaum, Town Clerk*

K. RESOLUTIONS – None

L. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

M. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. *Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board*

- Appointment to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Rosie Jones who has resigned her seat on the Board

2. *Tourism Advisory Committee*

- Appointment to fill the expired term of Doug Ellis, restaurant owner representative
- Appointment of Heartwood staff member to fill the unexpired term of Todd Christensen who has resigned from the Committee

N. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

O. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- August 1st – 10th – Virginia Highlands Festival
- August 7th – First Thursdays, Abingdon
- August 8th – Movies at the Muster Grounds at 8:30 p.m.
- August 8th – 10th – Virginia’s Civil War 150 HistoryMobile. Located at Depot Square. Open from 10 am to 6 pm. Free Admission.
- August 9th – Movies at the Muster Grounds at 8:30 p.m.
- August 14th – Thursday Jams featuring TAUK. 7 to 9:30 at Abingdon Market Pavilion
- August 17th – Ring of Fire: The Music of Johnny Cash Opening Performance – 7:30 p.m. Barter Theatre Main Stage
- August 21st – Thursday Jams featuring Blair Crimmins and the Hookers – 7 to 9:30 p.m. Abingdon Market Pavilion
- August 28th – Thursday Jams featuring Swear and Shake 7 to 9:30 p.m. Abingdon Market Pavilion
- August 28th – The Grascals in concert at the Barter Theatre tent – 8:00 p.m. \$16 admission
- August 29th – Jason D. Williams in concert at the Barter Theatre tent – 8:00 p.m. \$18 admission
- September 2nd – Driving Miss Daisy Opening Performance – 7:30 p.m. Barter Theatre Stage II

P. ADJOURNMENT