



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012 – 7:30 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 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.

AGENDA

A. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - *Logan Dye, Eagle Scout*

C. EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS – *Greg Kelly, Town Manager*

- Recognition of Todd Neal, Operator for his five (5) years of service at the Wolf Creek Water Reclamation Facility
- Recognition of Tammy Montgomery, Cashier for her five (5) years of service in the Finance Department
- Recognition of Deb Icenhour for her five (5) years of service as the Town Attorney
- Recognition of Chris Jennings, Patrol Officer for his fifteen (15) years of service to the Police Department
- Recognition of John Wolfe, Sergeant for his twenty-five (25) years of service to the Police Department

D. SPECIAL PRESENTATION – *Garrett Jackson, Assistant Town Manager*

- Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Logan Dye for his volunteer work at The Muster Grounds relative to his Eagle Scout Project

E. SPECIAL PRESENTATION – *Erik Blevins, Washington County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition*

- Presentation of findings from community assessment relating to vehicle crashes among 15-24 year olds that involve alcohol.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- October 1, 2012 Work Session Meeting
- October 1, 2012 Regular Meeting
- October 17, 2012 Work Session Meeting

G. PETITIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

1. **Public Hearing – First Reading** - To receive comments from the public regarding the proposed purchase of property, Tax Map No. 010-1-4, legal description Lot-16 C J Brown Estate Acr .90, Tax Map No. 010-1-4 currently owned by Associated Tree Services, Inc. This notice is given pursuant to the Code of Virginia 1950, as amended, §15.2-1800 - ***Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney***
2. **Public Hearing – First Reading** – Request for Exemption to Subdivision Ordinance, Section 5.18, Private Streets and Reserve Strips – Private Streets and reserve strips of the Town’s Subdivision Ordinance reads, “*Unless otherwise provided herein or in the town zoning ordinance, there shall be no private streets platted in any subdivision. Every subdivided property shall be served from a publicly dedicated street constructed to standards of this code and accepted and maintained by the Town of Abingdon. There shall be no reserve strips controlling access to streets*”. Tax Map No. 11(4) 5 and pursuant to Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §15.2-2204. – ***Garrett Jackson, Assistant Town Manager***

H. SECOND READINGS OF ORDINANCES

1. **Second Reading** – Proposed Rezoning – Colonial Road Development, CMM Ventures, LLC and United Way of Russell and Washington Counties, Michael C. Neal, Trustee and Representative, P.O. Box 607, Abingdon, VA 24212, application to rezone properties located between Colonial Road and Hagy Street on the north side of such streets and known as Lots No. 23 and 24 consisting of .403 acres (0.16 + 0.243), Lot 25 consisting of 0.225 acres and Lot 26 consisting of 0.25 acres of the Colonial Road Development, from R-3 Residential District to B-3 Central Business District. Tax Map No. 18(1)23, 24, 25, 26 – ***Garrett Jackson, Assistant Town Manager/Director of Planning***
2. **Second Reading** – An Ordinance by the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia to Repeal, Amend and Reenact Part II – Code, Chapter 66 – Taxation, Article II, Real Property Tax, Division 5, Historic District Tax Abatement, Sections 66-71 through 66-78, to Amend Sections 66-71 and 66-75 and add Sections 66-76 through 66-78 to the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia Providing Incentive to Homeowners in the

Historic District to Complete Essential Maintenance, Restoration, Preservation and Rehabilitation Projects through Extending a ten (10) Year Comprehensive Tax Credit for Eligible Rehabilitation Projects Completed and an Exemption from Tax Assessment Increases for a period of ten (10) years – *Garrett Jackson, Assistant Town Manager/Director of Planning*

I. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS - None

J. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

1. Consideration and approval of the revisions to the Guidelines for Design Review as recommended by the Board of Architectural Review – *Garrett Jackson, Assistant Town Manager*
2. Consideration and approval of restructuring of the Fields Penn Committee – *Garrett Jackson, Assistant Town Manager*

K. PASSAGE OF RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution of the Council of the Town of Abingdon for VDOT Revenue Sharing Application related to preliminary engineering phase of French Moore Blvd Extension – *John Dew, Director of Public Services/Construction*

L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

M. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

N. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. **Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority**
 - Reappointment of Dr. Mike Rush who is eligible to serve a second term.
2. Closed Session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the consideration and discussion of an appointments to the Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

O. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

P. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- November 10th- Train Excursion from Roanoke to Abingdon/Bristol. Tickets for ride from Abingdon to Bristol are \$35. 276-676-2282
- November 11th – Veterans Day Ceremony at Veterans Park 2:00 p.m.
- November 12th- Veterans Day-Offices Closed
- November 16th-18th- Coomes Center Craft Show
- November 17th- Zazzy'z Coffeeshouse- Best Beard and Moustache Competition- 2pm
- November 22nd-23rd- Thanksgiving Holidays- Offices Closed
- December 1st- Christmas Parade- Main Street- 11am
- December 3rd – Council meeting

Q. ADJOURNMENT