



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011 – 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

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- November 7, 2011 Work Session Agenda
- November 7, 2011 Regular Agenda

D. PRESENTATIONS AND SERVICE AWARDS

1. Presentation of Muster Grounds painting purchased by the Town of Abingdon from Artist Richard Luce to be displayed at Retirement – ***Grey Kelly, Town Manager***
2. Recognition of Jim Hicks, Director of Human Resources/Safety on his retirement effective January 1, 2012 and honoring him for his years of service to the Town - ***Greg Kelly, Town Manager***

E. PETITIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES – None.

F. SECOND READINGS OF ORDINANCES – None.

G. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS – None.

H. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

1. Consideration of request from Sinking Spring Cemetery Committee to appropriate funds from the Cemetery fund for use in construction of a columbarium at the Cemetery – *Charles Seaver, Committee Chair*
2. Consideration of scheduling of January Regular Council Meeting as Monday, January 2nd, 2012 is a state holiday and Town offices will be closed – *Cecile Rosenbaum, Town Clerk*

I. PASSAGE OF RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia Commending the Farris Family of Abingdon for Their Contributions to the “A Call To Arms” Colonial Education Program – *Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning*

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

L. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

M. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. *Appointment of one (1) person to serve on the Abingdon Redevelopment Housing Authority Board*
 - Appointment of Marcie Barnes expired in October and she is not eligible for reappointment (*This matter is continued from the Regular November meeting*)

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 appointment to the Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board.

N. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- December 3rd: Christmas Parade- Main Street- 11am
- December 3rd: Holston Mtn Artisans Christmas Open House- 10am-2pm
- December 3rd-Jan 16th: O'Christmas Tree Event at Fields-Penn House- 10am-4pm everyday
- December 12th - Annual Community Christmas Program- Barter Theatre- 7pm-276-628-9999
- December 31st- Heartwood New Year's Party and Silent Auction- 8pm- 276-492-2420
- January 2, 2012 Town Office closed in observance of New Year's Holiday

O. ADJOURNMENT