



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014 – 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.

CORRECTED AGENDA

A. WELCOME – *Mayor Morgan*

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

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - *Cathy Lowe, Vice Mayor*

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

- Acknowledgement of employee certifications and achievement
- Presentation of Employees of the Year Awards and Outstanding Employee of the Year

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- April 7, 2014 Work Session Meeting
- April 7, 2014 Regular Meeting

F. PETITIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

1. **Public Hearing** – Consideration of Deed of Gift By and Between Hurt Properties, LP, Donor and the Town of Abingdon, Virginia, Donee – ***Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney***
2. **Public Hearing – First Reading** – An Ordinance of the Council of the Town of Abingdon to Repeal, Amend and Reenact Article II, Chapter 66, Real Property Tax §66-42 of the Code of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia to Amend the Property Tax Exemption for Property Owners Qualifying as Elderly and/or Totally and Permanently Handicapped – ***Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney***

3. **Public Hearing – First Reading** – An Ordinance of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia Proposing a Budget for the Town of Abingdon, Virginia and to Make Appropriation for the Current Expenses of the Town and To Fix a Tax Rate Upon Real and Personal Property, to Fix All Other Local Tax Rates and Fees and Rates on Utility Services for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2014 and Ending June 30, 2015 – **Greg Kelly, Town Manager**

G. SECOND READINGS –

1. **Second Reading** – Proposed amendment to Repeal, Amend, and Reenact the Town of Abingdon Zoning Ordinance, B-2 General Business Zoning District, to add Single Family and Multi-Family as a Permitted Use by Right in such zone as section number 11-1-1, Tax Map No. 106(A)11A. – **Garrett Jackson, Assistant Town Manager**

H. SECOND READINGS OF ORDINANCES

1. **Second Reading** – An Ordinance of The Council of The Town Of Abingdon, Virginia To Vacate an Unopened Right Of Way Formerly Known As Mountain View Street and Lying Perpendicular to Jackson and Johnson Streets and Bounded By Three Parcels of Land Currently Owned By K-Va-T Food Stores, Inc., Abingdon, Virginia - **Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney** (*This item was listed on the original agenda incorrectly and is now corrected*)

I. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS

1. Consideration of bids for Pedestrian Improvement Project (Whites Mill/Court/Oakhill Streets) – **John B. Dew, Director of Public Services/Construction**
2. Consideration of bids for Academy Drive Widening Project - **John B. Dew, Director of Public Services/Construction**

J. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

1. Consideration of Bylaws for the Tourism Advisory Committee – **Kevin Costello, Director of Tourism** (*continued from the April 7th 2014 Regular meeting*)
2. Consideration of report on the Sinking Spring Cemetery – **David Winship, Committee Representative**

K. RESOLUTIONS - None

L. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

M. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. *Tourism Advisory Board*

- Appointment of Donna Price who is eligible for reappointment to a second term

2. *Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board*

- Appointment to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Mike Rush who has resigned his seat on the board

N. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

O. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- May 1st- First Thursday!
- May 1st- Heartwood, Crooked Road Open Jam. 276-492-2400.
- May 2, 3, 4- Garden Faire, at SWHEC. \$6.00 per day. For more information contact Washington County VA. Master Gardeners at 276-356-7871 or 276-701-1467. fmwall@comcast.net
suebslacl@aol.com for vendors or visit their website www.gardenfaire.net
- May 4th- Heartwood, Mother's Day "Make and Take" Craft for Kids. 11am-2pm. Free. 276-492-2400.
- May 5th-Heartwood, Cinco de Mayo Lunch Special. 10am-3pm. 276-492-2400.
- May 6, 2014 – Town Council elections – Town Hall – First Floor
- May 8th-Heartwood, Crooked Road Youth, features UVA-Wise Bluegrass Band. 6:30-8:00. 276-492-2400.
- May 10th-Heartwood, Crooked Road Youth Music Festival. 12pm-7pm. \$5.00 admission. Also, featuring artisan Margaret Rich, fiber artist 10am-4pm. 276-492-2400
- May 11th-Heartwood, Mother's Day Brunch Buffet. 11am-5pm. 276-492-2400.
- May 15th-Heartwood, Crooked Road Jam. 6:30-9:00 276-492-2400.
- May 16th-May 18th- Appalachian Trail Days. Damascus, VA
- May 17th 8pm Opening performance of *Educating Rita* – Barter Theatre Stage II
- May 17th-Heartwood, Southwest Virginia Wine Festival. 1pm-5pm. 276-492-2400.
- May 22nd- Heartwood, Crooked Road Showcase 6:30-9pm. 276-492-2400.
- May 23rd-May 24th- Richard Leigh Songwriters Festival at VHCC and Heartwood. 276-739-2569.

- May 24th - Backcountry Cooking at Abingdon Muster Grounds. 276-525-1050
- May 24th - Plumb Alley Day.
- May 25th 3pm Opening performance of *The Wizard of Oz* – Barter Theatre Main Stage – Gala Immediately Following at Barter Square
- May 29th - Heartwood, Crooked Road Open Jam. 6:30-9:00 pm. 276-492-2400.
- May 29th - Thursday Jams Concert Series with The Duhks. Abingdon Market Pavilion. 7pm-9:30pm. FREE. 276-676-2282.

P. ADJOURNMENT