



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2009 – 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 / POSTING OF COLORS BY THE
HIGHLANDS VETERAN HONOR GUARD**

Honor Guard Members are Bill Meade, David Reynolds, Butch Fields, Dorlis Cook, Charlie Coleman and Paul Baker

- Moment of silence to honor the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 “a date which will live in infamy”.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- October 27, 2009 Work Session Meeting
- November 2, 2009 Work Session Meeting
- November 2, 2009 Regular Meeting

D. SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VOLUNTEERS

- Recognition and acknowledgement of volunteers who worked on the restoration of the Norfolk Western Caboose located in Depot Square.

E. PETITIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Consideration of Final Plat for Subdivision - Proposed subdivision of property owned by Sanford E. and Frances M. Pippin, located on the south side of Wyndale Road Hills between Woodland Road and Repass Street. The proposed subdivision will divide one existing lot containing about 1.88 acres and three (3) duplex structure into four (4) lots, ranging in size from 0.22 acres (9,268 sq. ft.) to 0.79 acres (34,554 sq.ft.) Tax Map #104(A)32.

F. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS

1. Consideration of bids submitted for the Town's property and casualty insurance – *Samuel Rosenthal, Rosenthal Insurance Consulting*

G. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

1. Consideration of sponsorship request by Community Christmas, Inc. for the 16th Annual Community Christmas Program at Barter Theatre – *Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager*
2. Consideration of pre-authorization to award the bid for the Virginia Creeper Trail Enhancement Project – *Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager*

H. PASSAGE OF RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution of the Council of the Town of Abingdon regarding the preservation of the Norfolk and Western Railway C32P Caboose #55091 for the Town of Abingdon, Virginia and located in Depot Square – *Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager*
2. Resolution of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia to amend the inter-municipal agreement with Washington County, Virginia Board of Supervisors and the Washington County Service Authority – *Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager*

I. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES – None.

J. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES – None.

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Update on findings and recommendations from the Town Manager regarding property determined to be blighted located at 268 Leonard Street, Abingdon, Virginia after owners failed to carry out a plan to cure or eliminate the blight within the time period acceptable by the Town Manager – ***Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning – This matter was tabled by Council at the November 2, 2009 regular meeting***

L. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

M. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

N. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Appointment to the Industrial Development Authority (1)
 - Appointment of one member to the Industrial Development Authority to fill the unexpired term of Tammy Colangelo who resigned in September, 2009 (**** Note – Council appointed Todd Creasy to this fill this appointment, subject to his acceptance, at the regular September, 2009 meeting. Mr. Creasy did not accept the appointment***)
2. Appointments to the Tourism Advisory Board (2)
 - Appointment to fill the expired term of Courtney Bledsoe, representative of Barter Theatre, for a (3) year term appointment. (**** Note – Council continued this appointment to the December 2009 regular meeting***)
 - Appointment to fill the expired term of Rachel Fowlkes who is ***no longer*** eligible for reappointment. (****Note – Council appointed Christine Fields to this appointment, subject to her acceptance, at the regular November, 2009 meeting. Ms. Fields declined the appointment***)

3. Closed Session

- Closed Session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for discussion and consideration of appointments to the Industrial Development Authority and the Tourism Advisory Board.
- Closed Session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.20-3711(A)(3) for the consideration of acquisition, use, or disposition of public property.

O. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- December 12th- Breakfast with Santa at the Coomes Center 9am
- December 13th- Christmas Tour of Homes
- December 14th -16th Annual Community Christmas Program at Barter Theatre- @ 7:00pm
- December 19th- Main Street Twelve Days of Christmas free trolley service 10am-6pm. Visit at least 12 stores in 2 weeks and win a special collectible ornament!
- December 24th and December 25th Town offices closed for Christmas Holiday
- January 1, 2010 Town offices closed for New Year's Holiday
- January 4, 2010 Regular Council meeting

P. ADJOURNMENT