



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 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**

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- October 5, 2009 Work Session Meeting
- October 5, 2009 Regular Meeting

**D. EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

- Employee Acknowledgement for professional achievement – ***Greg Kelly, Town Manager***

**E. PETITIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. Public Hearing - 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***

2. Public Hearing – Application to sell under Section 8-13-3 and 8-13-4 property known as “The Little Cave House” on Alleyway between Main Street and Plumb Alley in 200 block of East Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia filed by Mary Dudley Porterfield pursuant to Old and Historic District, of the Code of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia – ***Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney***

**F. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS – None.**

**G. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER**

1. Consideration of request from The Black’s Fort Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and from The Historical Society of Washington County, Virginia to erect a marker on “The Rock” at the Muster Grounds – ***Joella Barbour, Vice Regent, Black’s Fort Chapter, DAR and President of The Historical Society of Washington County***
2. Consideration of new Town of Abingdon Employee Handbook – ***Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager***

**H. PASSAGE OF RESOLUTIONS - None.**

**I. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES – None.**

**J. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES – None.**

**K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**L. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**M. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

## **N. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Appointment to the Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority (1)
  - Appointment to fill the expired term of Bruce Mathews who is no longer eligible for reappointment.
  
2. Appointments to the Tourism Advisory Board (3)
  - Appointments to fill the expired terms of Courtney Bledsoe and Jason Berry, both of whom are eligible for three (3) year term reappointments.
  - Appointment to fill the expired term of Rachel Fowlkes who is *no longer* eligible for reappointment.
  
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 Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board and the Tourism Advisory Board.

## **O. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Nov. 3 – Election Day – Don't Forget To Vote!
- Nov. 6,7,8- Mistletoe Market at Higher Ed Center
- Nov. 11 – Veterans Service honoring Overmountain Men at Veterans Memorial Park
- Nov. 11- Veterans Day (Town offices closed)
- Nov. 16 – Tourism Forum at Barter Stage II
- Nov. 20, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> – Craft Fair at the Coomes Recreation Center
- Nov. 25 (offices close at noon) Nov. 26 and 27- Thanksgiving – Town offices closed
- Dec. 7 – Regular December Council meeting

## **P. ADJOURNMENT**