



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2008 – 7:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

AGENDA

A. ROLL CALL

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- July 1, 2008 Organizational/Regular Meeting

D. SPECIAL EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Recognition of and Award of Town Employees of the Year – *Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager*

E. PETITIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Spot Blight Abatement** – Commercial Property (Citgo Station) located at 598 Cummings Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. 105A(1)2.

F. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS - NONE

G. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

1. Consideration of request for funding from William King Regional Arts Center Cultural Heritage Archive Project – *Betsy White, Executive Director* and *Valerie A. McConnell, Officer of Development*

2. Consideration of acceptance of two (2) School Resource Incentive grants, numbers 09-A5883FR09 and 09-A5884FR09 for the Abingdon Police Department – ***Tony Sullivan, Chief of Police***
3. Presentation of Annual Report of the Town of Abingdon Planning Commission – ***Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning***
4. Consideration of authorization of Town Manager to execute agreements from the Virginia Department of Transportation regarding transfer of funding to the Depot Square Pedestrian Safety Renovations project – ***Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager***
5. Consideration of disposition/use of Summers Law Office Building located on Court Street – ***Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager***
6. Consideration of Establishment of Town of Abingdon “Go Green” Initiative Committee – ***Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager***
7. Consideration of August date for meeting with the Washington County Board of Supervisors regarding the joint Town/County Sports Complex (County has requested date be between August 14th and August 25th) – ***Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager***
8. Consideration of scheduling September 2008 Council Meeting as regular meeting date falls on Labor Day Holiday – ***Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager***

H. PASSAGE OF RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia Recommending the Determination of Blight and Acceptance of the Town Manager’s Plan for Remedy of Property at 598 Cummings Street, Abingdon, Virginia – ***Garrett W. Jackson, Director of Planning***

2. A Resolution of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia in appreciation of funds from the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission's Southwest Economic Development Committee toward the construction of an alternative power source facility to service the Stone Mill Business and Technology Park – *Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning*
3. A Resolution of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia for affirmation of authorization to pick-up the employee's contribution to VRS for Town of Abingdon, 55300 Under §414 (h) of the Internal Revenue Code – *Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager*

I. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES - NONE

J. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES - NONE

K. OLD BUSINESS

L. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

M. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

N. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Appointment to The Mustering Grounds Steering Committee (1)
 - Appointment to fill expiring term of one (1) member of The Mustering Grounds Steering Committee. Appointment is currently Dr. French H. Moore, Jr. and his one year term expires on August 6, 2008. The new term for this appointment will commence on August 7, 2008 and end on August 7, 2009. Dr. Moore *is* eligible for reappointment.
2. Appointment to the Recreation Advisory Commission (1)
 - Appointment to fill expired term of one (1) member of the Recreation Advisory Commission. Appointment is currently Jennifer Ramseyer and her term expires on August 4, 2008. The new term for this appointment will commence on August 5, 2008 and end on August 5, 2013. Mrs. Ramseyer *is* eligible for reappointment.

3. Closed Session

- Closed Session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A) (1) consideration of appointment to The Mustering Grounds Steering Committee and the Recreation Advisory Commission.
- Closed Session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual or probable litigation.

O. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- July 26th through August 10th – Virginia Highlands Festival
- Saturday, August 16th, Jimmy Fleenor and the Dixieland Band at Kiwanis Pavilion
- Saturday, August 16th Radio kickoff at Abingdon Market Pavilion
- Monday, September 1, 2008 Offices closed for Labor Day Holiday

P. ADJOURNMENT