



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 4, 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. ROLL CALL

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- April 6, 2009 Work Session Meeting
- April 6, 2009 Regular Meeting
- April 7, 2009 Budget Work Session
- April 13, 2009 Budget Work Session

D. SPECIAL EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Recognition of Regina Carmark for five (5) years of service to the Horticulture Department of the Town of Abingdon.
- Recognition of Sean Taylor and Tenille Montgomery for their graduation from the Washington County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program.

E. PETITIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing - Proposed Amendments (*Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning*)**

- Amend and Reenact Article 26, Definitions to include Distribute, Distributor, and Microbrewery within the definitions of the Town of Abingdon Zoning Ordinance.
- Amend and Reenact Article 8, Section 8-2B Special Uses in the Old and Historic District to include Distributor and Microbrewery.
- Amend and Reenact Sections 10-1, 11-1, and 12-1, Permitted Uses by Right, in the B-1 Limited Business District, B-2 General Business District and B-3 Central Business District to include Distributor and Microbrewery as Permitted Uses by Right.

2. Public Hearing - Consideration of Grant for Police Department (*Tony Sullivan, Chief of Police*)

Consideration of public input regarding an application by the Police Department of the Town of Abingdon for a Community Policing Enhancement grant, #2009-F3788-VA-SU, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Recovery Act – Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

3. Public hearing - Consideration of Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2009/2010

4. Public Hearing – Consideration of Amendment of Ordinance (*Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney*)

Consideration of AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ABINGDON TO AMEND CHAPTER 66, SUBSECTIONS 66-1, 66-2 AND 66-43 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA, TO ESTABLISH SEMI-ANNUAL COLLECTION OF LOCAL TAXES AND TO AMEND THE DUE DATES FOR COLLECTION OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

F. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS

1. Consideration of bids for the construction of two (2) Rhon towers; one tower will be placed on the campus of Virginia Highlands Community College and one will be placed at the Wolfe Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility – *Floyd Bailey, Director of Information Technology*
2. Consideration of bids for asphalt resurfacing work FY 2008-2009 – *John Dew, Director of Public Services and Construction*

G. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

1. Presentation and update on the *Heartwood* Artisan's Center project – ***Rob Jones, Project Manager***
2. Consideration of request for authorization to hold a public hearing for purpose of borrowing funds for acquisition of property and for disposition of property – ***Greg Kelly, Town Manager***
3. Consideration of reconvening of Town Sports Complex Committee to further study the location and scope of additional sports fields in Abingdon – ***Greg Kelly, Town Manager***

H. PASSAGE OF RESOLUTIONS - None

I. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

1. An Ordinance to make appropriation for the current expenses of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia. To fix a rate upon Real and Personal Property and Utility services for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.
2. An Ordinance of the Council of the Town of Abingdon to Amend Chapter 66, Subsections 66-1, 66-2 And 66-43 of the Code of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia, to Establish Semi-Annual Collection of Local Taxes and to Amend the Due Dates for Collection of Real Property Taxes and Personal Property Taxes (***Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney***)

J. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES - None

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Consideration of review of new Abingdon Fire Department By-Laws – (***item continued from April 6, 2009 meeting***) ***Joey Burke, Fire Chief and Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney***

L. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

M. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

N. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals

- One (1) appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals to serve a three (3) year term.

Closed Session –

- *Closed Session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for discussion and consideration of appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals*

O. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- May 4th – Regular Council Meeting
- May 8th -Fundraiser Dinner at the Senior Center 6pm
- May 9th - **Mountain Park Olde Time Band** and **Blue Highway** in concert at the Farmer's Market 6:30pm
- May 14th - Go Green Meeting
- May 23rd - Plumb Alley Day
- May 23rd - **The Tams** in concert at the Farmers Market 8:00pm
- May 25th - Memorial Day (offices closed)
- June 1, 2009 Regular Council Meeting

P. ADJOURNMENT