



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2011 – 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 – Boy Scout Troop #1 – Pleasant View United Methodist Church - *Troop members are Denham Bays, Austin Boardwine, Ben Boardwine, Myles James, Caleb Miller and Jacob Miller***

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- March 7, 2011 Work Session Meeting
- March 7, 2011 Regular Meeting

**D. Employee Acknowledgements**

- Authorization of purchase by Sgt. Danny Freeman for service handgun pursuant to §59.1-148.3 for the sum of \$1.00
- Acknowledgement of Sgt. Freeman's thirty (30) years of service to the Town of Abingdon Police Department – ***Greg Kelly, Town Manager and Tony Sullivan, Chief of Police***

**E. PETITIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

1. **Petition – Public Hearing - Right of Way Vacation - -** In accordance with the Code of Virginia, §15.2-2006 to receive comments from the public

regarding the petition of Janet Woolwine, et al for the vacation of a 16-foot wide, north –south unopened right of way with terminus points on Park Street

and Blacks Fort Lane, approximately 285 feet east to Pecan Street, involving property being Tax Map Nos. 013-6-3 and 013-6-5 – ***John Dew, Director of Public Services and Construction***

- a. Appointment of Board of Viewers
2. **Petition – Right of Way Vacation** - regarding the petition of Janet Woolwine, et al to vacate a portion of north-south unopened right of way with terminus points on Park Street and Railroad Street, approximately 125 feet west of Pecan Street involving property being Tax Map Nos. 013-1-120F;013-1-120E;013-1-120B;013-1-120C; and 013-1-120D. – ***John Dew, Director of Public Services and Construction***
3. **Public Hearing** – Consideration of renewal of franchise contract with cable television provider Comcast Cable Network – ***Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney***

#### **F. SECOND READINGS OF ORDINANCES**

1. Application to Repeal, Amend and Reenact the Town of Abingdon Zoning Ordinance, Article 3, Section 3-1-16, Permitted Uses by Right, to add Churches within the AFOS Agricultural, Forestal, and Open Spaces District. Application by request submitted by Shady Grove Pentecostal Holiness Church located on Shady Street. Tax Map No. 84C2(1)45 - ***Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning***

#### **G. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS**

1. Consideration and award of bid for guardrail repair and replacement – ***John Dew, Director of Public Services and Construction***
2. Consideration and award of bid for asphalt resurfacing work throughout the Town - ***John Dew, Director of Public Services and Construction***
3. Consideration and award of bid for curb, gutter, and sidewalk repairs throughout the Town - ***John Dew, Director of Public Services and Construction***

## **H. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER**

1. Consideration of Economic Impact Study prepared for Johnston Memorial Hospital – *Sean McMurray, CEO, Johnston Memorial Hospital*
2. Presentation and consideration of annual Tree Report – *Kevin Sigmon, Town Arborist and Paul Revell, Department of Forestry*
3. Presentation and consideration of the annual report of the Sinking Spring Cemetery Committee – *Charles Seaver, Chairman*
4. Consideration of amendments to by-laws for the Recreation Advisory Commission - *Kevin Worley, Director of Parks and Recreation*
5. Consideration of establishment of policies and procedures for use of social media outlets by the Town of Abingdon – *Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney*
6. Authorization of Town Manager to enter into contract for energy audit for Town buildings - *Kevin Worley, Director of Parks and Recreation*
7. Presentation by 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment Foundation, Inc and the SW Virginia Tea-Party/Abingdon – *Richard McBeth and Catherine Turner, Representatives*

## **I. PASSAGE OF RESOLUTIONS**

1. Consideration of Resolution of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia to Extend the Benefit of Health Insurance Enrollment to Employees of the Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority – *Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney*
2. Consideration of Resolution of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia to Declaring the Month of April as Juice Drive Month - *Yvette Sumner, Product Coordinator and Volunteer Recruitment for Feeding America Southwest Virginia*

## **J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Consideration of scheduling of meeting of the town's Historic Properties Committee – *Cathy C. Lowe, Vice Mayor*

**K. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**L. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

**M. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

1. *Appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals*
  - Appointment to fill the expired term of Kenny Shuman who is *not* eligible for reappointment.
2. Appointment to the Go Green Committee
  - Appointment to fill the unexpired term of Mike Ostroski, Barter Representative, who is not able to serve.
3. Closed Session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the consideration and discussion of an appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Go Green Committee.

**N. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- April 2nd- Community Performance International: The Wolf Hills Project- Small Business Incubator from 9-11am- Meeting about the script and ideas
- April 4<sup>th</sup> – Regular Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- April 5 -Free Health Fair, Abingdon Senior Center, Virginia Ballroom (300 Senior Drive). 9:30-1:30 Free and open to the public. Bring 2 cans of food for donation to United Way and receive a ticket for numerous door prizes.
- April 7th- 75th Anniversary Dinner Meeting of the Historical Society of Washington County- 6-9pm. Tickets are \$25-Martha Washington Inn Ballroom
- April 9th- A Tisket, A Tasket, A Literary Basket- 6-9pm- Tickets \$25- Glenrochie Country Club
- April 15-17- SWVA Higher Ed Center Garden Faire
- April 16th-Farmers Market Opens

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- April 17th- Jazz Festival at Abingdon Senior Center- 2-6pm. Tickets are \$8. Featuring- The Diamonds, The Dixieland Jazz Band and E.B. Stanley Middle School Jazz Band
- April 23rd- Earth Day Celebration at Fields-Penn House- 10am-1pm. FREE -Rain Barrel Workshop \$15.00. Free inflatables, composting workshop, face painting! Reduce Reuse Recycle! Make art from recycled materials at the Fields-Penn House, located on the corner of Main and Cummings near the Farmer's Market. **FREE E-WASTE DISPOSAL AT DEPOT SQUARE.**
- April 30th- 40th Anniversary Celebration for Holston Mountain Artisans Beginning at 10 AM.

#### **O. ADJOURNMENT**