

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

A regular meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, April 7, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council chambers of the Municipal Building.

**A. ROLL CALL**

Members of Council Present:

Mayor Lois H. Humphreys  
Mr. Robert M. Howard, Vice Mayor  
Dr. French H. Moore, Jr.  
Mrs. Cathy Lowe  
Mr. Edward B. Morgan

Administrative Staff:

Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager  
Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk  
Deborah Icenhour, Assistant Town Attorney  
Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning  
Mark Godbey, Town Treasurer/Dir. Of Finance  
John Dew, Director of Public Services/Construction  
Jim Smith, Dir. Of Wastewater Operations/Town Eng.  
Tony Sullivan, Chief of Police  
Chris Johnson, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Myra Cook, Director of Tourism  
Kevin Sigmon, Town Arborist

Visitors:

Tom Phillips, Mary Ann Holbrook, Kyle Roblee, Vaughn Groves, Scott Wilson, Carolyn Lee, Betsy White, L.B. Atkins, Jason Berry, Courtney Berry, Derrick Dutcher, Valerie McConnel, Courtney Bledsoe, Charlene Truhlik, John Crigger,

Members of Boy Scout Troop 222:

Josh Groves, Simon Okes, Rutger Wilson, Justin Short, Preston Moore, Jared Griffith, Bruce Stiltner, Liam Bench, Hunter Wilson, Joey Newton, Tanner Cook.

The Mayor welcomed everyone in attendance and recognized the members of Boy Scout Troop 222.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the members of Boy Scout Troop 222.

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### **C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- March 3, 2008 Work Session
- March 3, 2008 Regular Meeting
- March 13, 2008 Special Called Meeting
- March 25, 2008 Budget Work Session

**On motion of Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Morgan, the Council approved the minutes of the March 3, 2008 Work Session, the minutes of March 3, 2008 Regular Meeting, the minutes of the March 13, 2008 Special Called meeting and the minutes of the March 25, 2008 Regular meeting as presented.**

**The roll call vote was:**

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| <b>Mrs. Lowe</b>       | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Morgan</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Dr. Moore</b>       | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Howard</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mayor Humphreys</b> | <b>Aye</b> |

**The motion carried.**

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### **D. SPECIAL EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

At this time Greg Kelly, Town Manager asked that Lt. Bill Snodgrass, Patrol Division Supervisor step forward. Mr. Kelly presented Mr. Snodgrass with plaque recognition of his thirty (30) years of service working for the Town of Abingdon Police Department.

### **E. PETITIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 1. Public Hearing** – Receive comments from the public regarding a Deed of Quit Claim of property from Historical Society of Washington County, Inc. to the Town of Abingdon and Deed of Quit Claim of property from Olivia Summers Dutcher, Suzanne Summers Farren,

Lowden Jessup, III, Ann Jessup Likas, Charlene Jessup Pearson, and Helen Knight Brown to the Town of Abingdon with said property being Tax Map # 013-1-40.

No members of the public spoke in opposition to the Public Hearing.

**F. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS - NONE**

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**G. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER**

**1. Donation of Summers Law Office – Authorize Town Manager to execute and accept the deeds from the heirs and the Historical Society.**

Greg Kelly, Town Manager, recognized Derrick Dutcher, a member of the Summers family. Mr. Dutcher commented that the family wished to donate the Summers Law Office building to the Town of Abingdon and presented Mayor Humphreys with a signed Deed from the remaining heirs conveying the property. Mr. Kelly noted that the Washington County Historical Society also had an interest in the property that they would be conveying to the Town and that approval would take place at their May meeting.

**On motion of Dr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Morgan, the Council authorized Greg Kelly, Town Manager, to execute and accept the Deed from the heirs of the Summers Law Office and from the Historical Society.**

**The roll call vote was:**

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|------------------------|------------|
| <b>Mrs. Lowe</b>       | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Morgan</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Dr. Moore</b>       | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Howard</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mayor Humphreys</b> | <b>Aye</b> |

**The motion carried.**

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**2. Town Arborist Annual Report.**

Kevin Sigmon, Town Arborist appeared before the Council members and reviewed the annual arborist report for the Town. Mr. Sigmon commented that Abingdon was again designated as a Tree City, USA. Mr. Sigmon further noted that he is looking into grant opportunities in order to provide funding to complete the Town's tree inventory. He reported that he will be attending a training seminar in Bristol, Virginia Tree Keepers, for certified arborists. Mr. Sigmon reminded Council members that Arbor Day will be on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> and there will be a small ceremony at 2:00 p.m. that day at E.B. Stanley Middle School.

Mrs. Lowe inquired about the Veterans Memorial Trees at Veterans Memorial Park.

No action was required by Council on this agenda item.

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### **3. William King Regional Arts Center.**

- **Update on Fields Penn House repairs**

Betsy White appeared before Council members to provide an update of the Fields Penn House. She reported that it reopened for visitors the first of April. Mrs. White said the hours of the Fields Penn House were expanded from 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 a.m. to add two (2) additional hours of tour time for tourists. Mrs. White indicated that the cracks in the plaster in several areas of the house had been repaired and painted.

- **Introduction of Rose Cabinet Shop Exhibit**

Mrs. White reported on the Rose Cabinet Shop Exhibit which the Arts Center is in the process of compiling. She reported that she has assisted in authoring an article that will appear in Antiques Magazine about the Rose Cabinet Shop. Mrs. White said this exhibit will open on July 25<sup>th</sup> and last through January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

- **Consideration of request for assistance with advertisement for Rose Cabinet Shop exhibit**

Mr. Kelly indicated that he had already handled this request for assistance and that Council action was not necessary.

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### **4. Consideration of adoption of Abingdon Market Pavilion Rules and Regulations.**

Deborah Icenhour, Assistant Town Attorney, appeared before the Council members to report that she had reviewed the attached Abingdon Market Pavilion Rules and Regulations. She reported that she had made some formatting changes to make the document more reader friendly and had made changes requested by the Council at the March work session. Ms. Icenhour recommended that Council adopt the Rules and Regulations as presented.

**On motion of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Howard, the Council approved the Abingdon Market Pavilion Rules and Regulations as presented.**

**The roll call vote was:**

<b>Mrs. Lowe</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Morgan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Dr. Moore</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Howard</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Humphreys</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**The motion carried.**

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#### **H. PASSAGE OF RESOLUTIONS – NONE**

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#### **I. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES – NONE**

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#### **J. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES – NONE**

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#### **K. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

##### **1. Appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals (2)**

- Appointment to fill expired term of Kenny Shuman – Mr. Shuman's appointment expires on April 30, 2008 and he *is* eligible for reappointment.
- Appointment to fill expired term of Sam Hurt – Mr. Hurt's appointment expires on April 30, 2008 and he *is* eligible for reappointment.

**On motion of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Howard, the Council appointed Kenny Shuman and Sam Hurt to second terms on the Board of Zoning Appeals with their terms commencing on April 30, 2008 and expiring on April 30, 2011.**

**The roll call vote was:**

<b>Mrs. Lowe</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Morgan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Dr. Moore</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Howard</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Humphreys</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**The motion carried.**

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#### **L. OLD BUSINESS – NONE**

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#### **M. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

At this time Mayor Humphreys asked if the Town Manager and Council members had any items to address.

- Greg Kelly, Town Manager, reminded everyone that April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 would be Media Day for the Music Events Committee. He indicated that the event would be held at the Market Pavilion from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Mr. Morgan inquired of the completion date for the weathervane that is to be placed atop the Market Pavilion.
- Dr. Moore reminded everyone that the Highland Jazz Festival would be held on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at the Higher Education Center.
- Chris Johnson, Director of Parks and Recreation, reminded the Council that the Coomes Center was sponsoring a dance at the Higher Education Center on Friday, May 23, 2008 from 7:00 to 11:00 featuring the group “The Gentlemen and Their Lady”.

**On motion of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Howard, the Council meeting was recessed to April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 for a joint meeting with the Washington County Board of Supervisors.**

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**The roll call vote was:**

<b>Mrs. Lowe</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Morgan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Dr. Moore</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Howard</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Humphreys</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**The motion carried.**

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Lois H. Humphreys, Mayor

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Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk