



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2008 – 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

- November 3, 2008 Work Session
- November 3, 2008 Regular Meeting
- November 18, 2008 Work Session

D. PETITIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing** – Special Use Permit – Senior Services Center, Inc.
(Abingdon Senior Center dba Virginia Ballroom, application for Special Use Permit pursuant to Article 6, Section 6-2-2 and 6-2-3, Special Uses, of the Zoning Ordinance, in the R-3 Residential District of the Town of Abingdon to operate party houses and clubs. Tax Map No. 5(6)1.
2. **Public Hearing** – First Reading – Proposed Amendment – Application by Kings Mountain Properties, LLC, J.D. Morefield, Representative, to repeal, amend and reenact the Town of Abingdon Zoning Ordinance, Article 9, Section 9-1-28, Permitted Uses By Right, to add light industry within the O&I Office and Institutional District. Tax Map No. 106(7)1A.

3. **Public Hearing** – Lease Agreement – The renewal and modification of a Lease Agreement with the Fairview in Abingdon Foundation to occupy the property at 908 Hillman Highway, Abingdon, Virginia and being a portion of Tax Map No. 106-5-4, consisting of 22.1(+) acres.
4. **Public Hearing** – Lease Agreement – The installation of a cellular tower to be located on a portion of the property located in the Town of Abingdon, Virginia on the campus of Virginia Highlands Community College, Exit 14, Abingdon, Virginia and more particularly described on a plat “Showing a portion of Commonwealth of Virginia State Board of Community Colleges”, recorded in the Washington County Circuit Court Clerk’s Office in Deed Book, 426, page 218.

E. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS - NONE

F. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

1. Consideration of disposition of surplus badges from the Abingdon Police Department – *Tony Sullivan, Chief of Police*
2. Consideration of appropriation of funds to make repairs to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority building located on Green Springs Road – *Rick Statzer, Building Inspector*
3. Consideration of funding request from Abingdon Main Street, Inc. – *Gary Kimbrell, President, Abingdon Main Street, Inc.*
4. Report on status of Tourism website and upcoming Tourism forum – *Courtney Bledsoe, Chairman, Tourism Advisory Committee*
5. Consideration of funding request from *ElderSpirit* – *Sharon Gilliam, Executive Director of ElderSpirit*
6. Consideration of appropriation of funds for centrally located recycling bin – *John Dew, Director of Public Services/Construction*

G. PASSAGE OF RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia to encourage the Washington County, Virginia Board of Supervisors and the Washington County Planning Commission to consider the contents of the Town's Comprehensive Plan as they review and amend the contents of their Comprehensive Plan – *Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning*

H. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

1. An Ordinance to Repeal, Amend and Reenact the Town of Abingdon's Zoning Ordinance, Article 9, Section 9-2-4, to allow Light Industry Uses Under the Special Use Category in accordance with Definitions provided by the American Planning Association ("APA").

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES - NONE

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of memorial tree policy at Veterans Memorial Park – *Ed Morgan, Council Member*

K. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

L. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

M. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Appointment to the Tourism Advisory Board (1)
 - One appointment to fill the unexpired term of Pat Jessee who has resigned from the Tourism Advisory Board. Term will commence on December 2, 2008 and expire on November 6, 2009.
 - Appointment of two (2) members to the "Go Green" Committee.
2. Closed Session
 - Closed session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for discussion or consideration of appointment of public officers.

N. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Monday, December 1, 2008 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting
- Thursday, December 4, 2008 “*Mingle and Jingle*” – Shop downtown Abingdon
- Thursday, December 4, 2008 7:00 p.m. Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Barter Green
- December 13, 2008 Breakfast with Santa at the Coomes Center for the first 100 children
- December 14, 2008 Historic Tour of Homes
- December 19, 2008 Holiday Dance at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center featuring *The Collegians*
- December 24, 2008 Town Offices close at noon for Christmas Eve
- December 25, 2008 Town offices closed for Christmas Day
- December 25, 2008 Community Christmas Dinner at First Christian Church – Everyone is welcome - 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.
- January 1st and 2nd, 2009 Town offices closed for New Years’ Day
- January 3rd Chipping of the trees at Veterans Memorial Park
- January 5, 2009 Council Meeting

O. ADJOURNMENT