



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 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 – MEMBERS OF BOY SCOUT TROOP #1

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- January 5, 2009 Work Session Meeting
- January 5, 2009 Regular Meeting

D. SPECIAL EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

1. Recognition of Patrol Officer John Holbrook for five (5) years of service to the Abingdon Police Department.
2. Recognition of Sergeant Charles Overbay, Jr. for twenty (20) years of service to the Abingdon Police Department.
3. Recognition of Marion Watts, Building Official, for twenty (20) years of service to the Town of Abingdon Building Department.

E. PETITIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS -None

F. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS - None

G. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

1. Staff update on Pedestrian Improvement Study – *John B. Dew, Director of Public Services/Construction.*
2. Presentation of Plans for new dog park and Coomes Center Fitness Trail Extension – *Kevin Worley, Interim Director for Parks and Recreation*
3. Confirmation of hire for Director of Parks and Recreation – *Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager*
4. Consideration of request from Cave House regarding use of 2008/2009 budget appropriation – *Donna Price, Cave House Craft Shop*
5. Consideration of meeting dates to discuss FY09/10 budget – *Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager*

H. PASSAGE OF RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution urging defeat of HB2205 which proposes the elimination of the BPOL (Business, Professional and Occupational License) Tax – *Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager*

I. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES - None

J. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES - None

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Consideration of memorial tree policy at Veterans Memorial Park – *Ed Morgan, Mayor (This item is continued from the January 5, 2009 regular meeting)*

L. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

M. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

N. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Appointment to the Industrial Development Authority Board (1)
 - Appointment of one member to the Industrial Development Authority Board to fill the unexpired term of Ken Johnson.
2. Appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals (1)
 - Appointment of one member to the Board of Zoning Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Andrew Stockner.
3. Appointment to the Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board (1)
 - Appointment of one member to the Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board to fill the unexpired term of Rick Humphreys.
4. Closed Session –
 - Closed Session pursuant to the *Code of Virginia*, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for discussion and consideration of appointments to the Industrial Development Authority Board, the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board.
5. Closed Session -
 - Closed session, upon advice of Counsel and pursuant to the *Code of Virginia*, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) for the purpose of discussion of pending litigation in the case of Clifton Stewart, LLC, et al, vs. Town of Abingdon, et al.

O. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- February 2nd regular Council meeting
- February 4th, 5th, and 6th VML Legislative Session in Richmond, VA
- February 13th Valentines Dance at the Higher Education Center
- February 16th Offices closed for President's Day
- March 2nd regular Council meeting

P. ADJOURNMENT