



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2012 – 5:30 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 - *Russell Olmstead, Member of Troop 1 at Pleasant View United Methodist Church***

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- December 15, 2011 Council Work Session
- January 3, 2012 Regular Meeting
- January 7, 2012 Work Session Meeting

**D. SPECIAL EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

1. Recognition of Aaron Widener, Visitor Center Manager for his five (5) years of service to the Town – ***Greg Kelly, Town Manager***
2. Recognition of Kristopher Lett, Maintenance 2, Assistant at Wolf Creek Water Reclamation Facility for his five (5) years of service to the Town – ***Greg Kelly, Town Manager***

**E. SPECIAL STUDENT PRESENTATIONS**

1. Consideration of presentation by the Abingdon Trail Team – ***Dene Peterson, Learning Landscape Manager and members of the Trail Team***

2. Consideration of proposal for Eagle Scout Project at The Muster Grounds - *Russell Olmstead, Member of Troop #1 at Pleasant View United Methodist Church*

**F. PETITIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES – None.**

**G. SECOND READINGS OF ORDINANCES**

1. **Second Reading** – Consideration of an Ordinance of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia to Repeal, Amend and Reenact Chapter 50, §§50-6(a) & (b), Discharge of Firearms; and §50-7(a), Use of Air Guns, Slingshots, Grit Shooters; Throwing Missiles of the Code of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia – *Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney*

**H. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS – None.**

**I. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER**

1. Consideration of the Audit Report for the Town of Abingdon as of June 30, 2011 – *Greg Tucker, Bostic & Tucker, CPA*
2. Presentation and update by Advance Abingdon regarding the plans for the downtown park across from the Post Office – *Susan Howard, Director, Advance Abingdon*
3. Presentation and update regarding Heartwood, Southwest Virginia’s Artisan Gateway – *Todd Christensen, Executive Director, Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Commission*
4. Consideration of report on the Festival of Trees Event held at the Fields Penn House during December – *Donnamarie Emmert, Guest Service Attendant for Fields Penn House*
5. Consideration of the i-Tree Ecosystem Analysis report for the Town of Abingdon – *Kevin Sigmon, Town Arborist*

6. Consideration of authorization for reallocation of Community Performance Program funds previously made to the Barter Theatre – ***Greg Kelly, Town Manager***
7. Consideration of confirmation of Deborah Atkins-Vance, Director of Human Resources for the Town of Abingdon – ***Greg Kelly, Town Manager***
8. Consideration of date for the banquet honoring the recipients of the Arthur Campbell Award – ***Greg Kelly, Town Manager***

#### **J. PASSAGE OF RESOLUTIONS**

1. Consideration of Resolution of support for the Town of Abingdon's application requesting designation as an Appalachian Trail Community – ***Tenille Montgomery, Marketing and Social Media Coordinator***

#### **K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **L. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

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

#### **N. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Consideration of two (2) appointments to the Industrial Development Authority Board
  - One (1) appointment to fill the unexpired term of ***Izik Crispin*** who has moved out of the Abingdon area
  - One (1) appointment to fill the unexpired term of ***David Neal*** who has moved out of the Abingdon area
2. Closed Session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the consideration and discussion of an appointments to the Industrial Development Authority Board.

#### **O. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Feb 4th- Southwest VA Higher Ed Center Indoor Garage Sale- 8am-2pm- \$2.00 admission
- February 8, 9, 10 VML Legislative Day trip to Richmond
- Feb 10&11- Rotary Frolics at Barter Theatre

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- Feb 14th- Valentine's Day at Heartwood
- Feb 18th- Ralph Stanley 85th Birthday Fundraiser at Heartwood- 6pm. Call 276-492-2400 for information.
- February 20<sup>th</sup> Town Offices closed for President's Day
- March 5<sup>th</sup> Regular Council meeting

**P. ADJOURNMENT**