



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2010 – 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

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- December 7, 2009 Work Session Meeting
- December 7, 2009 Regular Meeting
- December 17, 2009 Special Called Meeting

D. EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Recognition of Ptl. Anthony DeBusk, employee of the Abingdon Police Department for his five (5) years of service to the Town of Abingdon.
- Recognition of Ptl. Brian Stainker, employee of the Abingdon Police Department for his five (5) years of service to the Town of Abingdon.
- Recognition of the Town of Abingdon's Employees of the Year and Outstanding Employees of the Year.

E. PETITIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing – Consideration of Lease Agreement between the Town of Abingdon, Virginia and Holston Mountain Arts and Crafts Cooperative,

presently doing business as “The Cave House Craft Shop” – ***Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney***

2. Public Hearing – Proposed Ordinance of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia to Repeal, Amend, and Reenact Chapter 54, Parks and Recreation, Article III, The Virginia Creeper Trail, §§54-53(b) of the Code of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia to Amend the Prohibition of Carrying Firearms – ***Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney***

F. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS

1. Consideration and award of bid for the exterior stair construction and 3rd floor renovation of the Abingdon Visitors Center located at 335 Cummings Street, Abingdon – ***Rick Statzer, Building Inspector***
2. Consideration and award of bid for health insurance coverage for Town of Abingdon employees – ***Jim Hicks, Director of Safety/Human Resources***

G. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

1. Consideration and review of the 2009 Audit report for the Town of Abingdon – ***Greg Tucker, Bostic and Tucker, CPA's***
2. Consideration of Lease Agreement and authorization of Town Manager to enter into said agreement between Washington County, Virginia and the Town of Abingdon, Virginia for property referred to as the County Sheriff's Administrative Offices and Deputy's Quarters located at 214 and 220 Park Street – ***Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney***
3. Consideration of Lease Agreement and authorization of Town Manager to enter into said lease agreement between the Town of Abingdon, Virginia and Holston Mountain Arts and Crafts Cooperative, presently doing business as “The Cave House Craft Shop” - ***Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney***
4. Consideration of Annual Report for Advance Abingdon – ***Susan Howard, President Elect for 2010***

H. PASSAGE OF RESOLUTIONS - None.

I. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

3. An Ordinance of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia to Repeal, Amend, and Reenact Chapter 54, Parks and Recreation, Article III, The Virginia Creeper Trail, §§54-53(b) of the Code of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia to Amend the Prohibition of Carrying Firearms – *Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney*

J. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES – None.

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

L. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

M. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

N. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Closed Session

- Closed Session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) for the consideration of acquisition, use, and/or disposition of publicly held property.

O. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- January 9th (9 a.m. to 12 noon) Chipping of the Greens
- January 15th Lee-Jackson Day Town Offices Closed
- January 16th – Alaska Serum Run Reenactment – Creeper Trail 10:00 a.m. – Siberian Husky Rescue
- January 18th Martin Luther King Day Town Offices Closed
- February 1st Regular Council Meeting

P. ADJOURNMENT