

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008 – 5:30 P.M.
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A work session of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, January 7, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room 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.
Mr. Edward B. Morgan
Mrs. Cathy Lowe

Administrative Staff:

Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager
Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk
Mark Godbey, Town Treasurer/Dir. of Finance
Deborah C. Icenhour, Assistant Town Attorney
Jim Smith, Town Engineer/Dir. Of Wastewater Operations
John Dew, Dir. Of Public Services/Construction
Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning

Guests:

L.B. Atkins, Dexter Peltzer

The following items were discussed:

1. Greg Tucker, Accountant with Bostic, Tucker & Company, P.C. addressed the Council members to report on the 2006/2007 Audit.
2. Dexter Peltzer of Abingdon Senior Center invited the Council members to the Center for a tour of the facility.
3. Mr. Kelly updated the Council on the status of the Abingdon High School sign marquee campaign and indicated no action was required of the Council at this time.
4. Mr. Kelly informed the Council that Gene Matthis would be appearing before the Council to provide the annual report on Sinking Springs Cemetery.
5. Mr. Morgan informed the Council members that Brian Johns with the Virginia Organizing Project would be appearing at the regular Council member regarding the payday lending resolution for consideration on the agenda.
6. Mr. Kelly informed the Council members that the Resolution regarding Barter Theatre was to commemorate their 75th Anniversary.
7. Dr. Moore asked that the Council members keep up to date on the developments of the Artisan Center in his absence.

8. Mr. Kelly updated the Council members on a potential interested buyer in Lot #10 at the Tech Park.
9. Mr. Kelly provided the Council members with information about the Summers Street claim made recently by Todd Hargroves and reported that it had been turned over to the insurance carrier for determination.
10. Jim Smith reported on his efforts to initialize the watershed study that Council had approved in the 2007/2008 budget cycle.
11. Mrs. Lowe provided information about an upcoming leadership conference.
12. The Council members briefly discussed the status of caboose given to the Town for Depot Square.

Lois H. Humphreys, Mayor

Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk