



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014 – 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 – Vice Mayor Lowe

B. ROLL CALL – Cecile Rosenbaum, Town Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Bob Howard, Council Member

D. SPECIAL EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS – Greg Kelly, Town Manager

- Recognition of **Patsy Owens** on her retirement from the Planning Department effective December 31, 2013 after thirty-two (32) years of service to the town.
- Recognition of **Joey Burke** on his retirement as Chief from the Abingdon Fire Department after serving for eleven (11) years.
- Recognition of **John Holbrook**, Patrol Officer with the Abingdon Police Department for his ten (10) years of service to the town.
- Recognition of **Charlie Overbay**, Sergeant with the Abingdon Police Department for his twenty-five (25) years of service to the town.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- December 2, 2013 Work Session Meeting
- December 2, 2013 Regular Meeting

F. PETITIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

1. **Variance Request** – Road width variance request for the Academy Drive Widening Project – *John Dew, Director of Public Services and Construction*

2. Consideration of recommendation from the Board of Viewers appointed at the December 2nd regular Council meeting relative to the following agenda items *F3 and F4 – John Dew, Director of Public Services and Construction*
3. Consideration of Petition to vacate the Johnston Street right-of way from Court Street to approximately 560 feet west of Court Street, abutting property of Tax Map Nos. 005-6-1A, 012-4-1, 012-4-3, 012-4-5, 012-4-6, 012-4-8, 012-1-33, and 013-1-1 – *John Dew, Director of Public Services and Construction*
4. Consideration of the Petition to vacate the unopened right-of-way formerly known as Mountain View Street from Johnston Street to Jackson Street, abutting property of Tax Map Nos. 012-4-5A, 012-4-5, and 012-4-3 – *John Dew, Director of Public Services and Construction*

G. SECOND READINGS – None

H. SECOND READINGS OF ORDINANCES - None

I. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS - None

J. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER – None

K. RESOLUTIONS

1. Consideration of Resolution of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia in Support of Consideration by the Virginia Department of Rails and Public Transportation of Passenger Service into Southwest Virginia and Beyond into Northeast Tennessee and Consideration of a Passenger Station within the Town of Abingdon and Washington County – *Garrett Jackson, Assistant Town Manager*
2. Consideration of a Resolution of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia in Support of the Proposed Beaches to Bluegrass Trail – *Garrett Jackson, Assistant Town Manager*

L. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

M. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Economic Development Authority

- *Appointment to the EDA for the expired term of Kyle Macione who declined reappointment*

2. Board of Architectural Review

- *Appointment of member to fill the expired term of Dr. Charles (Mike) Owens who is not eligible for reappointment*

3. Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the purpose of consideration of appointments to the Economic Development Authority and the Board of Architectural Review.

N. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

O. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- January 9th- St. Paul and the Broken Bones with the Broadcast at Barter Theatre- 276-628-3991
- January 10th- Jim Lauderdale with Cruz Contreras at Barter Theatre- 276-628-3991
- January 11th- Iris Dement with Beth Snapp at Barter Theatre- 276-628-3991
- January 13th – Ed McMahon with Urban Land Institute speaking at the Higher Education Center
- January 15th – Mid Month Council work session meeting
- January 17th- Lee-Jackson Day- Offices Closed
- January 17th- John Cowan with Mountain Heart at Barter Theatre- 276-628-3991
- January 18th- Marty Stuart & The Fabulous Superlatives with Lost River Caveman at Barter Theatre- 276-628-3991
- January 20th- Martin Luther King Day- Offices Closed
- January 24th- Jason Isbell with Holly Williams at Barter Theatre- 276-628-3991
- January 25th- Tim O'Brien and Darrell Scott with Amythyst Kiah at Barter Theatre- 276-628-3991
- February 3rd – Council work session and regular meeting
- February 5-7 – VML Legislative Day in Richmond, Virginia

P. ADJOURNMENT