



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 6, 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

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- June 1, 2009 Work Session Meeting
- June 1, 2009 Regular Meeting

D. PETITIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing – Proposed Real Property Tax Increase** – This hearing is being conducted pursuant to §58.1-3321 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended. Said hearing is necessary because the current Washington County, Virginia reassessments will cause an increase in the Town's real property tax revenues in excess of 1%. The Town's real property tax rate for fiscal year 2009/2010, as adopted in the budget, shall remain unchanged at the current rate of \$.28 cents per \$100.00 of assessed real estate. The tax increase noticed in this public hearing is due totally to the new reassessments.

***No action is required by Council on this matter.**

E. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS - NONE

F. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER - NONE

G. PASSAGE OF RESOLUTIONS - NONE

H. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES - NONE

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

1. An Ordinance of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia to Repeal, Amend and Reenact Appendix B, Zoning Ordinance, Article 26 of the Code of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia to define terminology and ascribe meanings to certain language used customarily in the interpretation and application of the Town Zoning Ordinances – *Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney and Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning.*

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

L. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

M. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. District Three Board Membership
 - One (1) year term of Ed Morgan expired on June 30, 2009 and he is eligible for another term.
 - District Three also requests the appointment of an alternate if the member is unable to attend meetings.
2. Industrial Development Authority
 - Confirmation of reappointment of David Neal whose term expires on July 7, 2009. Mr. Neal is eligible for another term.

- Confirmation of reappointment of Bert Bassham whose term expires on July 7, 2009. Mr. Bassham is eligible for another term.

3. Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator

- Appointment of one (1) member to the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator to replace Rob McDonald who has submitted his resignation from the Board.

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 District Three Governmental Cooperative, Industrial Development Authority, and Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator.*

N. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 4th of July celebration featuring *Parrots of the Caribbean* and fireworks display at the Coomes Recreation Center
- July 6th – July Council Meeting
- July 10th- International Dinner/Fundraiser at Abingdon Senior Center- 6pm
- July 11th- Movie at the Market 8:30pm (Movie is *Cars*)
- July 25th- Highlands Festival Kick off Concert (Marvelettes and the Coasters)
- July 25th- Highlands Festival Begins
- July 31- Abingdon's Largest Indoor Yard Sale 4-9 pm at the Higher Ed Center
- August 3 – Town Council Meeting
- August 6th – Groundbreaking Ceremony for *Heartwood* Artisan Center Project

O. ADJOURNMENT