



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2011 – 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. VOLUNTEER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- Acknowledgement of Future Farmers of America (FFA) students who volunteered at the Fairview Homestead site – ***Rick Humphreys, Council Member***

D. EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Acknowledgement of four (4) Town employees who recently completed their Certificate in Local Government Management from Virginia Tech – ***Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager***
 - Tony Sullivan, Chief of Police
 - Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning
 - Floyd Bailey, Director of Information Technology
 - Cecile Rosenbaum, Town Clerk

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- May 2, 2011 Work Session Agenda
- May 2, 2011 Regular Agenda

F. PETITIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

1. **Petition - Right of Way Vacation** - In accordance with the Code of Virginia, §15.2-2006 regarding a petition of Janet Woolwine, et al for the vacation of a 16-foot wide, north-south unopened right of way with terminus points on Park Street and Blacks Fort Lane, approximately 285 feet east to Pecan Street, involving property being Tax Map Nos. 013-6-3 and 013-6-5 – **John Dew, Director of Public Services and Construction**
2. **Petition – Right of Way Vacation** - Ordinance for petition to vacate a 12-foot wide, north-south unopened right-of-way with terminus points on Park Street and Railroad Street, approximately 125 feet west of Pecan Street, involving property being Tax Map Nos. 013-1-120F; 013-1-120E; 013-1-120B; 013-1-120C; and 013-1-120D, and in accordance with Code of Virginia Section 15.2-2006 “Alteration and vacation of public rights-of-way” – **John B. Dew, Director of Public Services/Construction**
3. **Public Hearing – First Reading** - Ordinance to enact Article VII, Mopeds and Electric Power-Assisted Bicycles, §70-223-226; §70-239-253 of Chapter 70, Traffic and Vehicles, of the Code of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia – **Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney**
4. **Public Hearing – First Reading** - Ordinance to repeal, amend and reenact Article I, Chapter 62, Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, specifically 62-1 (a), (b) and (d) Obstructions Generally, of the Code of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia - **Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney**

G. SECOND READINGS OF ORDINANCES

1. **Second Reading** – An Ordinance of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia to repeal, amend and reenact Article II, Chapter 66, Real Property Tax, §66-45 of the Code of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia to amend the property tax exemption for disabled veterans - **Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney**
2. **Second Reading** - An Ordinance of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia to repeal, amend and reenact Article II, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, Subdivision IV, Enforcement, Section 74-198, Administrative Penalties of the Code of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia – **Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney**

3. **Second Reading** – An Ordinance of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia Proposing a Budget for the Town of Abingdon, Virginia and to make Appropriation for the current expenses of the Town and to Fix a Rate upon Real and Personal Property, to Fix all Other Local Tax Rates and Fees and Rates on Utility Services for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2011 and Ending June 30, 2012 – *Greg Kelly, Town Manager*

H. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS – None.

I. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

1. Consideration of request for funds for Intensive Drug Treatment Program – *Dennis Godfrey, Commonwealth Attorney*
2. Report and update on the tornado cleanup efforts and Town properties affected by the event of April 29th – *John Dew, Director of Public Services/Construction*
3. Consideration of request of SmithPackett to waive sewer connection fees – *Greg Kelly, Town Manager*
4. Consideration of change in date of July Council meeting to Tuesday, July 5th 2011 as Monday is July 4th Holiday – *Cecile Rosenbaum, Town Clerk*

J. PASSAGE OF RESOLUTIONS – None.

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Consideration of establishment of policies and procedures for use of social media outlets by the Town of Abingdon – *Greg Kelly, Town Manager (continued from May 2, 2011 meeting)*

L. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

M. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

N. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. *Appointments to the Sinking Spring Cemetery Committee*
 - Consideration of Ed Morgan and Jack Frost who are both eligible for reappointment.

2. *Appointments to the Tourism Advisory Committee*
 - Consideration of Vickye Hall and Doug Ellis who are both eligible for reappointment.

3. 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 Sinking Spring Cemetery Committee and the Tourism Advisory Committee.

O. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- June 4th- The Iron Nut- Triathlon- Coomes Center at 8am
- June 11th- 14th Annual Garden Tour "Summer Delights"- 10am-6pm- Tickets are \$10 at the Abingdon CVB
- June 25th- Abingdon Blues Festival- Latture Field- 6-10pm- The Little Zippers, Delta Playboys and Blue Mother Tupelo- FREE
- July 4th- Celebration at the Coomes Center- All Day events- Fireworks at 9:45pm- FREE

P. ADJOURNMENT