

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2008 – 5:30 P.M.
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A work session of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, March 3, 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
Mr. Edward B. Morgan
Mrs. Cathy Lowe

Absent: *Dr. French H. Moore, Jr.*

Administrative Staff: Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager
Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk
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
Floyd Bailey, Director of Information Technology
Chris Johnson, Director of Parks and Recreation

Guests: L.B. Atkins

The following items were discussed:

1. Jim Smith, Town Engineer reported to the Council on the bids for the Depot Square project and indicated that Boring Contractor was the low bidder at \$480,252.60.
2. Floyd Bailey, Director of Information Services reported on the bids received for the wireless mesh canopy for the Town of Abingdon. He recommended that Federal Signal receive the bid award.
3. Chris Johnson, Director of Parks and Recreation, reported on the proposed Abingdon Market Pavilion Rules and indicated that changes suggested from last meeting had been incorporated. After further discussion and request for clarification, it was decided to table the adoption of the proposed rules until the April meeting.
4. The Council members discussed the request from American Legion for donation of phone cards to send to National Guard units.
5. The Council members discussed the proposed conservation easement document needed for the Craig's Meadow property.

6. The Council members discussed the appointment to the Board of Architectural Review.
7. John Dew addressed the Council members with request from the Town of Damascus to provide street sweeping services using the Town's equipment and staff. After brief discussion among the members, it was the consent of the group to not allow the Town to provide this service to Damascus.
8. Greg Kelly, Town Manager, updated the Council members on the Artisan Center project and the need for the Council to hold a special public hearing regarding a resolution needed for a CDBG application. The Council members agreed to set the hearing date for March 13, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building in the downstairs meeting room.
9. Greg Kelly asked the Council to consider dates for upcoming budget work sessions. The Council tentatively agreed to March 25, 2008 at 5:00 p.m., April 19, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. and April 29, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.
10. Jim Smith reported on the watershed meeting held on February 28, 2008 at 1:30 and provided a summary report for Council.
11. Tony Sullivan, Chief of Police, addressed the Council members regarding a mutual aid agreement from Washington County, Virginia. The Council members, by consensus, authorized Greg Kelly, Town Manager, to sign the agreement on behalf of the Town of Abingdon.

Lois H. Humphreys, Mayor

Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk