

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 3, 2010 – 7:30 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, May 3, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council chambers of the Municipal Building.

Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**A. ROLL CALL**

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| Members of Council Present: | Edward B. Morgan, Mayor<br>Dr. French H. Moore, Jr., Vice Mayor<br>Mrs. Lois H. Humphreys<br>Mrs. Cathy Lowe<br>Mr. Jason N. Berry                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Administrative/Town Staff:  | Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager<br>Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk<br>Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney<br>Mark Godbey, Town Treasurer/Dir. Of Finance<br>Jim Smith, Dir. Of Wastewater Operations/Town Eng.<br>Garrett Jackson, Dir. Of Planning<br>Kevin Worley, Dir. of Parks and Recreation<br>Jim Cowart, Dir. of Econ. Dev/Grants Writer<br>John Dew, Dir. Of Public Services/Construction<br>Floyd Bailey, IT Department<br>Tony Sullivan, Chief of Police<br>Rob Case, IT Department |
| Visitors:                   | Maryanne Holbrook, Bob Howard, Susan Howard,<br>Elizabeth Iskra, Zoe Jackson, DeDe Whichard and<br>Distination Imagination team members, Grace, Kara,<br>Ashley, Catherine and Isabella and others.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Dr. Moore, Vice Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- March 30, 2010 Budget Work Session
- April 5, 2010 Work Session
- April 5, 2010 Regular Meeting
- April 19, 2010 Budget Work Session

**On motion of Dr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Berry, the minutes of the March 30, 2010 Budget Work Session, the April 5, 2010 Work Session, the April 5, 2010 Regular meeting and the April 19, 2010 Budget Work Session meeting were approved as presented.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

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| <b>Mr. Berry</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mrs. Lowe</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mrs. Humphreys</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Dr. Moore</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mayor Morgan</b>   | <b>Aye</b> |

**The motion carried.**



#### **D. EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- Mr. Kelly, Town Manager, recognized the following Town staff members for their recent graduation from the Washington County Leadership Program:
  - Tonya Triplett, Sales Manager, Tourism Department
  - Aaron Widener, Visitors Center Manager, Tourism Department
  - Floyd Bailey, Dir. of Information Technology
  - Rob Case, Network Administrator, IT Department
- At this time, Mr. Kelly, Town Manager congratulated Glen Foster, the Town's Sewer Maintenance Superintendent, for his forty-five (45) years of service to the Town of Abingdon.



#### **E. PETITIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.**



#### **F. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS**

**1. Consideration of bids for police/fire safety radio equipment.**

Tony Sullivan, Chief of Police, appeared before the Council members and reported on the bids received for the police/fire safety radio equipment. Chief Sullivan commented that the project included the radio system as well as the backup generator and the entire cost of both phases of the project was \$178,594.11. Chief Sullivan recommended that the Council award the bid for the radio system to Two-Way Radio and the backup generator to Woodward Electric and fund both phases of the project. Mr. Kelly commented that he would use the available funds not used from the Town's chiller replacement project at the Coomes Center to pay the majority of the costs of the system. Mr. Kelly also commented that Woodward Electric would provide the generator that was also bid as part the project. Mr. Kelly further commented that the system would be bought under a two (2) year lease to own option and would be funded in the first year from borrowed funds left over from the Coomes Center Chiller project. Mr. Kelly noted that the second and final payment would be budgeted for fiscal year 2011/2012.

**On motion of Dr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Humphreys, the Council awarded the bids for both phases of the project for the police/fire safety radio equipment system to Two-Way Radio for \$151,937.11 and the backup generator bid to Woodward Electric for the amount of \$26,657.00 for a total project cost of \$178,594.11.**

The roll call vote was as follows:

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| <b>Mr. Berry</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mrs. Lowe</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mrs. Humphreys</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Dr. Moore</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mayor Morgan</b>   | <b>Aye</b> |

The motion carried.

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**G. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER**

**1. Presentation and demonstration of the Town's new Tourism website ([www.abingdonva.us](http://www.abingdonva.us))**

Floyd Bailey, Director of Information Technology, provided the Council members with a demonstration of the new Tourism website which is now fully functional.

Mayor Morgan commented that he would like to see a hit counter for the site in order to determine how many visitors are searching for information on the Town.

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**2. Consideration of funding request from Abingdon Senior Center.**

*At this time, Mayor Morgan asked that the Council postpone action on this item until later in the meeting.*

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**3. Consideration of funding request from Abingdon High School regarding trail project.**

Abingdon High School students, Adam Alley, Caitlin Moore, and Corey Smith from the Schools Trail Team Project appeared before the Council to request support for the trail behind E.B. Stanley Middle School leading to the High School. The students indicated that Town staff had assisted with the project and they now needed funding in order to have an erosion and sediment control plan prepared.

**On motion of Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Berry the Council appropriated \$1,000 to the Abingdon High School Trail Team for the preparation of an erosion and sediment control plan for the trail behind E.B. Stanley Middle School and leading to Abingdon High School.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

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| <b>Mr. Berry</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mrs. Lowe</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mrs. Humphreys</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Dr. Moore</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mayor Morgan</b>   | <b>Aye</b> |

**The motion carried.**

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**4. Consideration of funding request from E.B. Stanley Middle School Destination Imagination team.**

At this time, the members of the E.B. Stanley Destination Imagination Team, Grace, Kara, Ashley, Catherine, and Isabella came before the Council to request funding for their upcoming trip to Globals competition in Knoxville, Tennessee.

**On motion of Mrs. Humphreys, seconded by Mrs. Lowe, the Council appropriated \$2,000 to the E.B. Stanley Destination Imagination team for their upcoming Globals competition in Knoxville, Tennessee.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

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| <b>Mr. Berry</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mrs. Lowe</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mrs. Humphreys</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Dr. Moore</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mayor Morgan</b>   | <b>Aye</b> |

**The motion carried.**

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**5. Consideration of funding for the Town's delegation to attend the All America City awards competition in Kansas City, Missouri in June.**

Mr. Kelly reported that the Town staff was working to prepare the delegation that will represent Abingdon in the All America City awards competition in Kansas City, Missouri in June. Mr. Kelly recommended that the Council appropriate funding from reserves to cover the costs associated with the trip. Mr. Kelly indicated that he and other Town staff were pursuing sponsor donations to help with the expenses.

**On motion of Mr. Berry, seconded by Dr. Moore, the Council appropriated \$25,000 for expenses associated with the Town's delegation to compete for the All America City award in Kansas City, Missouri.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

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| <b>Mr. Berry</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mrs. Lowe</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mrs. Humphreys</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Dr. Moore</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mayor Morgan</b>   | <b>Aye</b> |

**The motion carried.**

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**6. Presentation of award to the Town of Abingdon from the Black's Fort Chapter of the DAR.**

Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning, appeared before the Council to present them with the Black's Fort Chapter DAR award that he recently accepted for the Town's efforts in historical preservation with regard to The Muster Grounds site. Mr. Jackson reported that June 5<sup>th</sup> is National Trails Day and would be the date of the "soft opening" of the new Visitors Center at the site.

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At this time, Mayor Morgan asked that the Council consider Item G2 on the agenda regarding a funding request from the Abingdon Senior Center.

**On motion of Mrs. Humphreys, seconded by Dr. Moore, the Council appropriated an additional \$7,500 to the Abingdon Senior Center to assist with funding from a matching grant for the Center which was secured by Congressman Rick Boucher.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

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| <b>Mr. Berry</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mrs. Lowe</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mrs. Humphreys</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Dr. Moore</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mayor Morgan</b>   | <b>Aye</b> |

**The motion carried.**

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**H. PASSAGE OF RESOLUTIONS – None.**

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**I. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES - None.**

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**J. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES – None.**

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**K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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**L. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**



**M. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

- Mrs. Lowe recognized Garrett Jackson who introduced Izik Crispin a student at Emory and Henry College and intern for the summer with the Town.
- Dr. Moore provided an update on the Heartwood project.
- Mayor Morgan commented that the Holston Mountain Artisans will hold their groundbreaking on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m.



**N. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS**



Mayor Morgan declared the meeting adjourned.

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Edward B. Morgan, Mayor

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Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk