

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

A work session of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, May 5, 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
Dr. French H. Moore, Jr.
Mr. Edward B. Morgan
Mrs. Cathy Lowe

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
Sean Taylor, Assistant Planner

Visitors:

L.B. Atkins

The following items were discussed:

1. Greg Kelly, Town Manager, informed the Council members that they had their first of two (2) public hearings on the proposed budget for FY 08-09.
2. John Dew, Director of Public Services/Construction, provided the Council members with information about the bid for the curb, gutter and sidewalk work to be performed. He indicated that the work will take place mainly in area of the Market Pavilion, Valley Street and East Main Street.
3. John Dew provided information about the bids received for asphalt work in the Town. Mr. Dew gave the Council information about the sealing work that was taking place in Town and how it was necessary to provide for maintenance of Town roadways.
4. Garrett Jackson addressed the Council members about infill lots that are to be conveyed in the Taylor's Hill section of the Town. He indicated that the Town needed to convey 9 lots for construction of low to moderate income single family housing. Mr. Jackson explained that the Town would like to keep one of the lots to designate as a park for the neighborhood children.
5. Greg Kelly updated the Council on the placement of the newly crafted weathervane atop the Market Pavilion.

6. Greg Kelly commented on the first reading of the Ordinance for the Budget for the FY 08-09.
7. The Council members discussed the appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Tourism Advisory Board and asked that the appointments be postponed to the next Council meeting in order for the appointments to be advertised.
8. The Council members discussed the Fairview Foundation property and appointed Sean Taylor, Assistant Planner, to be the Town's liaison with the Board and to assess the property and the status of the project.
9. The Council discussed the upcoming meeting date for the Joint Town/County Sports Complex.
10. Mr. Morgan informed the Council members of a potential housing situation in Country Club.
11. Greg Kelly presented the Council members with a draft of a Citizen Complaint form that Assistant Town Attorney, Debbie Icenhour had prepared. He indicated that it would be available on the website for citizens to complete and asked everyone's support in informing citizens of the proper use of the form.
12. Greg Kelly presented the Council members with a copy of an agreement prepared by Assistant Town Attorney, Debbie Icenhour, between the Town and the Virginia Main Street group.
13. Mrs. Lowe reported on a visit she and Mayor Humphreys made to Alpha Natural Resources as part of a Chamber of Commerce group.
14. Greg Kelly asked the Council members to select a date for a watershed meeting with the Corps of Engineers and the date chosen was June 4th.

Lois H. Humphreys, Mayor

Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk