



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008 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

September 8, 2008 Work Session Meeting

September 8, 2008 Regular Meeting

D. SPECIAL EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Recognition of Craig Weaver, Patrol Officer, for ten (10) years of service to the Town of Abingdon Police Department

Recognition of Tammy Baldwin, Tax Clerk, for fifteen (15) years of service to the Town of Abingdon Finance Department

E. PETITIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS -- NONE

F. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS

Consideration of award of bid for redevelopment of the Abingdon Tourism Website - Courtney Bledsoe, Chariman, Tourism Advisory Board

G. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Consideration of Authorization of a Lease Agreement with the Virginia Highlands Community College for location of a Wi-Fi Tower on the Campus - *Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager*

Update/Presentation by the Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority regarding their "Warm, Safe, and Dry" Program - *Steve Cannon, People, Inc.*

H.PASSAGE OF RESOLUTIONS

Consideration of a Resolution declaring October National Arts and Humanities Month - *Courtney Berry, William King Regional Arts Center*

I.FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

An Ordinance Vacating 3,224.68 square feet (.08 acre, more or less) of an unopened portion of Hickman Street located between three (3) parcels of land owned by Nance Whitten (Tax Parcel number 13-8-57_AB), Betty A. Ferrier (Tax Parcel number 13-8-57A_AB) and Gary Wayne Childress (Tax Parcel number 13-1-190_AB), located between Madison Street and Highland Street in the Town of Abingdon, Virginia. (This ordinance is adopted in compliance with a previous order of the Abingdon Town Council dated October 1, 2007)

J.SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES - NONE

K. OLD BUSINESS

L. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

M. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

N. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Appointment of Council Member to Tourism Advisory Board (1) Appointment to replace Ed Morgan on the Tourism Advisory Board

2. Closed Session

Closed Session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) for consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, namely a joint Town/County sports complex and for consideration of the sale of real property located in the Stone Mill Business and Technology Park

O. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, October 13, 2008 Town Offices closed for Columbus Day
Friday, October 24, 2008 SAGA Meeting at Higher Education Center
Saturday, October 25, 2008 Sleepy Hollow Festival Downtown with the Benny Wilson Band
Monday, October 27, 2008 Planning Commission Meeting
Friday, October 31, 2008 Halloween
Monday, November 3, 2008 Council Meeting

P. ADJOURNMENT