



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2013 – 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 – *Mayor Morgan*

B. ROLL CALL – *Cecile Rosenbaum, Town Clerk*

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - *Rick Humphreys, Council Member*

D. COUNCIL VACANCY

- Consideration and appointment to fill vacant Council seat from October 7, 2013 through June 30, 2013 – *Ed Morgan, Mayor*
- Administration of oath to Council appointee – *Trish Phipps, Clerk of Circuit Court of Washington County, Virginia*

E. SPECIAL EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Recognition of Tammy Baldwin for Twenty (20) years of services as Tax Clerk in Finance Department
- Recognition of Chris Kestner, for Ten (10) years of service as Equipment Operator at the Town Shop in the Public Works Department

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- September 3, 2013 Regular Meeting
- September 18, 2013 Work Session Meeting

G. PETITIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES - None

H. SECOND READINGS OF ORDINANCES - None

I. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS – None.

J. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

1. Presentation regarding Economic Impact Analysis Study for Barter Theatre – ***Rick Rose, Producing Artistic Director***
2. Authorization of Town Manager to work with Davenport & Company to move forward to solicit bids from local, regional and national banks to obtain quotes for Refunding Opportunity for possible debt service savings – ***Greg Kelly, Town Manager***

K. RESOLUTIONS

1. Consideration of Resolution of the Council of the Town of Abingdon for the purpose of an Irrevocable Election Not to Participate in Virginia Local Disability Program – ***Debbie Atkins-Vance, Director of Human Resources***
2. Consideration of Resolution of the Council of the Town of Abingdon in Support of a Grant Application to the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development to Provide Funding for a Police Vehicle and Equipment Purchase Project – ***Tony Sullivan, Chief of Police***

L. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

M. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. ***Abingdon Tree Commission***
 - Appointment of member to fill the expired term of Larry Browning who is not eligible for reappointment

2. *Fairview At Abingdon Committee*

3. *Tourism Advisory Committee*

- Appointment of member to fill the unexpired term of Polly Mallory who is no longer able to serve
- Appointment of member to fill the expiring term of George Brewer who is not eligible for reappointment (term expires in December)

4. *Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board*

- Appointment of member to fill the unexpired term of **Betty Ferrier** who passed away on February 20, 2013

5. *Sinking Spring Cemetery Committee*

- Appointment of three (3) members to fill the expired terms of **Kitty Henninger, Tom Phillips, and Charles Seaver**

6. *Recreation Advisory Committee*

- Appointment of Council member to serve as term of former Council member, Dr. French Moore is expired

N. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

O. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- October 3rd- First Thursdays in Abingdon- 276-492-2237 or 276-628-5005
- October 3rd-6th- Abingdon Crooked Road Music Festival- Heartwood Artisan Center- www.abingdon-crookedroadmusicfest.com- 276-676-2282
- October 4th & 5th- Artisans on the Lawn at The Martha- Martha Washington Hotel and Spa- 276-492-2237 or 276-628-3161
- October 7 – Council Meeting Work Session and Regular Meeting
- October 11th & 12th- Artisans on the Lawn at The Martha- Martha Washington Hotel and Spa- 276-492-2237 or 276-628-3161
- October 13-16th – Annual Virginia Municipal League Conference, Arlington County, Virginia
- October 15th- Taste of the Town Trolley Tour- www.rootedinappalachia.com- 276-274-5483
- October 18th & 19th- Artisans on the Lawn at The Martha- Martha Washington Hotel and Spa- 276-492-2237 or 276-628-3161

- Sleepy Hollow will take place at the Coomes Recreation Center on Saturday, October 19th from 5:00 pm till 8:00 pm
- October 19th- Squashtober Fest- Abingdon Farmers Market- 8am-1pm- 276-698-1434
- October 26th, 31st, November 1st and 2nd- Holston Mountain Haunted Jail- Holston Mountain Artisans- 276-628-772- 6pm-9pm
- November 1st-3rd- Mistletoe Market- SWVA Higher Ed Center- 276-628-5005

P. ADJOURNMENT