



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 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

- August 4, 2008 Work Session Meeting
- August 4, 2008 Regular Council Meeting
- August 26, 2008 Special Called Meeting – Town Hall
- August 26, 2008 Joint Meeting with Board of Supervisors – County Offices
- August 26, 2008 Executive Session Meeting – County Offices

D. PETITIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing** - Appeal of decision of Board of Architectural Review meeting held on July 2, 2008 regarding the neglect to follow certificate of appropriateness procedures at property owned by Dr. Glenn Harrison, Tenant is C.E. "Chip" Barker, Attorney at Law and whose representative is Blue Ridge Chiropractic Office, Dr. Daniel Levesque, 212 Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia Tax Map No. 13(1)38, Lot #64.

2. **Public Hearing –Special Use Permit** – Aaron C. Hicks, application for Special Use Permit pursuant to Article 2, Section 5-2-2 Special Uses, Zoning Ordinance, in the R-2 Residential District of the Town of Abingdon, to operate a small barbeque catering business at 1142 Panorama Drive, Abingdon, VA. Tax Map No. 106E (1)36.

E. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS - NONE

F. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

1. Request for Funding from Heartwood: Southwest Virginia’s Artisan Gateway – *Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager*
2. Presentation and update on the Abingdon Farmer’s Market – *Anthony Flaccavento, Appalachian Sustainable Development*
3. Request for funding from Barter Theatre and Washington County Public Library for “The Big Read” program – *Mary Anne Holbrook, Director of Development*
4. Vacation of a portion of a recorded plat – Greystone Heights Subdivision; Emmitt Yeary, Representative, Lots 33 and 34 of Greystone Heights Subdivision, pursuant to Section 11.1, Article XI of the Code of the Town of Abingdon and Section 15.2 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended – *Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning*
5. Update on Veteran’s Memorial Park Foundation– *Emmitt Yeary, President, Col. John Bradley, Quinn Craughwell, and David Spence*
6. Consideration of Appointments of one (1) Council Member and four (4) members from the Public At Large to the Town of Abingdon “Go Green” Initiative Committee – *Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager*

G. PASSAGE OF RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution of the Council of the Town of Abingdon to establish an official Civic Friendship with Abingdon-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, United Kingdom – *Garrett W. Jackson, Director of Planning*

H. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

1. An Ordinance To Repeal, Amend And Reenact Part II Code, Chapter 2 Administration, Article VI Planning Commission, Division 4 Meetings And Voting, Section 2-376(A) Regular Meetings Of The Code Of The Town Of Abingdon, Virginia – *Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager*

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES - NONE

J. OLD BUSINESS

K. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

L. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

M. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Appointment to the Recreation Advisory Commission (2)
 - Council Member, Dr. Moore's term on the Commission expired on August 30, 2008. He *is* eligible for a second term which would commence on September 8, 2008 and expire on September 8, 2013.
 - Scott Wilson's term on the Commission expired on August 30, 2008. He *is not* eligible to serve another term. This appointment would commence on September 8, 2008 and expire on September 8, 2013.
2. Appointments to the Tree Commission (2)
 - Two (2) appointments to the Tree Commission, those of Betty Edmondson and Frank Forrest, expire on September 11, 2008. Neither citizen is eligible for reappointment. The terms for the new appointees would commence on September 11, 2008 and end on September 11, 2011.

N. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Saturday, September 6th *Matt Smith's All Star Jazz Jam* at the Market Pavilion with our own Jennifer Johnson and Hannah Smith opening the show at 7:00 p.m.
- Week of September 20th through 24th, Overmountain Victory Celebration at "The Mustering Grounds"
- Week of September 30th through October 5th – 230th Abingdon Anniversary Celebration

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- October 3rd Community Dance with *Phil Dirt and the Dozers* at the Higher Education Center at 7:00 p.m.
- October 4th Abingdon Fire Department Picnic to celebrate their 200th Anniversary
- October 4th *Amazing Rhythm Aces* at the Market Pavilion at 7:00 p.m.
- October 6th Council Meeting

O. ADJOURNMENT