



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009 – 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

- February 24, 2009 Budget Work Session Meeting
- March 2, 2009 Work Session Meeting
- March 2, 2009 Regular Meeting
- March 26, 2009 Pedestrian Public Input Meeting

D. SPECIAL EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Acknowledgement of Charlie “Frankie” Fulton for his thirty (30) years of service as a Grounds Foreman with the Department of Public Works
- Acknowledgement of Bobby Norris for his twenty (20) years of service as a Equipment Operator with the Department of Public Works
- Acknowledgement of Thad Finney for his five (5) years of service as a Foreman with the Department of Public Works
- Acknowledgement of Pat Mason for her five (5) years of service as a Truck driver with the Coomes Recreation Center

E. PETITIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS -None

F. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS - None

G. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

1. Report on Services provided by Mount Rogers Planning District Commission – *Dave Barrett, Executive Director*
2. Annual Report from the Sinking Springs Cemetery Committee – *Gene Matthis, Chairman*
3. Request for additional funding from White’s Mill Foundation, Inc. – *Bobby D. Ingle, President*
4. Annual Tree Report – *Kevin Sigmon, Town Arborist*
5. Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Recreation Commission – *Kevin Worley, Director of Parks and Recreation*
6. *(No agenda item assigned to this number)*
7. Consideration of proposal from Appalachian Sustainable Development regarding the agriculture/farming project at Fairview in Abingdon property – *Tom Peterson, ASD*
8. Consideration of adoption of new Abingdon Fire Department By-Laws – *Joey Burke, Fire Chief and Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney*

H. PASSAGE OF RESOLUTIONS - None

I. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES - None

J. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES - None

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

L. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

M. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

N. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Appointments to the Board of Building Code Appeals (3)
 - Three (3) appointments to the Board of Building Code Appeals to serve five (5) year terms.
2. Appointment to the Planning Commission (1)
 - One (1) appointment to the Planning Commission to serve a four (4) year term.
3. Appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals
 - One (1) appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals to serve a three (3) year term.
4. Appointment to the Tourism Advisory Board to represent William King Regional Arts Center and serving a three (3) year term.

Closed Session –

- *Closed Session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for discussion and consideration of appointments to the Board of Building Code Appeals, the Planning Commission, the Board of Zoning Appeals, and the Tourism Advisory Board.*

Closed Session -

- *Closed session, upon advice of Counsel and pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) for the purpose of discussion of pending litigation in the case of Clifton Stewart, LLC, et al, vs. Town of Abingdon, et al.*

O. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- April 4th – Farmers Market Opens
- April 6th – Regular Council meeting
- April 11th - Storytelling at the Fields Penn House

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- April 11th- Annual Coomes Center Easter Egg Hunt (10:00 a.m. – 12 noon)
- April 17th-19th- Mid-Atlantic Regional Garden Faire
- April 25th- Earth Day at Coomes Center (11:00 am-3:00 pm)
- April 25th- E-Waste Recycling at the Neff Center (10:00 am – 4:00 pm)
- April 25th- Jazz Festival at the Higher Ed Center from (12:00 noon -10:00 pm)
- May 4th – Regular Council Meeting

P. ADJOURNMENT