

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2008  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Regular meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, August 4, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council chambers of the Municipal Building.

**A. ROLL CALL**

Members of Council Present:

Mayor Lois H. Humphreys  
Edward B. Morgan, Vice Mayor  
Dr. French H. Moore, Jr.  
Mrs. Cathy Lowe  
Mr. Jason N. Berry

Administrative/Town Staff:

Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager  
Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk  
Deborah Icenhour, Assistant Town Attorney  
Mark Godbey, Town Treasurer/Dir. Of Finance  
Jim Smith, Dir. Of Wastewater Operations/Town Eng.  
Garrett Jackson, Dir. Of Planning  
Tony Sullivan, Chief of Police  
Chris Johnson, Dir. Of Parks and Recreation  
Myra Cook, Dir. Of Tourism  
Jim Cowart, Dir. Of Econ. Dev/Grants Writer  
John Dew, Dir. Of Public Services/Construction  
Mike Maiden, Wastewater Superintendent  
Kevin Worley, Deputy Dir. Parks and Recreation  
James Agner, Dir. Of Town/Community Events  
Tenille Montgomery, Administrative Assistant  
"Bones" Spiva, Coomes Recreation Center  
David Gobble, Wastewater Treatment Facility  
Lance Campbell, Police Department  
Phillip Dowell, Public Works Department  
Michael Roark, Sewer Collection Dept.  
Dewey Fulton, Police Officer  
Randall O'Quinn, Police Officer

Visitors:

Betsy White, Valerie McConnell, L.B. Atkins, Andy Hargroves, Todd Hargroves, Gary Kimbrell, and others.

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The Mayor welcomed everyone in attendance.

## **B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Tony Sullivan, Chief of Police, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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## **C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- July 1, 2008 Organizational/Regular Meeting

**On motion of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Berry, the Council approved the minutes of the July 1, 2008 Organizational/Regular Meeting as presented.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mrs. Lowe</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Morgan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Dr. Moore</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Berry</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Humphreys</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**The motion carried.**

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## **D. SPECIAL EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

At this time, Greg Kelly, Town Manager recognized the following individuals for the Employee Service Awards and presented each with a service plaque:

- Dewey Fulton, Abingdon Police Department, 5 years
- Randall O'Quinn, Abingdon Police Department, 15 years
- Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning, 5 years

Mr. Kelly recognized the next group of Town employees who were awarded Employee of the Year Awards as follows:

- Tenille Montgomery, Town Manager's Office
- James Agner, Coomes Recreation Center
- David Gobble, Wastewater Treatment Facility
- Lance Campbell, Police Department
- Phillip Dowell, Public Works Department
- Michael Roark, Sewer Collection Department

Mr. Kelly's final recognitions for the evening were for the award of Outstanding Employee of the Year and those two (2) employees were:

- Marion "Bones" Spiva" Coomes Recreation Center
- Mike Maiden, Wastewater Treatment Facility

Both of these employees will receive a \$500 savings bond.

Each of the Employees of the year and the two outstanding employees of the year will receive a paid day off and a glass plaque as a reward for their outstanding level of service to the Town.

At this time, Cecile Rosenbaum, Town Clerk read the following resolution for consideration by the Council:

**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA  
OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE  
RESOLUTION  
2008**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia recognizes that the Town's employees are its most valuable resource; and

**WHEREAS**, effective July 1, 2008, Abingdon's Town Manager instructed department heads to place in nomination the names of those employees whom each deemed most outstanding in his/her respective employment capacities for and during the immediate past twelve months of service; and

**WHEREAS**, a selection panel made up of a diverse group of Abingdon Town employees met and reviewed said nominations and announced its results to include recognition to the following employees, thereby recognizing the contributions made and dedication exhibited by each to their employer, The Town of Abingdon, Virginia:

**Marion "Bones" Spiva – Coomes Recreation Center**

**Tenille Montgomery – Town Manager's Office**

**James Agner – Coomes Recreation Center**

**David Gobble – Wastewater Treatment Facility**

**Mike Maiden – Wastewater Treatment Facility**

**Lance Campbell – Abingdon Town Police Department**

**Phillip Dowell – Public Works Department**

**Michael Roark – Sewer Collection Department**

**WHEREAS**, the Abingdon Town Council desires to commend each of the aforementioned outstanding employees, nominated and selected by their peers, and to extend gratitude to each for the outstanding performance and dedicated service each exercises in the execution of their employment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Abingdon Town Council does hereby commend each of the aforementioned individuals for a job well done in the performance of all of their duties on behalf of the Town of Abingdon.

**On motion of Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Morgan, the Resolution was adopted by Council as presented.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

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| <b>Mrs. Lowe</b>       | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Morgan</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Dr. Moore</b>       | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Berry</b>       | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mayor Humphreys</b> | <b>Aye</b> |

**The motion carried.**

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**E. PETITIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**1. Spot Blight Abatement – Commercial property (CITGO Station) located at 598 Cummings Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. 105A(1)2.**

Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning, presented the issues surrounding the property located at 598 Cummings Street in Abingdon. Mr. Jackson indicated that Town staff had notified the property owner on several occasions, and in accordance with the Town Code, regarding the neglected state of the property. After proper advertisement and public hearing before the Abingdon Planning Commission, it was the decision of the Commission to declare the property blighted and accept the plan of action as presented by the Town Manager dated July 8, 2008. Mr. Jackson explained that the recommendation of the Town Manager was *“that the Town staff and/or Town consultants or contractors enter upon said property and make all necessary repairs to the structure and premises to remove any current blight and that the costs of the same are assessed as a lien upon said property. In particular, I would recommend that we secure and clean the premises and remove any structures or fixtures that the Planning Commission and the Town Council deem to be detrimental to the safety, health, morals of the Town of Abingdon”*.

Deborah Icenhour, Assistant Town Attorney, commented to Council that she had been in contact with the property owner and he would not be forthcoming with a plan of action to remedy the neglect of the property. She further indicated that the property owner had faxed a letter to her office granting the Town of Abingdon Police Department permission to go upon the property and issue trespass warrants to those in violation.

Gary Kimbrell spoke on the neglected state of the property and the negative appearance it presents during the Highlands Festival.

Discussion ensued among the Council members regarding the neglected state of the property.

**On motion of Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Morgan, the Council accepted the recommendation of the Planning Commission declaring the property at 598 Cummings Street, Abingdon, VA to be blighted, accepted the Plan of Action as recommended by the Town Manager, and directed the Town Manager to work with Town staff to secure the property after having first given the property owner thirty (30) days to cure the blight.**

The roll call vote was as follows:

<b>Mrs. Lowe</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Morgan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Dr. Moore</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Berry</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Humphreys</b>	<b>Aye</b>

The motion carried.

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#### **F. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS – NONE**

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#### **G. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER**

##### **1. Consideration of request for funding from William King Regional Arts Center Cultural Heritage Archive Project.**

Betsy White, Executive Director for the Arts Center addressed the Council members to request a matching appropriation from the Town for the Appalachian Cultural Archive project in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Mr. Morgan inquired in which budget year Mrs. White would need the matching appropriation and she responded that it could be designated in the 2009/2010 budget cycle.

**On motion of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mrs. Lowe, the Council approved a commitment of \$2,500.00 of matching funds in support of the Cultural Heritage Archive project at William King Regional Arts Center in the fiscal year 2009/2010 and contingent upon receipt of funding for the project from the Appalachian Regional Commission.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mrs. Lowe</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Morgan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Dr. Moore</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Berry</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Humphreys</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**The motion carried.**

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**2. Consideration of acceptance of two (2) School Resource Incentive grants, numbers 09-A5883FR09 and 09-A5884FR09 for the Abingdon Police Department.**

Tony Sullivan, Chief of Police, appeared before the Council members to recommend acceptance of two (2) school resource incentive grants that have been awarded to the Town of Abingdon. Chief Sullivan reflected on his power point presentation during the earlier work session and commended Officer Holbrook for his work in submitting the grants. Chief Sullivan explained that these grants are for one year (1) terms with matching funds from the Town with the option to extend the grants for three (3) additional years.

**On motion of Dr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Berry, the Council authorized the Town Manager to accept two (2) School Resource Incentive grants, numbers 09-A5883FR09 and 09-A5884FR09 for the Abingdon Police Department for one (1) year and committed to fund the grant positions for at least three (3) additional years if such grant is so awarded during those additional years.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

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| <b>Mrs. Lowe</b>       | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Morgan</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Dr. Moore</b>       | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Berry</b>       | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mayor Humphreys</b> | <b>Aye</b> |

**The motion carried.**

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**3. Presentation of Annual Report of the Town of Abingdon Planning Commission.**

Garrett Jackson appeared before the Council members to explain that per Section 15.2-2221 of the Code of Virginia, the Planning Commission is required to submit an annual report. Mr. Jackson invited Gary Kimbrell, immediate past President of the Planning Commission to come before the Council and explain the main topics covered in the report. Mr. Jackson noted that the Commission had discussed changing the meeting time of the Planning Commission and explained that it would need to be done by change of the current Ordinance in the Town Code.

Mr. Jackson informed the Council members that Kenny Shuman was recently appointed President of the Commission and Matt Bundy was the new Vice President.

No action was required by Council on this item.

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**4. Consideration of authorization of Town Manager to execute agreements from the Virginia Department of Transportation regarding transfer of funding to the Depot Square Pedestrian Safety Renovations project.**

Mr. Kelly addressed the Council to explain the need for the approval of the VDOT' Transmittal of Project Administrative Agreement for the Town's Depot Square Pedestrian Safety Renovation Project. He explained that the agreement amendment authorized the transfer of \$115,000 to the Depot Square project from the cancelled Stonewall Square Project.

**On motion of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mrs. Lowe, the Council authorized Greg Kelly, Town Manager, to sign the EN04-140-106, PE101, RW201, C501, (UPX 75250) Town of Abingdon, Depot Square Pedestrian Safety Renovations Transmittal of Project Administrative Agreement.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

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| <b>Mrs. Lowe</b>       | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Morgan</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Dr. Moore</b>       | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Berry</b>       | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mayor Humphreys</b> | <b>Aye</b> |

**The motion carried.**

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**5. Consideration of disposition/use of Summers Law Office Building located on Court Street.**

Mr. Kelly explained that this matter would be postponed for discussion at a later date. No action was taken by the Council.

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**6. Consideration of Establishment of Town of Abingdon “Go Green” Initiative Committee.**

Mr. Kelly addressed the Council regarding establishment of a “Go Green” Initiative Committee. Mr. Kelly has already identified Town staff that have expressed interest in serving on this committee and asked the Council members to consider appointing one (1) Council member and two (2) members from the public at large to serve on the Committee.

**On motion of Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Berry, the Council approved the establishment of the “Go Green” Initiative Committee and appointed Town Staff members Mike Maiden, Jim Cowart, Jennifer Johnson, John Holbrook, Garrett Jackson, John Dew, Floyd Bailey, and Greg Kelly to the Committee. In addition the Council agreed to appoint one (1) Council member and four (4) citizens at large to serve on the Committee and indicated they would make those appointments at the regular September Council meeting.**

The roll call vote was as follows:

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| Mrs. Lowe       | Aye |
| Mr. Morgan      | Aye |
| Dr. Moore       | Aye |
| Mr. Berry       | Aye |
| Mayor Humphreys | Aye |

The motion carried.

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**7. Consideration of August date for meeting with the Washington County Board of Supervisors regarding the joint Town/County Sports Complex (County has requested date be between August 14<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup>).**

Mr. Kelly informed the Council that the County Administrator, Mark Reeter, had contacted him to ask that the Council propose a date for a joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors regarding the proposed Sports Complex. Discussion ensued among the Council members and by consensus the Council authorized Mr. Kelly to propose Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. as a meeting date with the Board of Supervisors.

No further action was required on this item.

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**8. Consideration of scheduling September 2008 Council Meeting as regular meeting date falls on Labor Day Holiday.**

**On motion of Dr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Lowe, the Council approved the rescheduling of the regular September Council meeting to Monday, September 8, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

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| <b>Mrs. Lowe</b>       | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Morgan</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Dr. Moore</b>       | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Berry</b>       | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mayor Humphreys</b> | <b>Aye</b> |

**The motion carried.**

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**H. PASSAGE OF RESOLUTIONS**

- 1. A Resolution of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia Recommending the Determination of Blight and Acceptance of the Town Manager's Plan for Remedy of Property at 598 Cummings Street, Abingdon, Virginia.**

This item was addressed by the Council members earlier in the meeting during Agenda Item E1. No further action was required.

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- 2. A Resolution of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia in appreciation of funds from the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission's Southwest Economic Development Committee toward the construction of an alternative power source facility to service the Stone Mill Business and Technology Park.**

**On motion of Dr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Lowe, the Council approved the following Resolution as presented:**

**A Resolution by the Council of the Town of Abingdon In Appreciation of Funds from the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission's Southwest Economic Development Committee toward construction of an Alternative Power Source Facility to service the Stone Mill Business and Technology Park**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Abingdon has constructed the Stone Mill Business and Technology Park (park) for the purpose of recruiting businesses and industry into the town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Abingdon has pursued several industries to locate in the park, to increase the creation of jobs in Abingdon; and

**WHEREAS**, several industries have indicated interest in locating in the park; and

**WHEREAS**, the major concern of these industries and businesses has been the lack of alternative, back-up power within the park; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of an alternative power source facility would increase the business and industry recruiting abilities of the Town; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Abingdon submitted a Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Southwest Economic Development grant request in the amount of five-hundred, thousand (\$500,000) dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, the current tenants of the park support the pursuit of such a facility; and

**WHEREAS** the proposed facility will assist in bringing up to 150 new jobs into the park

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Highlands Community College has given their support of the construction of such a facility in order to partner in their needs as well; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission's Southwest Economic Development Committee, on a motion from Delegate Joseph P. Johnson and a second from Senator William Wampler, have appropriated an amount of two-hundred, thousand (\$200,000) dollars toward the project; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia, does hereby show its appreciation to the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission's Southwest Economic Development Committee for this appropriation and will ensure that construction of this facility will indeed bring jobs to Abingdon's Stone Mill Business and Technology Park.

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

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| <b>Mrs. Lowe</b>       | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Morgan</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Dr. Moore</b>       | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Berry</b>       | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mayor Humphreys</b> | <b>Aye</b> |

**The motion carried.**

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3. **A Resolution of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia for affirmation of authorization to pick-up the employee's contribution to VRS for Town of Abingdon, 55300 Under §414 (h) of the Internal Revenue Code.**

**On motion of Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Berry, the Council approved the following Resolution as presented:**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ABINGDON FOR  
AFFIRMATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO PICK-UP THE EMPLOYEE'S  
CONTRIBUTION TO  
VRS FOR TOWN OF ABINGDON, 55300  
UNDER § 414 (H) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE**

**WHEREAS**, the TOWN OF ABINGDON provides its employees with tax deferral pursuant to §414(h) of the Internal Revenue Code with respect to their member contributions to the Virginia Retirement System (referred to as VRS) by picking up member contributions to VRS; and

**WHEREAS**, VRS keeps track of such picked up member contributions, and treats such contributions as employee contributions for all purposes of VRS;

**WHEREAS**, the Internal Revenue Service in Notice 2006-43 has provided transition relief for existing pick up arrangements provided that an authorized person takes formal action to evidence the establishment of the pick-up arrangement no later than January 1, 2009.

**WHEREAS**, in order to avail itself of the protection given under Notice 2006-43, the TOWN OF ABINGDON desires to affirm its intention to establish and maintain a pick-up arrangement through formal action by its governing body.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the existing member contribution pick-up arrangement is hereby affirmed as it relates to salary reduction elections in effect prior to the date of this Resolution, and it is further

**RESOLVED** that effective the first pay day on or after January 1, 2009, the Council shall pick up member contributions of its employees to VRS, and such contributions shall be treated as employer contributions in determining tax treatment under the Internal Revenue Code of the United States; and it is further

**RESOLVED** that such contributions, although designated as member contributions, are to be made by the TOWN OF ABINGDON in lieu of member contributions; and it is further

**RESOLVED** that pick up member contributions shall be paid from the same source of funds as used in paying the wages to affected employees; and it is further

**RESOLVED** that member contributions made by the TOWN OF ABINGDON under the pickup arrangement shall be treated for all purposes other than income taxation, including but not limited to VRS

benefits, in the same manner and to the same extent as member contributions made prior to the pickup arrangement; and it is further

**RESOLVED** that nothing herein shall be construed so as to permit or extend an option to VRS members to receive the pickup contributions made by the TOWN OF ABINGDON directly instead of having them paid to VRS; and it is further

**RESOLVED** that notwithstanding any contractual or other provisions, the contributions of each member of VRS who is an employee of the TOWN OF ABINGDON shall be picked up either through a reduction in the current salary of such employee or as an offset against future salary increases of such employee or as a combination of both at the option of the employer by the TOWN OF ABINGDON on behalf of such employee pursuant to the foregoing resolutions.

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mrs. Lowe</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Morgan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Dr. Moore</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Berry</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Humphreys</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**The motion carried.**

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**I. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES - NONE**

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**J. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES - NONE**

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**K. OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Lowe asked that the following items be added to the September 08 Work Session agenda:

- Update on possible locations for the dog park
- Discussion of watershed study report
- Placement of a shelter and/or restroom facility at Munchkin Park
- Report on status of bids for employee health insurance
- Establishment of a date for a Saturday Council Work Session – by consensus the Council members decided to hold a work session meeting on October 25, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. in the downstairs meeting room

Mrs. Lowe commented that VECTEC has monies available to assist local small business owners with website development.

Mrs. Lowe also requested that the Tourism Advisory Board set a regular monthly meeting date and time.

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#### **L. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Mr. Henry McCarthy a resident of 135 Hillside Drive, Abingdon, appeared before the Council members to express his desire for the addition of sidewalks in the neighborhoods in Abingdon. Mrs. Lowe responded to Mr. McCarthy and stated that sidewalks were a priority for the Council and she hoped he would see results of their efforts in the future.

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#### **M. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

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#### **N. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

##### **1. Appointment to the Mustering Grounds Steering Committee (1)**

**On motion of Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Morgan, Council Member, Dr. Moore, was appointed to a second term on The Mustering Grounds Steering Committee. Dr. Moore's term is for one (1) year and will end on August 7, 2009.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mrs. Lowe</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Morgan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Dr. Moore</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Berry</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Humphreys</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**The motion carried.**

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##### **2. Appointment to the Recreation Advisory Commission**

**On motion of Dr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Berry, Jennifer Ramseyer was appointed to a second term on the Recreation Advisory Commission. Mrs. Ramseyer's term is for five (5) years and will expire on August 5, 2013.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

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|------------------------|------------|
| <b>Mrs. Lowe</b>       | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Morgan</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Dr. Moore</b>       | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Berry</b>       | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mayor Humphreys</b> | <b>Aye</b> |

**The motion carried.**

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At this time Andy Hargroves resident of 229 East Valley Street, Abingdon appeared before Council to discuss his insurance claim against the Town. Mr. Morgan expressed that he wished to hear Mr. Hargroves matter in open session and no opposition was heard.

Mr. Hargroves explained that he had owned a house on Summers Street that he sold to his son Todd in 2005. Todd began renovation work on the house and learned that evidence of mold existed in the home. Mr. Hargroves spoke about the history of his ownership of the house and implied that improper drainage on Summers Street led to the presence of mold in the house. Mr. Hargroves was questioned by the Council members about what remedy he was seeking from the Town and he stated that he wanted a “quiet settlement” with the Town wherein they purchase the home. Todd Hargroves stated that he could not rent the house because of the evidence of mold.

By consensus, Council members agreed that they would discuss this matter in more detail at their October 25, 2008 Saturday work session. Mr. Kelly indicated that Town staff would have reports prepared on the matter for Council’s consideration at the work session.

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At this time Mr. Kelly asked the Council members if they wished to address Dr. Moore’s request which was discussed earlier in the work session regarding an appropriation for the fundraising efforts for Ecumenical Faith in Action. Dr. Moore explained that the group was committed to a fundraising effort in order to build a new facility.

**On motion of Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Morgan, the Council approved an appropriation of \$25,000 to Ecumenical Faith in Action toward their fundraising effort for a new building.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

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| <b>Mrs. Lowe</b>       | <b>Aye</b> |                |
| <b>Mr. Morgan</b>      | <b>Aye</b> |                |
| <b>Dr. Moore</b>       |            | <b>Abstain</b> |
| <b>Mr. Berry</b>       |            | <b>Aye</b>     |
| <b>Mayor Humphreys</b> | <b>Aye</b> |                |

**The motion carried.**

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**On motion of Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Berry, the meeting was adjourned.**

**The roll call vote was:**

<b>Mrs. Lowe</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Morgan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Dr. Moore</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Berry</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Humphreys</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**The motion carried.**

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Lois H. Humphreys, Mayor

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Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk