



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 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 THE AGENDA

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- December 1, 2008 Work Session Meeting
- December 1, 2008 Regular Meeting

E. Consideration of Transmitting Council Meetings Live via Town webcast – *Floyd Bailey, Director of Information Technology*

F. PETITIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing** – Proposed Amendment – Application by Kings Mountain Properties, LLC, J.D. Morefield, Representative, to repeal, amend and reenact the Town of Abingdon Zoning Ordinance, Article 9, Section 9-1-28, Permitted Uses By Right, to add light industry within the O&I Office and Institutional District. Tax Map No. 106(7)1A.

G. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS

1. Consideration of appropriation of funds to make repairs to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority building located on Green Springs Road – **Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager**

H. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

1. Consideration and review of the 2008 Audit report for the Town of Abingdon – **Greg Tucker, Bostic and Tucker, CPA's**
2. Consideration and appropriation of funds for the upcoming 2009 Music Events – **Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager**
3. Appropriation of funds for restroom facility for the 3rd floor of the Municipal Building – **Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager**
4. Consideration of economic development plan to promote Abingdon as a wedding destination – **Jim Cowart, Director of Economic Development**
5. Update on the Pisces award given to the Wolfe Creek Water Reclamation Facility – **Mike Maiden, Superintendent**
6. Consideration of appropriation of funds for reimbursement to Barter Theatre for handicap ramp improvements between the Municipal Building and the main Theatre entrance – **Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager**

I. PASSAGE OF RESOLUTIONS - NONE

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES - NONE

K. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES - NONE

L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Consideration of memorial tree policy at Veterans Memorial Park – **Ed Morgan, Mayor (This item is continued from the December 1, 2008 regular meeting)**
2. Consideration of change in location and time of the Council work session meeting, currently held prior to the regular Council meeting - **Cathy Lowe, Council Member**

3. Presentation of requested information from Abingdon Main Street, Inc. – ***Gary Kimbrell, President, Abingdon Main Street, Inc. (This information was requested by Council at the December 1, 2008 regular meeting)***
4. Update of requested information from ElderSpirit – ***Jim Cowart, Economic Development Coordinator (This information was requested by Council at the December 1, 2008 regular meeting)***
5. Review and consideration of minutes from the joint Town Council/Board of Supervisors meeting on October 14, 2008 – ***Cecile Rosenbaum, Town Clerk***

M. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

N. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

O. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Appointment to the Industrial Development Authority Board (1)
 - Appointment of one member to the Industrial Development Authority Board to fill the unexpired term of Ken Johnson.
2. Closed Session –
 - Closed session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for discussion and consideration of appointment of Town Attorney.
 - Closed Session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for discussion and consideration of appointment to the Industrial Development Authority Board.
3. Closed Session -
 - Closed session, upon advice of Counsel and pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) for the purpose of discussion of pending litigation in the case of Clifton Stewart, LLC, et al, vs. Town of Abingdon, et al.

P. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- January 1st and 2nd, 2009 Town offices closed for New Years' Day
- January 3rd Chipping of the trees at Veterans Memorial Park
- January 5th Council Meeting
- January 9th International dinner/fundraiser at Abingdon Senior Center
- Friday, January 16th Offices closed for Lee Jackson Day
- Monday, January 19th Offices closed for Martin Luther King Day
- January 19th 7:00 p.m. tourism forum at the Barter Stage II
- February 2nd regular Council agenda

Q. ADJOURNMENT