



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 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 2, 2009 Work Session Meeting
- February 2, 2009 Regular Meeting

D. PETITIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS -None

E. CONSIDERATION OF ANY BIDS

1. Consideration of bids for the Walden Road Pedestrian Improvement Project – *John Dew, Director of Public Services/Construction*

F. REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

1. Consideration of request from William King Regional Arts Center regarding the Fields Penn House - *Lemont Dobson, Director*
2. Presentation and update by the Veterans Memorial Park Foundation of Abingdon/Washington County, Virginia, Inc. – *Col. John Bradley and Emmitt Yeary*

3. Presentation of the award from Association for the preservation of Virginia Antiquities, Public Sector award – ***Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning***
4. Presentation and update on The Mustering Grounds Master Plan – ***Rick Humphreys, The Mustering Grounds Committee***
5. Update on efforts to upgrade the stream bank re-engineering and reforestation at The Mustering Grounds and along Wolfe Creek – ***Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning***
6. Presentation and update from the Tourism Advisory Committee – ***Courtney Bledsoe, Chairman***

G. PASSAGE OF RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia supporting a model 21st century rail “Steel Interstate” service in the I-81 corridors to demonstrate fast rail freight and passenger service to the nation – ***Henry McCarthy, Abingdon resident***
2. Resolution of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia to authorize Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager, to execute all documents and amendments thereto between the Town and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) regarding the allocation agreement for the Walden Road Sidewalk Improvement Project – ***John Dew, Director of Public Services/Construction***

H. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES - None

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES - None

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

L. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

M. 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. 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.

3. 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.

N. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- March 2nd regular Council meeting
- March 6th Virginia Ballroom Concert “Celtic Celebration”
- March 12th “Go Green” Committee meeting
- March 13th International fundraiser dinner for Abingdon Senior Center
- April 6th regular Council meeting

O. ADJOURNMENT