

**Town of Bluefield
Town Council
Minutes
February 23, 2023**

The Bluefield, Virginia Town Council held a Special Called Meeting on Saturday, February 23, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall located at 112 Huffard Drive, Bluefield, Virginia.

PRESENT

Donnie Linkous, Mayor
Cathy Payne, Councilmember
Chuck Presley, Councilmember
Lee Riffe, Councilmember
Anglis Trigg, Councilmember
Rick Holman, Vice-Mayor
Ron Holt, Councilmember

ALSO PRESENT

Alan McGraw, Interim Attorney

ABSENT

James Hampton, Co Interim Town Mgr/Treasurer
Kim Hernandez, Co Interim Town Mgr/Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Linkous called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Linkous asked the attorney to read the Executive Session.

Mr. McGraw asked that they first make a motion to temporarily delegate to Interim Town Attorney, Alan McGraw the duties of Town Clerk with direction to deliver to Town Clerk, Kim Hernandez any and all documents/recordings generated today so she may fulfill her duties with such temporary authority to terminate upon adjournment of this meeting.

Mr. Presley made a motion to approve the above. Mr. Holman seconded the motion.

Mayor Linkous did roll call.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilmember Riffe:	Yes
Vice-Mayor Holman:	Yes
Councilmember Holt:	Yes
Councilmember Presley:	Yes
Councilmember Payne:	Yes
Councilmember Trigg:	Yes

Mayor Linkous: No Vote Permitted

6-0 in favor of the above motion.

MOTION FOR CLOSED MEETING

It is hereby moved that the Council of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia enter into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia as amended, The specific purpose for this motion is to discuss the following matter(s):

Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment with such closed meeting being confined to that topic.

Mayor Linkous asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session.

Councilmember Presley made a motion to enter into Executive Session as described above. Vice-Mayor Holman seconded the motion.

Mayor Linkous did roll call.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilmember Riffe:	Yes
Vice-Mayor Holman:	Yes
Councilmember Holt:	Yes
Councilmember Presley:	Yes
Councilmember Payne:	Yes
Councilmember Trigg:	Yes
Mayor Linkous:	No Vote Permitted

6-0 in favor of going into Executive Session.

Mayor Linkous asked for a motion to resume open meeting.

Councilmember Riffe made a motion to enter back into regular session. Councilmember Presley seconded the motion.

Mayor Linkous asked Mr. McGraw to read the certification.

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Bluefield, Virginia convened a closed meeting on February 23, 2023, pursuant to a duly adopted motion, attached hereto, and such closed meeting was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Bluefield, Virginia returned to its open meeting held on February 23, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA HEREBY CERTIFIES that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were discussed in the closed meeting held on February 23, 2023, to which this certification applies and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening such closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Council of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia in such closed meeting.

Mayor Linkous did roll call.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilmember Riffe:	Yes
Vice-Mayor Holman:	Yes
Councilmember Holt:	No
Councilmember Presley:	Yes
Councilmember Payne:	Yes
Councilmember Trigg:	Yes
Mayor Linkous:	Yes

Mr. McGraw asked Mr. Holt to specify what was not related to the motion.

Mr. Holt stated that other matters were discussed regarding personal grievances of previous employees/ council that did not fall exempt from the public's ability to hear what they were talking about.

Mr. McGraw stated that he did not think personal grievances with council was public business and would dig into more details about steps going forward.

Motion carried 6-1 approving the certification.

ADJOURN

Mayor Linkous asked for a motion and a second to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m.

D.S. Linkous, Mayor

Kim Hernandez, Town Clerk

