



**TOWN OF BLUEFIELD
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
May 23, 2017
AGENDA**

6:30 p.m. **Public Hearing:** [Proposed Rate Increases](#)

7:00 p.m. **Public Hearing:** [Proposed FY 2017 / 2018 Budget](#)

7:30 p.m. **Call to Order**

7:31 p.m. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

- Pastor Billy Lykins, Memorial Baptist Church

7:33 p.m. **Approval of Agenda**

7:34 p.m. **Consent Agenda**

- [May 9, 2017 Work Session Minutes](#)
- [May 9, 2017 Town Council Minutes](#)

7:35 p.m. **Citizen Requests & Special Presentations**

- Special Presentation: [Dr. Chopra Resolution](#) – Vice-Mayor Lee Riffe
- Special Presentation: Heart of Appalachia – Megan Brown

7:45 p.m. **Committee Reports**

- Autumn Jamboree Committee Update – James Hampton

7:48 p.m. **Unfinished Business & Reports**

7:49 p.m. **New Business and Reports**

- [BB&T Resolution to Approve Financing Term for Garbage Truck, VOTE](#) – James Hampton

7:51 p.m. **Town Manager's Report**

- Recycling Update
- Downtown Movies
- Hockman Pike / Montrose Curve
- [Cole Chevy Mountain Festival 2017 Schedule of Events](#)
- Veterans Recognition Program – Sat., May 27th at 2:00 pm at Downtown Veterans Memorial
- Town Offices Closed – Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day

7:59 p.m. **Citizen Comments**

8:04 p.m. **Council Comments**

8:16 p.m. **Attorney Report**

- [Ordinance to Increase Tax on Meals](#) – (1st Reading), **VOTE**
- [Ordinance to Approve and Adopt the FY 2017 / 2018 Budget](#) – (1st Reading), **VOTE**

8:21 p.m. **Executive Session:** Section 2.2-3711-A-1.3

8:51 p.m. **Executive Session:** Section 2.2-3711-A-1.1

9:21 p.m. **Adjourn**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Council of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** on May 23, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 112 Huffard Drive in Bluefield, Virginia. This **PUBLIC HEARING** is being held to receive input on the proposed rate increases beginning the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year Budget. The proposed increases are as follows:

- Water Rates – the proposed increase will be \$2.00 on the minimum usage of 2,000 gallons increasing the monthly bill from \$19.20 per month to \$21.20 per month. This proposed increase shall also include an increase on the usage above 2,000 gallons to 6% increasing the average monthly bill of 4,000 gallon per month usage in the amount of \$2.84 per month.
- Meals Tax – the proposed increase will be 1.5% on the existing meals tax of 5% increasing it to 6.5%. The proposed 1.5% increase will be divided into two parts with a proposed 0.5% going towards employee salaries and 1% to be set aside for capital projects for the Town of Bluefield.

All interested persons are invited to appear at the **PUBLIC HEARING** and present their views. Questions and/or comments may be referred to Lesley Catron, Town Clerk at 276-322-4626.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia, the Bluefield, Virginia Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2017 / 2018 Budget on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 112 Huffard Drive, Bluefield, Virginia. A brief summary of the budget, which is for information and fiscal planning purposes only, follows:

GENERAL FUND	
REVENUE	
General Property Taxes	\$1,010,000
Other Local Taxes	3,055,800
Permits (Misc. Permits & Fees)	22,750
Fines & Forfeitures	47,500
Use of Money & Property	38,000
Charges for Services	481,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	375,000
Revenue from the Commonwealth – Non Categorical	196,677
Revenue from the Commonwealth – Categorical	2,154,544
Revenue from the Federal Government	0
Other Financing Sources	1,000,000
Transfers to General Fund	1,350
TOTAL REVENUE	\$8,382,621
EXPENDITURES	
Town Council	62,782
Town Manager	459,796
Legal	4,000
Independent Audit	39,000
Treasurer	197,602
Bookkeeping	124,381
Vehicle Maintenance	504,072
Police Department	1,588,669
Fire Department	161,922
Building Inspection	118,909
Street Department	1,093,371
Refuse Collection	276,040
Town Hall Buildings & Grounds	126,336
Recreation Department	298,179
Cemetery	81,893
HMGP Planning Project	0
Planning Commission	6,990
Community Development	68,000
Donations	41,200
Zoning Administrator	89,114
Non-Departmental	121,196
Transfer	348,655

Capital Projects	500,000
FEMA and Capital Projects	1,500,000
Debt Service – Active	570,514
Debt Service - Retired	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$8,382,621
WATER FUND	
REVENUE	1,153,660
EXPENDITURES	1,153,660
CEMETERY	
REVENUE	34,550
EXPENDITURES	34,550
TRANSIT	
REVENUE	528,710
EXPENDITURES	528,710