

**Town of Bluefield
Town Council
Minutes
October 8, 2019**

The Bluefield, Virginia Town Council held a regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall located at 112 Huffard Drive, Bluefield, Virginia.

PRESENT

Don Harris, Mayor
Anglis Trigg Jr., Vice-Mayor
Chuck Presley, Councilmember
Jarrod Bailey, Councilmember

ALSO PRESENT

Mike Watson, Town Manager
Kim Hernandez, Town Clerk
Rachel Looney, Administrative Asst.
Matt Freedman, Town Attorney
Kris Williams, Zoning Administrator
6 Members of Public

ABSENT

Ron Holt, Councilmember
Jimmy Jones, Councilmember
Billie Roberts, Comm. Dev. Coordinator
Shane Gunter, Police Chief

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Ray Petty, Virginia Avenue United Methodist Church led the invocation. Mayor Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Presley made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Bailey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Vice-Mayor Trigg:	Yes
Councilmember Presley:	Yes
Councilmember Bailey:	Yes
Mayor Harris:	Yes

Dave Wohlford, Sedgewood stated that it appeared that Princeton had taken over BRMC and that their transition teams were in place.

Mayor Harris stated that they had received an email from some local doctors asking questions but council and staff had been out of town and had not been able to address it yet.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Sanders House Bean Dinner

Mr. Watson stated that the bean dinner was changed to October 22nd and invited everyone to attend.

Annual Tree Lighting & Community Gathering

Mr. Watson stated that the Annual Tree Lighting & Community Gathering had to be pushed back to November 16th due to some scheduling conflicts.

Christmas Parade

Mr. Watson stated that the Christmas Parade was tentatively scheduled for Saturday, December 7th.

Employee Dinner

Mr. Watson stated that the Employee Dinner was scheduled for Tuesday, December 17th at Fincastle.

Volunteer Dinner

Mr. Watson stated that the Volunteer Dinner was scheduled for Thursday, December 19th at Fincastle.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Trigg had none.

Mr. Presley stated that VML was fun. He stated that Mr. O' Neal was doing a great job and that there was also 2 trees on South College near Classic Coal that were leaning. He stated that Twisted History was this weekend at the Sanders House and gave a shout out to the Police, Fire and Town Employees.

Mr. Bailey thanked Mr. Stacy for his positive words of encouragement and that Fincastle was worth saving and they were moving in the right direction.

Mayor Harris stated at VML he had talked to the CEO/Attorney and mentioned to him that we had acquired a Country Club last week and was told that they had also acquired one last week as well. He stated that he had asked him to entertain having one of their annual conference meetings at Fincastle and he was open to it. He asked if anyone was interested in visiting Bath County that they needed to do it soon and could take a bus.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Ordinance accepting and authorizing the execution of a certain memorandum of understanding & use agreement dated October 8, 2019, that is between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Town of Bluefield, 2nd Reading (by title only), Motion to Adopt, ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Freedman stated that the title on the agenda read Ordinance accepting and authorizing the execution of a certain memorandum of understanding & use agreement dated October 8, 2019, that is between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Town of Bluefield. He stated that the Ordinance was before council for its 2nd Reading and was an ordinance adopting a memorandum of understanding to use one of our offices and some parking spaces here at the Town Hall. He stated that if council was ready to proceed with the 2nd Reading by title only then he would need a motion, 2nd and a Roll Call Vote to do the 2nd Reading by title only.

Mr. Presley made a motion to approve the 2nd Reading by title only. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Vice-Mayor Trigg:	Yes
Councilmember Presley:	Yes
Councilmember Bailey:	Yes
Mayor Harris:	Yes
Councilmember Jones:	Absent
Councilmember Holt:	Absent

The motion passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

Mr. Freedman read the Ordinance by title only: Ordinance accepting and authorizing the execution of a certain memorandum of understanding & use agreement dated October 8, 2019 that is between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Town of Bluefield. He stated with the 2nd Reading done and if council was ready to proceed with the adoption then he would need a motion, 2nd and a Roll Call Vote to adopt.

Mr. Presley made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Vice-Mayor Trigg:	Yes
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Councilmember Presley: Yes
Councilmember Bailey: Yes
Mayor Harris: Yes
Councilmember Jones: Absent
Councilmember Holt: Absent

The motion passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

ADJOURN

Mayor Harris stated that it had been a good meeting and that council always invited citizens to speak whether good or bad.

Mr. Presley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Mr. Trigg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Vice-Mayor Trigg: Yes
Councilmember Presley: Yes
Councilmember Bailey: Yes
Mayor Harris: Yes
Councilmember Jones: Absent
Councilmember Holt: Absent

Don Harris, Mayor

Kim Hernandez, Town Clerk