

**Town of Bluefield  
Town Council  
Minutes  
January 12, 2016**

The Bluefield, Virginia Town Council held a regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 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, Councilmember  
Donnie Linkous, Councilmember  
Jimmy Jones, Vice Mayor  
Lee Riffe, Councilmember  
Steve Danko, Councilmember

**ALSO PRESENT**

Mike Watson, Town Manager  
Shane Gunter, Police Chief  
Kim Hernandez, Executive Assistant  
Lesley Catron, Town Clerk  
Matt Freedman, Town Attorney  
Billie Roberts, Comm. Dev. Coordinator  
Kris Williams, Zoning Administrator  
Jeff Sizemore, Recycling Director  
1 Member of Public

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Vice-Mayor Jones led the Invocation. Mayor Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Harris removed the Joint Public Hearing from the agenda and added the Wrestling Donation, VOTE under Unfinished Business & Reports.

Councilmember Linkous made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Councilmember Danko seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Vice-Mayor Jones made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Linkous seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **CITIZEN REQUESTS & SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### ***Recycling and Refuse Department Update – Jeff Sizemore***

Mr. Sizemore stated that drug testing was still being done. He stated that 25% was transit, 50% random CDL and 10% across the board along with pre-employment testing. He stated that he had taken over uniforms and in the beginning there were some issues but that now he was making some progress. He stated that all 6 Refuge guys were now certified flag men. He stated that he had 4 dumpsters being refurbished that needed bottoms put in, 12 residential dumpsters were out along with 70 commercial dumpsters which were picked up daily plus the regular trash pickups. He stated that we were in line for a new garbage truck this year and that he was working on the bid packet. He stated since July 2014 they had 190 extra pickups that included items such as stoves, couches, etc. which did not include the free pickup done yearly. He stated that since July 2014, that they had bailed 101 ½ tons of cardboard which netted them around \$8,800.

Mr. Danko asked if they had ever caught anyone on the drug tests.

Mr. Sizemore stated a few and once they were caught they were gone because the Town had a no drug tolerance.

Mr. Watson stated that there were few long term employees that had tested positive that it was mainly summer or pre-employment help.

Mayor Harris asked how many of the commercial dumpsters were out.

Mr. Sizemore stated 70 and were at places such as Bluefield College, McDonalds, La Fiesta, etc. and were picked up at least 4 times per week.

Mr. Trigg asked if we picked up at Wal-Mart.

Mr. Sizemore stated no, that they had their own service.

Mr. Trigg asked about Food City.

Mr. Sizemore stated no, that all the big box companies had their own pickup service. He stated that we also picked up at Aramark and the Furnace Man.

Mr. Trigg asked if we did good on plastics.

Mr. Sizemore stated that we did not collect enough and it was taken to Princeton.

Mayor Harris thanked him and his guys for their hard work.

***Public Works/Town Garage Department Update – Mike Watson***

Mr. Watson stated that Public Works was currently working at the park putting in the walking trail. He stated that in the upcoming transit budget that the Garage would start buying heavy equipment such as a new air compressor and a computer that would check diagnostics. He stated that he would be working with Transit to purchase it for 3-5%. He stated that the Tower was up and the building was built but that he was waiting to transfer the wires. He stated that he would like to be out by February and has left messages but could not get anyone to return his calls. He stated that Public Works also helped staff with events.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilmember Danko made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to *Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711-A-1.1* and Mrs. Catron read:

Discussion, consideration or interviews of prospective candidates for employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of any public body; and evaluation of performance of departments.

Vice-Mayor Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Council entered into Executive Session at 7:56 p.m.

Vice-Mayor Jones made a motion to enter out of Executive Session. Councilmember Danko seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Councilmember Riffe made a motion to adopt the following resolution certifying the Executive Session and Mrs. Catron read:

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Bluefield, Virginia has convened an executive meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712-D of The Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Town Council of Bluefield, Virginia that such session was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of Bluefield, Virginia hereby certifies that, to the best of each members knowledge, (I) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Town Council.

Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January.

Councilmember Trigg seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Councilmember Riffe:	Yes
Councilmember Linkous:	Yes
Councilmember Trigg:	Yes
Mayor Harris:	Yes
Vice Mayor Jones:	Yes
Councilmember Danko:	Yes

The motion passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS & REPORTS**

***Wrestling Donation, VOTE – Mike Watson***

Mr. Watson stated that Tim Woodward had asked for a donation of \$1k at the last council meeting and asked if council would like to approve the request.

Mr. Danko stated that he would like to try and find out who paid for what and would like for them to come in and tell council where they stood financially first.

Mr. Riffe agreed and stated with it being the high school, he would like to see how they divide their money.

Mr. Linkous stated that by doing this, it would put them in a public setting. He suggested having Mr. Watson go to him and bring the information back to council.

Mayor Harris stated that he could be invited into an Executive Session. He stated that Mr. Woodward had given council all of the information requested and had also gave his own money to help.

Mr. Riffe stated that there was something wrong with the system and that they should not have to come to council to ask for money.

Mayor Harris stated once again that he had provided them with all of the information that was needed and asked for a motion.

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve Mr. Woodward's \$1k Wrestling Donation request. Mr. Trigg seconded the motion. Mayor Harris asked for a Roll Call Vote.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Councilmember Riffe:	No
Councilmember Linkous:	Abstain
Councilmember Trigg:	Yes

Mayor Harris: Yes  
Vice Mayor Jones: Yes  
Councilmember Danko: No

Mr. Freedman stated that for it to pass, that the majority had to vote in favor of it.

Mayor Harris stated that he was not sure that was correct because they had 3 in favor.

Mr. Linkous stated that the reason he was abstaining was that he would like to speak with them first and have Coach Carlock come in and give them some numbers. He stated that it was a shame that they had to come to council and ask for money. He stated that it cost \$5 each to get into a basketball game and that he was not voting against it but would like to hold off and talk to them first and get to the bottom of it. He stated that once they had talked to them then he had no problem voting.

Mr. Freedman stated that he still thought that it had to be the majority.

Mr. Linkous stated that there was 3 yes and 2 no and that if he voted no, that it did not fail but just did not pass and that it could be brought back up. He asked that they withdraw the motion until they could talk to Carlock. He stated that he was 100% for giving but wanted to meet with Carlock first.

Mr. Jones stated that Carlock was above all of the athletic directors in the County.

Mr. Linkous stated that it was a shame that teachers and coaches had to come and ask for money.

Mr. Jones stated that the school board gave money to football.

Mr. Linkous amended his motion from abstained to yes. The motion passed 4-2 by Roll Call Vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS & REPORTS**

### ***Board/Committee Appointments/Reappointments, POSSIBLE VOTE – Mike Watson***

Mr. Watson stated that he recommended reappointing the following and that the other list was cleaning up the dates.

### **VOTE TO APPOINT / REAPPOINT**

#### **Appoint:**

<u>Greg DeGray – IDA (New Member, Treasurer)</u>	<u>2014 – 2018</u>
<u>Lisa Watkins – IDA (New Member)</u>	<u>2014 – 2018</u>
<u>David Bowers – IDA (New Member)</u>	<u>2016 – 2020</u>

**Reappoint:**

Buck Sowers – IDA (Chair)	2017 – 2021
Wayne Blevins – IDA (Vice-Chair)	2015 – 2019
Jay Kelly – IDA	2016 – 2020
Scott Keim – IDA	2015 – 2019
Billie Roberts – IDA (Non-Member, Secretary)	No Term
Frank Britton – Planning Commission (Chair)	Jan. 1, 2012 – Dec. 31, 2015
Don Whitt – Planning Commission (Secretary)	Jan. 1, 2012 – Dec. 31, 2015
Don Scott – Planning Commission	Jan. 1, 2011 – Dec. 31, 2014
Harry Kammer – Planning Commission	Jan. 1, 2011 – Dec. 31, 2014
Stephanie Sparks – Board of Building Code Appeals	June 11, 2011 – June 10, 2015
Dennis Willis – Board of Building Code Appeals (Chair)	June 11, 2011 – June 10, 2015
Bill Marrs – Cemetery Commission	Jan. 1, 2013 – Dec. 31, 2015
Ed Spurgeon – Cemetery Commission	Jan. 1, 2013 – Dec. 31, 2015
Ben Muncy – Cemetery Commission	Jan. 1, 2013 – Dec. 31, 2015
Nancy Buchanan – Cemetery Commission	Jan. 1, 2014 – Dec. 31, 2015
Mike Watson – Blfd, VA Rescue Squad	Jan. 1, 2015 – Dec. 31, 2015
Don Harris – Blfd, VA Rescue Squad	Jan. 1, 2015 – Dec. 31, 2015
Don Harris, Cumberland Plateau Planning District	July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2106
Mike Watson, Blfd Regional Med. Center	1 year term reappointment
Mike Watson, Blfd Baseball Club	1 year term reappointment
Mike Watson, Tazewell Co. Wireless Authority	1 year term reappointment

**POSSIBLE APPOINTMENTS / REAPPOINTMENTS OF TOWN BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

(2016 Organizational Meeting)

**\*NOTE: Terms Expiring & Individuals up for Reappointment / Appointment are Highlighted\***

**TOWN COUNCIL (4 year term – Elected)**

Oaths of Office for Newly Elected Officials (Sworn in by Clerk of Tazewell County Circuit Court)

- Don Harris, Mayor January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2016
- Anglis Trigg, Jr., Councilmember January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2016
- Donnie Linkous, Councilmember January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2016
- Steve Danko, Councilmember January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2018
- Jimmy Jones, Vice-Mayor January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2018
- Lee Riffe, Councilmember January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2018

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (BZA) (5 year term)**

Court Order by Tazewell Circuit Court Judge (At the recommendation of Town Council)

- Derrick Ruble, Chair July 1, 2012 – July 1, 2017
- Thomas Adkins, Co Chair May 31, 2012 – May 31, 2017
- David Smith July 1, 2013 – July 1, 2018
- Brian McCoy July 1, 2014 – July 1, 2019

- Jim Wilkinson July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2018
- Jerry Hickman, Alternate Member July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2018

**TAZEWELL COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY (2 year term)**

Town Representative Approved by Tazewell County (At the recommendation of Town Council)

- Randall Hash December 31, 2014 – December 30, 2016

**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (IDA) (4 year term)**

Court Order by Tazewell Circuit Court Judge (At the recommendation of Town Council)

- |  |            |             |
|--|------------|-------------|
| • Buck Sowers, Chair                   |            | 2017 – 2021 |
| • Wayne Blevins, Vice-Chair            |            | 2015 – 2019 |
| • Greg DeGray, Treasurer               | New Member | 2014 – 2018 |
| • Lisa Watkins                         | New Member | 2014 – 2018 |
| • Jay Kelly                            |            | 2016 – 2020 |
| • Scott Keim                           |            | 2015 – 2019 |
| • David Bowers                         | New Member | 2016 – 2020 |
| • Billie Roberts, Non-Member Secretary |            | No Term     |

**PLANNING COMMISSION (4 year term)**

Members of Commission / Boards Appointed by Town Council

- |                                  |                                     |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| • Barry Perdue                   | January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2016 |
| • Steve Danko, Town Council Rep. | No Term                             |
| • David Smith, Vice-Chair        | January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2016 |
| • Frank Britton, Chair           | January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2015 |
| • Don Whitt, Secretary           | January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2015 |
| • Don Scott                      | January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2014 |
| • Harry Kammer                   | January 1, 2011 – December 13, 2014 |

**BOARD OF BUILDING CODE APPEALS (BBCA) (4 year term)**

Members of Commission / Boards Appointed by Town Council

- |                        |                               |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • Chris Booth          | July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2018  |
| • Jimmy Compton        | July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2018  |
| • Mike Ruble           | June 11, 2013 – June 10, 2017 |
| • Eddie Pauley         | June 11, 2013 – June 10, 2017 |
| • Stephanie Sparks     | June 11, 2011 – June 10, 2015 |
| • Dennis Willis, Chair | June 11, 2011 – June 10, 2015 |

**CEMETERY COMMISSION (3 year term)**

Members of Commission / Boards Appointed by Town Council

- Gail Cook June 30, 2013 – July 1, 2016

- Don Harris, Town Council Rep. No Term
- Bill Marrs January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2015
- Ed Spurgeon January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2015
- Ben Muncy January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2015
- Nancy Buchanan January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2015

**BLUEFIELD, VA RESCUE SQUAD (BVRS) (1 year term)**

- Mike Watson January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015
- Don Harris January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015

**SANITARY BOARD OF BLUEFIELD (3 year term)**

- Steve Danko April 21, 2014 – April 21, 2017
- Rick Taylor December 1, 2013 – December 1, 2016

**CUMBERLAND PLATEAU PLANNING DISTRICT (CPPD) (1 year term)**

Town Representatives Approved by Tazewell County at the Recommendation of Town Council

- Don Harris July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (No Term)**

Members of Commission / Boards Appointed by Town Council

- Ruth Blankenship
- Harry Kammer
- Barry Perdue
- Steve Danko

**BLUEFIELD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (1 year term)**

Approval by Town Council of Town Manager to Serve

- Mike Watson – to serve a 1 year term

**BLUEFIELD BASEBALL CLUB (1 year term)**

Approval by Town Council of Town Manager to Serve

- Mike Watson – to serve a 1 year term

**TAZEWELL COUNTY WIRELESS AUTHORITY (1 year term)**

Approval by Town Council of Town Manager to Serve

- Mike Watson – to serve a 1 year term

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the above request for appointments/reappointments and date changes. Mayor Harris seconded the vote.

Mayor Harris stated that Dennis Willis no longer lived here.

Mr. Watson stated that they did not have to live in Town.

Mr. Linkous stated that the Cumberland Plateau expired on June 30<sup>th</sup> and asked that it be changed to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Watson stated that it was not a Town organized group and that it was appointed by the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors and we could not change it.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

### ***Monetary Bonus Ordinance, VOTE***

Mr. Watson stated that this would be the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Monetary Bonus. He stated that he was not asking to give a bonus but that it was state code that we do this for the Christmas Bonuses. He stated that this allowed for us to continue them in the future and would also cover the past. He stated that Mr. Freedman and Mrs. Roberts would read it in its entirety in the back of the room.

VIRGINIA: AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN HALL IN BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA, ON THE 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE, BY CREATING AN ARTICLE III (MONETARY BONUSES) OF CHAPTER 34 (PERSONNEL), OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA, that Article III of Chapter 34, of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Bluefield, Virginia, is hereby created to read as follows:

### **ARTICLE III. MONETARY BONUSES**

#### **Sec. 34-93. Purpose.**

The purpose of this article and the sections therein is to furnish the Council of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia, with a means to authorize the Town of Bluefield to pay its employees and officers monetary bonuses.

#### **Sec. 34-94. Authority.**

The statutory authority permitting the governing body of a locality to adopt an ordinance authorizing the payment of monetary bonuses to the locality's employees and officers is described under section 15.2-1508 of the Code of Virginia (1950) as amended.

#### **Sec. 34-95. Monetary Bonuses.**

(A) The Council of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia, authorizes the Town of Bluefield to pay its employees and officers monetary bonuses. Monetary bonuses shall only be paid by the Town of Bluefield after the Council of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia, adopts the specific amounts to be used for monetary

bonuses into the annual budget associated with the fiscal year the monetary bonuses are to be paid. After adoption, the Town of Bluefield may pay monetary bonuses in the same manner as the other budgeted items. After adoption, the Town of Bluefield may pay monetary bonuses individually or collectively. The payment of all monetary bonuses by the Town of Bluefield shall be supervised by the Town Manager.

(B) Any monetary bonus paid by the Town of Bluefield prior to the adoption of this article and section, shall be deemed valid if (1) the payment of the monetary bonus was supervised by the Town Manager or awarded by the Council of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia; (2) the amount paid as a monetary bonus was part of an annual budget adopted by the Council of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia; and (3) the amount paid as a monetary bonus was paid to an employee or officer of the Town of Bluefield.

**State law reference**--General Authority, Code of Virginia, § 15.2-1508

**Cross Reference**---Code of Ordinances, Town of Bluefield, Virginia, § 2-112

**Secs. 34-96—34-116. Reserved.**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA, that the Council of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia, adopts and passes this ordinance on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA, that this ordinance shall be effective upon the date it is adopted.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA, that the Council of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia, authorizes Donald R. Harris, the Mayor of the Town of Bluefield, to execute this ordinance on behalf of the said Council.

IT IS SO ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

PUBLIC HEARING:	<u>None</u>		
FIRST READING:	<u>January 12, 2016</u>		
SECOND READING:	<u>January 26, 2016</u>		
FINAL RECORDED VOTE:	_____		
MEMBERS PRESENT:	_____		
MEMBERS ABSENT:	_____		
RESULT OF VOTE:	AYES	NAYES	ABSTENTIONS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
DONALD R. HARRIS, MAYOR  
TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF BLUEFIELD

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
COUNTY OF TAZEWELL, to wit:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Donald R. Harris, Mayor of the Town of Bluefield, has acknowledged the foregoing ordinance before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 LESLEY CATRON DATE  
 TOWN CLERK  
 TOWN OF BLUEFIELD

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
 COUNTY OF TAZEWELL, to wit:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Lesley Catron, Town Clerk of the Town of Bluefield, has acknowledged the foregoing ordinance before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 NOTARY PUBLIC  
 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Linkous made a motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Monetary Bonuses. Mr. Danko seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

***Budget Amendments, VOTE***

Mr. Watson stated that he needed a vote on the following budget amendments:

**2015 – 2016 BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**Revenue**

Line Item		Original Budget	Amended Budget	Change
10.3108-9901	Miscellaneous	\$130,267.00	\$137,011.88	\$6,744.88
		\$130,267.00	\$137,011.88	\$6,744.88

**Expenditure**

Line Item		Original Budget	Amended Budget	Change
8120-5646	Beautification & Landscaping	\$8,000.00	\$14,744.88	\$6,744.88
		\$8,000.00	\$14,744.88	\$6,744.88

**Revenue**

Line Item		Original Budget	Amended Budget	Change
0400-0413	Misc. Law Enforce.	\$40,250.00	\$40,964.58	\$714.58
		\$40,250.00	\$40,964.58	\$714.58

**Expenditure**

Line Item		Original Budget	Amended Budget	Change
3110-5500	Police Dept. Travel & Training	\$12,000.00	\$12,714.58	\$714.58
		\$12,000.00	\$12,714.58	\$714.58

**Revenue  
Line Item**

		Original Budget	Amended Budget	Change
3108-9901	Miscellaneous	<u>\$130,267.00</u>	<u>\$134,662.00</u>	<u>\$4,395.00</u>
		\$130,267.00	\$134,662.00	\$4,395.00

**Expenditure  
Line Item**

		Original Budget	Amended Budget	Change
8120-5657	Special Events	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$14,395.00</u>	<u>\$4,395.00</u>
		\$10,000.00	\$14,395.00	\$4,395.00

**Revenue  
Line Item**

		Original Budget	Amended Budget	Change
0400-0413	Misc. State Law	<u>\$40,250.00</u>	<u>\$41,608.77</u>	<u>\$1,358.77</u>
	Enforcement	\$40,250.00	\$41,608.77	\$1,358.77

**Expenditure  
Line Item**

		Original Budget	Amended Budget	Change
3110-6009	Police Dept. Veh.	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$3,358.77</u>	<u>\$1,358.77</u>
	Other Equip. Parts	\$2,000.00	\$3,358.77	\$1,358.77

**Revenue  
Line Item**

		Original Budget	Amended Budget	Change
3108-9901	Miscellaneous	<u>\$130,267.00</u>	<u>\$150,267.00</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
	Enforcement	\$130,267.00	\$150,267.00	\$20,000.00

**Expenditure  
Line Item**

		Original Budget	Amended Budget	Change
7130-1100	Salaries – Reg	<u>\$49,942.00</u>	<u>\$69,942.00</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
	Recreation	\$49,942.00	\$69,942.00	\$20,000.00

**Revenue  
Line Item**

		Original Budget	Amended Budget	Change
0100-0509	Prior Year Reserves	<u>\$241,052.60</u>	<u>\$257,802.60</u>	<u>\$16,750.00</u>
	Equipment LGIP	\$241,052.60	\$257,802.60	\$16,750.00

**Expenditure  
Line Item**

		Original Budget	Amended Budget	Change
9100-5850	Contingency	<u>\$34,219.00</u>	<u>\$50,969.00</u>	<u>\$16,750.00</u>
		\$34,219.00	\$50,969.00	\$16,750.00

**Revenue**

**Line Item**

		Original Budget	Amended Budget	Change
0900-0204	Rec. Costs	<u>\$30,000.00</u>	<u>\$30,401.98</u>	<u>\$401.98</u>
	General Fund	\$30,000.00	\$30,401.98	\$401.98

**Expenditure**

**Line Item**

		Original Budget	Amended Budget	Change
3110-6009	Police Dept. Veh.	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,401.98</u>	<u>\$401.98</u>
	Other Equip. Parts, etc.	\$2,000.00	\$2,401.98	\$401.98

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the budget amendments. Mr. Linkous seconded the motion. Mayor Harris asked for a Roll Call Vote.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Councilmember Riffe:	Yes
Councilmember Linkous:	Yes
Councilmember Trigg:	Yes
Mayor Harris:	Yes
Vice Mayor Jones:	Yes
Councilmember Danko:	Yes

The motion passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

***Software Update***

Mr. Watson stated he was looking at software updates. He stated that at the present time, we could not do a water cutoff list and that it had to be done manually. He stated that the new software he was looking at would cost around \$50k and \$5k yearly support but that it appeared to be good software. He stated that we were currently paying \$6k per year. He stated that he would look at the budget to see where it could come from.

Mr. Danko asked if others around were using it.

Mr. Watson stated Hillsville.

***Legislative Days***

Mr. Watson stated that Legislative Days were January 21st and 22nd and that the reservations had been made.

Chief Gunter asked to give an update for the Police Department. He stated that during this past Christmas, that there were no break ins and attributed that to having in-car computers now to help remind the officers to patrol.

Mr. Jones complimented them on a good job.

Mayor Harris stated that there was an incident at a local bank where the police were called and it took the Police Department 2 minutes to get there.

Chief Gunter stated that the reason was that the Police Officers were already canvassing the area.

Mayor Harris stated that he explained that to them.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mr. Danko stated that he would like to see council increase meals tax from 7/10% to 1%.

Mr. Watson stated that they could discuss it an upcoming budget work session.

Mayor Harris stated that before, he wanted it to be sales tax.

Mr. Danko stated that he had changed it to meals tax since they could not increase sales tax.

Mr. Jones stated that they needed to have an occupancy tax because we were the only one in Tazewell County who did not.

Mr. Linkous stated that they had passed one 3-4 years ago just in case we ever got a motel.

Mr. Trigg had none.

Mr. Linkous stated that he thought Direct Deposit was a good idea. He asked about the report of too much noise at the Brickhouse.

Mr. Watson stated that he had talked to Pete to see if there were any complaints and there had not been anymore.

Mr. Linkous stated that the guy who was working on the Eclipse Building had skipped town because he owes Lusk Disposal quite a bit of money. He stated that he had got all of the material and left. He suggested having the bank get someone to finish cleaning it up or we would do it and bill them for it. He stated that he was coming by Ryan's the other day and there was a lot of trash down in the bank. He suggested having some community service people to come and clean it up.

Mr. Riffe stated that they were talking about the trail and the Visitors Center and asked if something could be done about the curve on 102 and take out some of the bank.

Mayor Harris stated that it had been looked at for many years and had yet to be fixed. He stated that at the last meeting they were told that they would start working on the Eclipse Building again but that nothing had been done. He stated that in the latest Virginia Magazine that there were articles he recommended council to read concerning things the Legislative Committee had looked at.

### **ATTORNEY REPORT**

#### ***VDOT Conveyance of Right of Way: "Route 460", VOTE (to accept realty and authorize Mayor's execution of the document)***

Mr. Watson stated that in councils packet was a copy of the VDOT Conveyance of Right of Way: "Route 460". He stated that VDOT was giving Right of Way if the Town wanted it. He stated that he needed a vote to accept the realty and authorize the Mayor to execute the document.

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the VDOT Conveyance of Right of Way: "Route 460". Mr. Trigg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### ***VDOT Conveyance of Right of Way: "Route 102 College Avenue", VOTE (to accept realty and authorize Mayor's execution of the document)***

Mr. Watson stated that this was for Route 102 College Avenue and that he needed a vote to accept the realty and authorize the Mayor to execute the document.

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the VDOT Conveyance of Right of Way: "Route 102 College Avenue". Mr. Danko seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **ADJOURN**

Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. Mr. Danko seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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Don Harris, Mayor

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Lesley Catron, Town Clerk