

**Town of Bluefield
Town Council
Work Session
April 24, 2018**

The Bluefield, Virginia Town Council re-opened the 6:00 p.m. Work Session on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall located at 112 Huffard Drive, Bluefield, Virginia.

TOWN COUNCIL PRESENT

Don Harris, Mayor
Anglis Trigg, Jr., Councilmember
Chuck Presley, Councilmember
Jimmy Jones, Councilmember
Ron Holt, Councilmember
Lee Riffe, Vice-Mayor

ALSO PRESENT

Mike Watson, Town Manager
Matt Freedman, Town Attorney
Shane Gunter, Chief of Police
Lesley Catron, Town Clerk
Billie Roberts, Comm. Dev. Coordinator
1 Member of Public

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harris re-opened the Work Session at 7:01 p.m.

Term Limits

Mr. Freedman stated that what Chuck proposed for term limits would have to have a Constitutional Amendment if it were passed and moved forward. He stated that local governments determined (counties, cities, towns) were permitted to establish term limits for their governing body.

Mr. Presley asked for public opinion.

Mr. Freedman stated that he would like to see if all of Town Council wanted to put something like a survey together to get the public's opinion in the upcoming newsletter.

Mr. Presley stated that it would not hurt.

Mr. Watson stated that the last time they discussed it they told staff what they wanted to put in.

Mr. Presley stated that the general idea was to let the public know.

Mayor Harris asked if they wanted to start by getting the public's comments.

Mr. Presley stated that it was basically for their opinion.

Mr. Riffe stated yes.

Mr. Jones stated yes.

Mr. Holt stated yes.

Mr. Presley stated yes.

Mr. Trigg stated that he was against it but if they wanted to receive comments he was fine with that.

Mayor Harris stated that he was not necessarily in favor or term limits and what they would get would be the older folks not voting either way.

Mr. Holt asked what the best way to reach them was.

Mayor Harris said the Town Newsletter.

Mr. Trigg asked who he was talking about.

Mr. Presley stated the whole board.

Mr. Trigg stated that when people voted they vote for the position no matter how many times someone had been in it.

Mr. Presley stated that he would like to see it be 3 terms and then sit out a term. He stated that the details had not been worked out yet.

Mayor Harris stated that citizens were intelligent and they needed to trust their rationale.

Mr. Holt asked if there was any potential to put it on the ballot.

Mr. Freedman stated that he would have to look into it and asked if he wanted it as part of the regular election.

Mr. Holt stated yes.

Mr. Freedman stated that it would go on the referendum if there were a Constitutional Amendment. He stated that right now they were just trying to see what the voters thought.

Mr. Trigg asked if anyone was doing it now.

Mr. Freedman stated no. He stated that once they received approval then he would proceed with a charter amendment. He stated that his thought would be an informal poll and do an online survey and put something in the newsletter to get public feedback. He stated that they would still have to vote as a board for it to move forward.

PIC Awards/Resolutions

Mayor Harris stated that he had a name for consideration. He stated the gentleman was 103 years old and his name was Russell Garrett.

Mr. Jones stated that he was the bookkeeper in Pocahontas for years and also at United Methodist Church. He stated that he was a nice fellow.

Mayor Harris stated that it was David Kovach's father in law and he was very active for years in his garden which was his pride and joy. He stated that he used to take vegetables to his neighbors on his golf cart. He stated that he had contributed so much and needed to be recognized.

Mr. Presley stated that he was in favor of the PIC Award.

Mr. Riffe asked who he was.

Mayor Harris stated a neighbor of Double Gates.

Mr. Riffe asked what he did for the Town and suggested sending a letter like the other lady for her birthday.

Mr. Presley stated that he should have gotten an award then.

Mayor Harris asked council what they wanted to do and stated that he had spoken with his daughter. He stated that they adopted a Resolution for Dr. Kovach and it was taken to him. He stated that a letter from the Town would be nice.

Mr. Riffe suggested a PIC Award.

Council agreed.

ADJOURN

Mayor Harris adjourned the Work Session at 7:21 p.m.

Don Harris, Mayor

Lesley Catron, Town Clerk