

**Town of Bluefield  
Town Council  
Minutes  
February 4, 2023**

The Bluefield, Virginia Town Council held a Special Called Meeting on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 10:30 a.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  
Ron Holt, Councilmember  
Rick Holman, Vice-Mayor

**ALSO PRESENT**

Alan McGraw, Interim Attorney

**ABSENT**

James Hampton, Co Interim Town Mgr/Treasurer  
Kim Hernandez, Co Interim Town Mgr/Town Clerk  
Shane Gunter, Chief of Police

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Linkous called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.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. Holt made a motion to approve the above. Mr. Presley 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. Councilmember Riffe 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 Holt 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 4, 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 4, 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 4, 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 asked for a motion to approve the certification.

Vice-Mayor Holman made a motion to approve the certification. Councilmember Presley 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:	Yes

Motion carried 7-0 approving the certification.

**ADJOURN**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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D.S. Linkous, Mayor

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Kim Hernandez, Town Clerk

