

**Board of Directors  
Bluefield, West Virginia  
June 10, 2014  
12 noon**

The Board of Directors of the City of Bluefield, West Virginia in a regularly scheduled meeting on June 10, 2014 at 12 noon in the Municipal Building Boardroom. Present were Mayor Thomas Cole, Vice Mayor Barbara Thompson Smith, Directors Ellen Light, Michael Gibson and Chuck McGonagle. Also attending was Assistant City Manager Josh Cline, Attorney Brian Cochran and City Clerk Bobbi Kersey. Interim City Manager Dennis Dillow was absent.

Mayor Thomas Cole welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Invocation and Pledge**

Vice Mayor Barbara Thompson Smith gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes**

The minutes from the May 27, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved and so ordered.

**Discussion Items**

Assistant City Manager Josh Cline gave the following reports:

1. The Fire Department is in the process of evaluating and reviewing equipment.
2. City offices will be closed on June 20 for West Virginia Day. Garbage regularly scheduled for pick up Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> will be picked up on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
3. The Farmer's Market is now open Tuesday and Saturday starting at 10:00 a.m.
4. The Wedding of the Two Bluefield's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will begin July 12 at 12:00 noon. Many activities have been planed and are listed on the city website. ([www.cityofbluefield.com](http://www.cityofbluefield.com) or [www.bluefieldva.org](http://www.bluefieldva.org))
5. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9696 announced that it will conduct an American Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday, June 14 at 10:00 a. m. on the lawn behind the Sanders House in Bluefield, Virginia. The public is invited.
6. City Hall will operate with limited resources on June 24 due to Appalachian Power Co. cutting power off from 10-2.

**Public Comments**

Art Riley, representing the Downtown Merchants Association, gave the following reports:

1. The Merchant Association 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Street Fair will be August 1 – August 2. There will be entertainment, a downhill derby, dog show and many other events. Mark your calendar.
2. Chicory Square Concerts are presented every Friday. This week the Princeton Fitness Center will present a program starting at 12 noon. Everyone is invited.
3. Congratulations on the new City Manager selection. Merchants and citizens are looking forward to meeting Mr. Rideout.

### **Action Items**

Mayor Thomas Cole read the following resolution with regard to the lease contract with Mr. Lee. Mayor Cole stated a public hearing had been held at 11:30 a.m. this morning concerning the lease agreement.

### **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BLUEFIELD**

#### **AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BLUEFIELD TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH RONALD LEE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bluefield owns an approved parcel of real property on which is constructed a structure commonly referred to as the "old Bluefield Daily Telegraph building" located on Bland Street in Bluefield, West Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald Lee has offered to lease this certain parcel of real estate from the City of Bluefield for a period of one (1) year; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bluefield hereby declares that at this time, this property is considered surplus to the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bluefield agrees that the rental term of \$800.00 per month with proposed improvements made by Ronald Lee represent fair and adequate consideration for the lease of said property; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of this resolution, lease agreement, and public hearing has been properly advertised as a Class I legal advertisement in the Bluefield Daily Telegraph; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on June 10, 2014, prior to the authorization of this lease agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the duly elected governing authority of the City of Bluefield is the Board of Directors thereof.

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Pursuant to West Virginia Code 8-12-18(c), the Board of Directors hereby resolves that the City of Bluefield is authorized to enter into the attached lease agreement with Ronald Lee for the price of \$800.00 per month.

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Thomas J. Cole, Mayor

Attest:

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Bobbi Kersey, Clerk

After a brief discussion **Vice Mayor Barbara Thompson Smith made a motion to authorize the lease agreement with contingencies upon certain items as discussed by the City Attorney. Unanimously approved and so ordered.**

Assistant City Manager Josh Cline requested approval for a Commodity Flow Study. This submission from Nick J. Rahall, II Appalachian Transportation Institute (RTI) at Marshall University stems from recent developments including enhancements to transportation infrastructure, potential shifts in regional commodity flows and new intermodal facilities (planned) or coming on line. This project will be conducted by RTI, part of the Marshall University Research Corporation (MURC). MURC is the 501 © (3) organization established by Marshall University to administer externally funded projects and serves as the fiscal agent for sponsored search. **Vice Mayor Barbara Thompson Smith made a motion to approve the Commodity Flow Study. Unanimously approved and so ordered.**

Director Ellen Light made a motion authorizing Mayor Thomas J. Cole to execute a Contractual Employment Agreement providing for the employment of Dane Rideout as City Manager of the City of Bluefield. Unanimously approved and so ordered.

## **Announcements**

### **Lunch with the Mayor**

The City Board of Directors is interested in hearing from the residents, business owners, employees and visitors to Bluefield. To hear directly from you in a casual setting, "Lunch with the Mayor" was established by Mayor Tom Cole. Mayor Cole or a City Board of Directors member will meet with four individuals at a local establishment on Mondays at noon for lunch and general conversation. Individuals may request to be added to the list by completing a form at the city website. For additional questions please email or call Joshua Cline at 304.327.5568.

### **Second Chance Rocks the Two Virginias**

The Second Chance concert will be June 21 at Mitchell Stadium. Gates open at 1:00 p.m. and the concert will begin at 2:15 p.m. Tickets are available at Grants Supermarket, Paper and More, Greater Bluefield Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 276.970.7810.

### **Adjournment**

Director Michael Gibson made a motion to adjourn. Unanimously approved and so ordered.

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Bobbi Kersey, City Clerk

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Thomas J. Cole, Mayor