

**Board of Directors  
Bluefield, West Virginia  
June 24, 2014  
6:00 p.m.**

The Board of Directors of the City of Bluefield, West Virginia met in a regularly scheduled meeting June 24, 2014 at 6 p.m. 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 were Interim City Manager Dennis Dillow, Assistant City Manager Josh Cline, Attorney Brian Cochran and City Clerk Bobbi Kersey.

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 June 10, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved and so ordered after a punctuation correction.

**Discussion Items**

Interim City Manager Dennis Dillow gave the following reports:

1. Assistant Manager Josh Cline is in the process of working on an REAP Recycle Assistance Grant.
2. The wedding of the two Bluefields 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be July 12 starting at noon. A daylong celebration will be held in Lotito City Park with free train rides, carnival games, inflatables, trolley rides, vow renewals and more. Stephanie Muncy and Cody Woodall will exchange their wedding vows at 6:00 p.m., just like Emma Smith and Wingo Yost did ninety years ago. Admission is free and the public is invited.
3. The Second Chance Concert was a success. Approximately twelve to fifteen thousand people were present for the concert.

**Public Comments**

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

1. The Merchants 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. Bill Archer and Carl Miller will be singing for the Chicory Square Concert on Friday, June 27. The concert will begin at 11:30 a.m. and free hot dogs will be

available compliments of Cole Chevy. There will not be a concert on July 4.

3. Will a representative from AEP be rescheduled for the next meeting since they did not attend this meeting? Mayor Cole stated that he would again extend an invitation for an AEP representative to attend the next meeting.
4. Has the contract for the Old Bluefield Daily Telegraph with Mr. Lee been signed? Interim City Manager Dennis Dillow stated he had met with Mr. Lee and Building Inspector Gerald Steele and reviewed all of the conditions discussed at the public hearing. Mr. Lee had met all the conditions and the contract was signed on June 23.

### **Action Items**

Mayor Cole read a **Resolution of Appreciation for Marie-Elisabeth Seidle.**

#### **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION Marie-Elisabeth Seidle**

**WHEREAS**, on June 26, 2014, Marie-Elisabeth Seidle, an international student from Germany, will successfully complete her internship with the City of Bluefield; and

**WHEREAS**, Marie began her service to the City of Bluefield on January 6, 2014 as an assistant to the Code Enforcement Department and quickly demonstrated her valuable skills to the City administration and completed projects for the City Manager's Office, the Human Resources Director, the City Engineer's Office, and Treasury Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Marie has logged many community service hours volunteering at the Holiday of Lights, serving as the Easter Bunny at the Easter egg hunt, and has worked on the Wedding of the Two Bluefields, and

**WHEREAS**, during her service to the City of Bluefield, Marie has described as a dedicated and loyal colleague who produces a high quality of work and shows a high productivity; and

**WHEREAS**, Marie has been an outstanding role model to all our employees in regards to work ethic, professionalism, teamwork and initiative.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the City of Bluefield sincerely thank Marie for her commitment and service to the citizens of the City of Bluefield. We join with our employees in wishing her the best in her return home to Germany and we are confident that she will be successful in her future endeavors.

Mayor Cole read a **Resolution of Appreciation for Sina Maria Beichel.**

#### **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION Sina Maria Beichel**

**WHEREAS**, on June 26, 2014, Sina Maria Beichel, an international student from Germany, will successfully complete her internship with the City of Bluefield; and

**WHEREAS**, Sina began her service to the City of Bluefield on January 6, 2014 as an assistant to the Police Department and quickly demonstrated her valuable skills to the City administration and assisted the Municipal Court Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, during her service to the City of Bluefield, Sina has described as a dedicated and loyal colleague who produces a high quality of work and shows a high productivity; and

**WHEREAS**, Sina has been an outstanding role model to all our employees in regards to work ethic, professionalism, teamwork and initiative.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the City of Bluefield sincerely thank Sina for her commitment and service to the citizens of the City of Bluefield. We join with our employees in wishing her the best in her return home to Germany and we are confident that she will be successful in her future endeavors.

**With no objections from the Board, both resolutions were unanimously approved and so ordered.**

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Thomas J. Cole, Mayor

Attest:

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Bobbi Kersey, Clerk

Mayor Cole requested approval to appoint Steve Coleman as recommended by the Fine Arts Commission to a five (5) year term. **With no objections from the Board, the appointment of Steve Coleman to a five (5) year term was unanimously approved and so ordered.**

### **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