

Bluff Town Council
Tuesday, November 20, 2018
Bluff Community Center at 6:00 p.m.
190 N 3rd East
P. O. Box 324
Bluff UT 84512

Draft Minutes

Regular meetings are held every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Bluff Community Center. Requests to be on the agenda may be submitted to Ann Leppanen at least 4 days before the meeting.

Mayor: Ann Leppanen, Luanne Hook, Brant Murray, Jim Sayers, and Linda Sosa

The meeting started at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call

Approval of Budget Public Hearing Minutes from 11/13/18

Sayers motioned to accept, Murray seconded. All voted in favor.

Approval of Regularly Scheduled Council Minutes from 11/13/18

Murray motioned to accept, Sayers seconded. All voted in favor.

Old Business

1. Transfer Station Lease/Volunteers/Training - Status (Murray)

Sayers and Sosa attended the County Commissioners Meeting at 11:00. The Commissioners voted to swap the land where the town Transfer Station is located with the HTR group because they want to treat Bluff the same as Blanding and Monticello. Leppanen said that we have been negotiating with Kelly Pehrson since October to lease the Transfer Station. Murray was involved with the group of volunteers that the County trained to run the TS once a week and had posted informational flyers for local use. Leppanen received an email from Pehrson this afternoon letting her know the land had been swapped and there was no reason to continue negotiations for a lease. She expressed an interest in looking into BLM land that could be available since the town needs to look at options. The Council encouraged her to pursue options with the BLM.

2. Lyman Family Farms, Inc. Update on Public Hearing, Status of "Likelihood of Success", Attorney Choice, and Donor of Funds (All)

Leppanen reviewed our choice of an attorney, Chris McAnany from Dufford Waldeck Milburn & Krohn in Grand Junction, to help us explore our limited options. He is on vacation so she has not spoken with him. We would like him to do research and come to a meeting in December and answer questions from the public. Rey Foushee has offered to donate \$10,000 to cover this exploratory period. She has no expectations of us voting for or against the disconnect. We need to know our options so we can make an informed decision, regardless of the outcome. If not all of the money is used she wants it to be used for future lawyer fees. The Council is very grateful for her generosity.

3. Community Development Block Grant Status (Leppanen)

Jocelyn and Dan Meyers are working on getting us DUN and SAM numbers, an involved process because the Town does not have physical addresses that other entities recognize. When we have these numbers we will have a hearing to get public input and then work on a grant, due by the end of January. A possible date for this meeting is December 18th.

4. Joint Work Session with Bluff Service Area on Strategy for Possible Dissolution and Transfer of Duties (Leppanen/Sosa)

Leppanen and Sosa attended the November 14th BSA meeting where Leppanen was on the agenda suggesting a joint work session with the BSA. The BSA is eager to discuss transitioning. We are considering Dec. 17 or 18. Murray will work on a flow chart.

5. Budget is Filed with the State Auditor (Leppanen)

Leppanen sent the budget in Friday the 16th. They will review it and let us know if there are things we need to change.

6. Planning and Zoning Commission Applicants (All)

There are seven applicants for the Commission and several interested parties who want to help.

The Commission will have five members and the Mayor will make the final decision, following the Utah League of Cities and Town Handbook. The procedure will be:

- All Council Members will read the letters of intent
- Each will privately rank persons from one to five
- The Mayor will receive each ranking
- She will bring her decision to our next meeting

7. Community Impact Board Application for Money (All)

Discussion included a work session, a meeting with the BSA so we work jointly on possible projects, and a Skype meeting with Michael Bryant. The deadline is March 19.

8. Sales Tax Resolution (Sosa)

Sosa has a cover letter showing intent and list of businesses ready to go to the Tax Commission to start the sales tax process. The Council voted in favor of the Resolution to Collect Sales Tax, which will be added to the packet. Sayers made a motion to send the letter to the Tax Commission and Murray seconded it. All voted in favor.

Old Business

1. Bluff Sand Dune Rock Art Panel and the BLM re: Use (Leppanen)

Leppanen participated in a hike in the Sand Dune area near her house. Andy Gulliford, the leader of the hike, included other neighbors and BLM Rangers. The purpose was to explore the possibility of the BLM developing the area with a parking area, kiosks and trails. It was decided that because this is part of the town, the town and other stakeholders should be involved if there is future interest.

2. Office and Setting Days and Hours of Occupation by Council Members (Leppanen)

Leppanen would like to spend several hours every week at our office giving time to people wanting to meet with her. Other members are interested and would like to work around her schedule. This will happen in January so we have time to look at options and inform the public.

Other

Michael Haviken gave input on the Counties recent road grading. It was too deep so the gravel is swept to the sides of the road and the roads are dusty. He will help us fill out the road fund application before he leaves for NYC. Leppanen commented that we could

not have done so much without his help and expertise. She is hoping for the town map from Sam Cantrell next week.

Sayers motioned to adjourn and Murray seconded.

Adjourn 7:07

Linda Sosa Recording Officer.