

Bluff Town Council
Tuesday, November 27, 2018
Bluff Community Center at 6:00 p.m.
190 N 3rd East
P. O. Box 324
Bluff UT 84512

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 6:02 p.m.

Roll call

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes from 11/20/18

Brant motioned to accept, Hook seconded. All voted in favor.

Old Business

1. Update on Roads Application (Haviken/Murray)

Michael Haviken gave the Council members copies of the completed Road Application. This covers C roads inside our town boundary and should generate about \$20,000 yearly in state road funds. We are accepting all roads inside our boundary. Haviken gave Leppanen the boundary map with roads he highlighted. Sam Cantrell is finishing another map for us with more detail. Murray motioned to send the application and map to UDOT to start the application process. Hook seconded. All voted in favor. Haviken will contact Chris Potter (UDOT) to let him know the application and map are coming. Leppanen will check to see if a vote is enough or if we need a resolution. We will also be able to apply for federal road funds. The Council thanked Haviken for all his work on the project he and Murray had under taken.

2. Transfer Station Farewell and Consideration of a Letter to San Juan County Commissioners (Leppanen/All)

Leppanen would like to draft a letter to the San Juan County Commissioners expressing disapproval of the Commissioners role in the Transfer Station swap. They have wasted not only our time but also county officials' time and money. We alerted our insurance carrier, who then researched our liability. The County sent a worker to train our volunteers. We spent several weeks working on the lease agreement with Kelly Pehrson. Sayers motioned that Leppanen write the letter to the Commissioners. Sosa seconded and all voted in favor. Sayers and Hook will be available to proofread. It will be sent to the Commissioners, San Juan Record, Deseret News and Salt Lake Trib.

3. Reminder of Public Hearing on Lyman Family Farms, Inc. Petition to Disconnect on Thursday, November 29, 2018, 7:00 p.m. (Leppanen)

Leppanen reminded the Council that Bruce Baird, opposing counsel, would be attending. She suggested a table at the door of the Community Center with a sign in sheet and index cards for people to express opinions or ask questions. Murray will contact Josh Ewing about setting up the microphone. The land was purchased in 2016. Leppanen suggested a FAQ sheet for the public. Murray will introduce the topic at the start of the meeting with a basic history since 2016 and our strategy of hiring a law firm. The public may speak for 5 minutes or longer at the mayor's discretion. We are willing to stay as long as the public wants to talk. Legal questions can be deferred to our lawyer at a later date. Rey Foushee has donated money to us to explore our options without any expectations of outcome.

4. Update on Community Development Block Grant Status and a Public Hearing (Leppanen, if in town, and present, Jocelyn Meyers)

Leppanen and Sosa attended the Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments thinking we would not have enough time to meet the January 31, 2019 deadline to submit a grant. Jocelyn and Dan Meyers are helping make it a possibility by doing the preliminary paperwork to receive a DUN number, which they have, and a SAM number, which takes a little longer. To submit a grant we must first have a public hearing. Murray motioned to have a public meeting December 18th at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center and Sayers seconded. All voted in favor. Leppanen will post the public notice. Jade Powell (SEUAG) is helping us with this process.

5. Community Impact Board Work Session (All)

Sayers motioned to have a work session to discuss CIB options and an agenda for our joint BSA work session, Murray seconded. All voted in favor. It will be December 17, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at the Community Center.

6. Planning and Zoning Commission Applicants (Leppanen) and LEAP Interface (Murray)

We have an excellent group of people who submitted letters of intent to be on the Planning and Zoning Commission. After compiling the councils privately submitted ranking sheets the Commission will be Sarah Burak, Amanda Podmore, Malysa Egge, Kirsten Bushnell, and Michael Haviken. We have several people who want to be advisors and would be great at advisement, research and computer skills. Leppanen motioned to appoint this group of five as our Commission and Sayers seconded. All voted in favor. Sayers will inform each of them.

Leppanen motioned to appoint the following terms:

Podmore, Burak, Egge are 3 ½ year terms and Haviken, and Bushnell are 1 ½ year terms. Murray seconded and all voted in favor.

Murray will be spending time with USU extension services Jake Powell (Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning) Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday this week. His purpose here is to familiarize himself with our town so they can better serve Bluff. Powell will meet with Eric Cook of Design Build Bluff Wednesday. Murray will spend time introducing him to people and showing him our town Thursday and Friday. Murray and Sosa are working on a presentation to the public on Friday. Sosa will post if it is set up. We will invite those interested in planning and zoning personally.

7. Bears Ears National Monument Brief Filed Monday, November 19, 2018 (Leppanen)

Wednesday Leppanen will have a phone interview with The Nation, the oldest continuously published weekly magazine in the US, about her signing the brief.

New Business

1. Keynote to Women's State Legislative Council Luncheon on December 5, 2018 (Leppanen)

Gwen Springmeyer asked Leppanen to speak to the group about her experiences leading up to incorporation, Bears Ears, and White House Women Mayors' Summit.

Murray will chair our next Council meeting and create the agenda while she is gone.

Sayers motioned to adjourn and Leppanen seconded.

Adjourned at 7:10

Linda Sosa Recording Officer