

First Public Hearing

Minutes of Bluff Town Council Meeting
Meeting Held at Bluff Community Center, December 18, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

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

The Bluff Town Council meeting convened in regular session on December 18, 2018 in the Bluff Community Center at 190 N 3rd East. The meeting commenced at 5:33 p.m.

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

Public in attendance were Jackie Warren, Skip Meier, Wendy Smith, and Ed Dobson.

The Town Recorder: Linda Sosa

Mayor Ann K. Leppanen opened the public hearing for the CDBG program and stated that the purpose of the public hearing is to provide citizens with pertinent information about the Community Development Block Grant program and to allow for discussion of possible applications for the 2019 funding cycle. It was explained that the grant money must be spent on projects benefiting primarily low and moderate-income persons. The SEUALG region, in which Bluff is a member, is expecting to receive approximately \$708,228 in this new program year. All eligible activities that can be accomplished under this program are identified in the CDBG Applications and Procedures Manuel and interested persons can review it at any time. Mayor Leppanen read several of the eligible activities listed including examples, such as Construction of public works and facilities, e.g. water and sewer lines, fire stations, acquisitions of real property, provision of public services such as food banks or homeless shelters. Mayor Leppanen indicated that in the past Bluff has not received grants. The town has handed out its capital investment plan as part of the regional "Consolidation Plan". This list shows what projects the town has identified as being needed in the community. It was asked that anyone with questions, comments or suggestions during the hearing please identify themselves by name before they speak. The recording officer will include their names in the minutes and we would like to specifically respond to your questions and suggestions during the hearing. Council member Brant Murray suggested the need for hot spots in town for the internet. He thought that water, administration needs, and planning were important to our town. Council member Jim Sayers suggested water, roads, and the acquisition of the old elementary school building as his priorities. Council member Luanne Hook suggested water and administration set up needs, such as a computer and accounting system. Council member Linda Sosa agreed with water and administration needs. Mayor Leppanen then opened the meeting up to further suggestions from the audience.

Ms Wendy Smith suggested administration needs, water, and paving roads. Ms. Jackie Warren suggested administration needs, and water. Mr. Skip Meier suggested a planning document for culinary water analysis for local growth due to construction. Mayor Leppanen then asked if there were any other suggestion?

The hearing was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Linda Sosa Recording Officer