

Bluff Town Council  
Wednesday January 2, 2019  
Bluff Community Center at 6:30 p.m.  
190 N 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 6:36 p.m. It was changed to Wednesday because of the holiday. Mayor Ann K. Leppanen, Brant Murray, Luanne Hook, Linda Sosa and Jim Sayers were present

Approval of Bluff Town Council Work Session Minutes on December 17, 2018

Murray motioned to approve, Sayers seconded, all voted in favor.

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes from December 18, 2018

Murray motioned to approve, Sayers seconded, all voted in favor.

Approval of First Public Hearing Minutes for the Community Development Block Grant on December 18, 2018

Sayers motioned to approve with modification, Murray seconded, all voted in favor.

Approval of Bluff Town Council and BSA Work Session Minutes on December 18, 2018

Sayers motioned to approve, Hook seconded, all voted in favor.

Introduction of Kirk Bengé, Executive Director, San Juan County Health Department, and Vacant Seat (Leppanen)

Bengé explained that the Health Department is responsible for sound policy and laws, outreach, and education. It sets countywide policy and works with schools, WIC, identifies health concerns, and, through Rick Meyers, does health inspections. There is a position on the Board that can be filled by Bluff.

Leppanen will create a flyer to find an interested person. She will post it in town, on the website, and in the Canyon Echo. She will ask for letters of interest by January 15 and notify the person selected by January 22. Sayers motioned that Leppanen create and post the flyer, Murray seconded. All voted in favor. Leppanen thanked Bengé for his presentation.

Old Business

1. Update on Public Meeting for Community Development Block Grant (All)

Leppanen gratefully noted Jocelyn Meyer's hard work in getting the Town its DUN and SAM numbers. We have until January 31, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. to submit a grant. Leppanen will check

with Meyer to see if she has interest in working on the grant. The volunteers who have worked on kitchen and park grants were also suggested.

## 2. Update on CIB and Possible Ideas for a Grant (All)

Sosa and Jackie Warren, BSA, will meet with Michael Bryant in Monticello January 17 at 11:00 a.m. to learn more about the process of getting a CIB grant. Water has been identified as a priority and engineering is needed to be able to move forward on water issues.

## 3. Update on Lyman Family Farm's Petition to Disconnect and Possible Attorney Representation and Donation by Rey Foushee (Hook/Leppanen)

Chris McAnany has signed our retainer and the Council is identified as clients. The check for the retainer has been sent. Leppanen invited the public to walk the property tomorrow with McAnany and the Council, starting at 11:00 a.m. at Recapture Lodge. At 1:30 there will be a public meeting at the Community Center where the public can ask him questions and a closed meeting afterward where the Council will meet with him. Leppanen will send Baird an email about the meeting tomorrow.

## 4. Copper Cliff II Road Update and Meeting with Ben Musselman re: Process of "Accepting/Rejecting" a Road (Sosa/Leppanen)

Steve Simpson attended our December 17, 2018 Work Session and expressed interest in giving the Town his almost completed new road at Copper Cliffs II. Leppanen and Sosa met with Ben Musselman December 20<sup>th</sup> in Monticello to find out the process for receiving a road. Simpson would need to start the process by filling out a petition, taking it to Planning and Zoning, and they would make a recommendation to the Council. We can decide to accept it or not.

Monticello does not accept new roads until a year after they are approached. Leppanen will ask Michael Haviken to check the road when he returns. It is built to C roads specifications and is .7 miles long.

## 5. Update on Golden Spike 150 and the BLM Meeting on January 10, 2019 (Leppanen)

Sosa spoke with Sarah Burak during the school break and she suggested the fourth grade teacher, who teaches Utah history. Leppanen emailed the Golden Spike group that we are happy to participate and will check with them to see if all towns need to participate on the same day.

Leppanen explained the BLM sent a letter in December asking for community input on the Bears Ears. Lynell Schalk stated, at today's earlier Work Session, that the upcoming meeting of January 10<sup>th</sup> is an opportunity for the community to weigh in with suggestions. She is willing to represent us at this meeting and can take more ideas from us. We will contact Don Simonis to get input from him. Suggestions included:

- Town support of the original boundaries by resolution,
- The BLM protecting the area, original or current boundaries,
- Total removal of grazing from Butler Wash,
- Five more BLM law enforcement rangers, and
- No mechanized vehicles.

Murray motioned for Schalk to represent the Town at the BLM meeting and Sayers seconded. All voted in favor.

## 6. Municipal Energy Use Tax (Leppanen) and Whether to Impose One

Deb Dull, Rocky Mountain Power, sent information to Leppanen that by imposing a 1% utility tax on electric bills we would generate \$2,500 to \$3,300 a year. We could impose as much as 6%. Several members were in favor of doing it. Murray suggested coming up with a tax strategy that could include a utility tax, resort tax and others. We can start looking at budgets of other towns. Leppanen suggested a Work Session at the end of January.

#### 7. Notice Published in SJR

Notices were posted at the correct times in spite of the holidays.

#### New Business

##### 1. Planning and Zoning Procedures and Rules (Leppanen)

Leppanen is completing the draft of a 12+ page Order and Procedures document for the Planning and Zoning Commission. This must be complete and approved by the Council before they can meet in their first organizational meeting of January 10<sup>th</sup>. Leppanen will get the draft out for members to proof read.

##### 2. Town of Bluff Airport Status of the Lease and Payment (Hook/Leppanen)

Jim Hook went to a County Commission meeting and the Commissioners signed off the airport to the Town. He paid the yearly lease of \$758.00 from hanger fees. The County will continue to snow plow and mow the weeds as needed. Hook will now meet with BLM to start the process of transferring the land to the Town. Leppanen expressed gratitude for all of Hook's work and suggested formally making him airport manager in the future.

##### 3. Phone Line for Office (Leppanen)

Tabled

##### 4. Report and Resolution on Town Council Work Session on January 2, 2019

Leppanen reported that Steve Boos, for the incoming Commissioners, has requested information from the Council for action items about what the Town might need and things we have not received. The Council discussed:

- Restoring a Transfer Station to serve the entire community,
- Changing the distribution of TRT taxes to be based on community contribution or splitting the amount three ways, as it was before Bluff incorporated,
- Problems with the CRA as it is proposed,
- Asking them to consider taking a position that the old school building be given to the Town to be used for multi-purposes, and
- Rotating Commission meetings in the northern and southern part of the County.

Sayers motioned that Leppanen sign and get a letter to Boos tomorrow, Murray seconded and all voted in favor. She will include documentation of letters we have taken positions on.

#### Other

Sosa has added a Planning and Zoning page to the Town website. The Council discussed and decided that their email address would use the same format as the Council, with one contact person on the website.

Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Linda Sosa Recording Officer

