

Bluff Town Council Work Session
Bluff Community Center
Wednesday, January 2, 2019 8:30 a.m.
190 North 3rd East
Bluff, Utah 84512

The Work Session started at 8:35 a.m.

Roll Call: Mayor Ann Leppanen, Jim Sayers, Luanne Hook, Linda Sosa, absent Brant Murray

1. Planning for joint work session with Bluff Water Works;

Sayers and Murray are on the Bluff Water Works agenda for their January 10th meeting to ask for a joint session with the Council on January 15th. Sosa will supply them with the current Community Center calendar in case that date does not work. For the joint meeting we will make an agenda including:

- The purpose of the meeting,
 - The relationship between the BWW and BSA, and
 - How we can make GRAMA requests or receive financial documents from the BWW by a certain date,
2. Prioritizing the town of Bluff's current and future needs/concerns for action by San Juan County Commissioners; and

The incoming Commissioners have 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, and
- Asking them to consider taking a position that the old school building be given to the Town to be used for multi-purposes.

Leppanen will draft a letter and bring it to tonight's meeting. After it is approved she will make a packet for the Commissioners including letters that the Council has previously sent stating our positions and Diana Davidson's TRT information packet.

3. (9:30 a.m.) Lynell Schalk's Discussion of the BLM Bears Ears National Monument DEIS Consulting Parties Input

Leppanen explained the BLM sent a letter in December asking for community input on the Bears Ears. Schalk stated that the upcoming meeting of January 10th 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, not just continuing with multi-use.
- Total removal of grazing from Butler Wash,
- Five more BLM law enforcement rangers, and
- No mechanized vehicles.

We will decide if we will do a resolution tonight and vote for Schalk to represent us. She is available to phone conference if the government is still shut down.

Adjourned 9:58