

Bluff Town Council
Tuesday, January 22, 2019
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.

The meeting started at 6:01p.m.

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

Approval of Amended Minutes from Town Council Meeting on 1/8/19

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

Approval of Minutes from Joint Work Session on 1/15/19 with BWW

Murray motioned to approve with modifications, Hook seconded, all voted in favor

Approval of Minutes from Town Council Meeting on 1/15/19

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

Old Business

1. Update on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), phone conference with the State of Utah, Update on Community Impact Board (CIB) grant (Leppanen/Sosa)

Leppanen and Jocelyn Meyers spent most of the afternoon working on the CDBG. Meyers explained that the grant will be submitted in time and the State is supportive but has questions because the Town does not own the water rights. The state CDBG wants a written history of Bluff's water so that they can assure HUD that they aren't considering a grant award to an entity that has no water rights, Leppanen has written a history and asked the Council Members to read it and make suggestions. She will include letters of intent. She suggested we move up our timeline to June for the transfer of water rights from the BSA to assure the CDBG that we are moving forward. If we are given the grant, and we spend it for the survey/engineering but we don't get the water rights, it could be a problem for HUD and have to be repaid. Sosa, Jackie Warren, and Leppanen had a phone conference with Michael Bryant of the CIB. Because both grants are in support of culinary water the two grant entities can work together. We can merge funds if needed. This grant/loan is for an engineering study for our aging system of pipes that must be done before we can do a grant for repair.

2. Roads and Order of Magnitude (Murray/Haviken)

Haviken encouraged the Council to create a five-year plan for the Town's transportation system including repair, improvements, and upgrades. He would like the County to fix the Post Office road because it has been neglected for years. He mentioned that there is funding for roads, landscaping, etc., through UDOT and others. Leppanen expressed gratitude for all of Haviken's work and remarked that all of those things were appropriate for the Planning and Zoning

Commission. She liked the idea of going after money. Murray will continue to work with Haviken.

3. Review of Bluff's Planning and Zoning Bylaws, Vote, and Update on Next Meeting (Leppanen)

Murray made the motion to accept the Planning and Zoning Bylaws, Hook seconded and all voted in favor. Chris McAnany, our lawyer, got back to Leppanen with some additions. Leppanen will make booklets with the bylaws and other information for the Planning and Zoning Commission and present the members with the booklets and ULCT Handbook at their meeting this week on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. At that meeting they will elect officers, select dates for meeting, etc. Leppanen has a recording devise for them.

4. Inter-local Agreement with San Juan County (Leppanen)

The County and Council agreed on December 17th to our Interlocal Agreement. The Commission signed and sent it to us but it was an older document, not the correct agreement. Next they sent the correct agreement but backdated it to December 18, 2018. After discussion it was decided that the Agreement would be sent to all three Commissioners, since the new ones had not seen it, Leppanen would get on the agenda for the February 12th Commission agenda and she and Murray would ask them to sign it at that time.

5. Vote to Approve the Language of the Lyman Family Farms Ordinance to Disconnect from the Town of Bluff (Leppanen)

Sayers motioned to accept the ordinance and Murray seconded, all voted in favor. Liza Doran and Tom Histrod wrote one part of the ordinance to reflect the community values and history of this parcel. Leppanen signed the document and will send it to Bruce Baird. She asked the Council to give her permission to speak to him about granting us \$5,000 for having to go through this process and cover legal fees.

6. Report on Progress of "new" Bluff Elementary School Design (Hook)

Hook reported that the Superintendent said her remapping of the school was a great plan but it was too late. The Council encouraged her to work with the parents over road safety issues. Concern was expressed that we want to focus on acquiring the old school building.

7. Status on Use/Ownership of the "old" Bluff Elementary School (Sayers)

Sayers will get on the School Board Meeting agenda for February 19th to give a presentation of the ideas we have for the old school building, including offices, county services, adult education, and others. He will bring it to the next Council meeting.

8. Resolutions for Volunteers and Board Members (Leppanen)

So that our volunteers are covered by our liability insurance Leppanen wrote resolutions in support. Sayers motioned that we accept the resolution supporting Jim Hook to continue as airport manager, Sosa seconded and all voted in favor. Murray motioned that we accept the resolution supporting Ed Dobson for the Water Conservancy Board, Sosa seconded and all voted in favor. Sayers motioned that we accept the resolution supporting Lynell Schalk to represent the Towns interests in the Bears Ears National Monument Deis Native American Consultation, Murray seconded and all voted in favor. Murray motioned that we accept the resolution in support of Michael Haviken's management of the Towns B to C Road application and other related road matters, Sayers seconded and all voted in favor.

9. USU Regional Planning Visit Update and Community Meeting on 1/25, 7-9 p.m.
(Murray)

The students arrive Wednesday and Murray and Jim Hook have set up a meet and greet for the public Friday the 25th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the CC. The students would like to meet informally with the Council members and he will set that up. Jim Hook will send out a flyer.

10. Report on Fee for Bluff's Approval of an Alcohol Permit (Murray)

Murray has been researching fee schedules and will bring recommendations to the next Council meeting.

11. Report on Joint Work Session with Bluff Service Area (All)

Leppanen reported much of our discussion was about water rights transfer and a September/October target date. We may want to move this up because of the grants we are applying for and will let the BSA know

12. Report on Sales Tax/Banking (Sosa)

We have our checks and have paid the bills that we voted on at our last meeting. Sosa sent the State account information for sales tax dispersion. Hook said that there may be legislative changes and will track them.

13. Celebration of the 150-Year Anniversary of the Golden Spike (Sosa)

The fourth grade teacher is happy to get this Golden Spike kit. Murray and Wendy Smith are going to work on a town Locomotive Rock picture project.

New Business

14. Bluff's First GRAMA Request (Sosa)

A mapping company requested data about zones, gif and land use systems in Bluff. After contacting a state ombudsman Sosa sent a reply that we are a new town, do not have this kind of information yet, and referred them to the County.

15. Martin Luther King Day Resolution (Leppanen)

Sayers motioned to accept the resolution declaring MLK Day to be a day of service, Sosa seconded and all voted in favor. The resolution starts MLK Day in 2020.

16. Update on CRA and San Juan County Economic Development and Business Resources Presentations

Leppanen emailed Natalie Randall with regard to rescheduling the Business Resources Roadshow, and is waiting for a response.

17. Public Officials Day on 1/31/19 (Leppanen)

Take the day off!

Other Business

The new Copper Cliffs road is really muddy and the bypass road east of the Mission has not been snow plowed.

Adjourn at 7:41