

Bluff Town Council  
Tuesday, February 12, 2019  
Bluff Community Center at 6:00 p.m.  
190 North 3rd East  
P.O. Box 324  
Bluff Utah 84512

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 K. Leppanen at least 4 days before the meeting.

Minutes

Roll Call The meeting started at 6:01 p.m.

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

Approval of Minutes from Bluff Town Council Meeting February 5, 2019

Sayers motioned to accept the minutes with a modification, Hook seconded, and all voted in favor except Murray who abstained since he was absent from that meeting.

Old Business

1. Transfer Station Alternative (Beck)

Dudley Beck has been researching options for waste management and sent a summary out to the community. He has spoken with Window Rock, Blanding, and Norbert Norton of the BLM to find out about prices, sizes of bins, mandatory vs. volunteer, clustering households and other practices and ideas. Michael Mayra mentioned that Steve Helgerson is taking locals' trash to White Mesa and could expand. Because the Commissioners are addressing the issue of our loss of the Transfer Station at their February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting Leppanen suggested we put it on our agenda for February 26<sup>th</sup>. If they decide to build a new one for Bluff and the community at large it could take a couple of years. The council will look at Helgerson as an option, possibility survey the community, and consider Beck's information.

2. Disconnect by Lyman Family Farms - status and process (Leppanen)

Leppanen reported that Brad Bunker has finished the map and Sam Cantrell should have it now. It needs to be filed by February 21<sup>st</sup> and we are on target. Leppanen mentioned that at our last meeting an audience member suggested a short cut and she should have corrected them at the time. We will always follow the law and correct our comments or those in the audience that are counter to the law.

3. Attendance at San Juan County Meeting on February 19, 2019 (All)

Leppanen is trying to get on the agenda for the February 19<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting and it was decided that we will postpone the planned BSA work session, in part because we are meeting with the BSA and Marc Stilson on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

4. Discussion on Approving Town of Bluff Resolutions on the Bears Ears National Monument,

Transfer Station, Moving SJCC meetings throughout SJC (All)

Leppanen has been working on resolutions to show Council support of the five resolutions that the Commissioners brought forward at the last Commission meeting and will vote on at their next meeting:

Resolution on the transfer station and holding meetings in the southern portion of SJC, Sayers motioned to accept and Sosa seconded, all voted in favor.

Resolution on civil litigation accounting, this addresses compiling County involved lawsuits to allow the Commissioners see the scope of these actions. Murray motioned to accept and Sayers seconded. Hook was concerned in involvement with issues that don't directly affect our town and could distract our focus. Murray felt that we are already involved and standing up for our selves and the county support good government. Sayers suggested that accountability was important and the need to be cautious. And resolutions have no binding effect. Leppanen, Murray, Sayers, and Sosa voted in favor, Hook opposed. As not all had read the Bears Ears Resolution it was tabled until next week.

5. Amended Planning and Zoning Bylaws and status update (Leppanen)

Leppanen would like two changes in the bylaws:

Article 5, #1 change secretary to clerk or recorder, and

Article 6, #19 remove the sentence, No Commission member shall vote on any matter unless such member is physically present at the meeting when a vote is taken. This will allow for electronic participation. Sayers motioned to accept both changes, Murray seconded and all voted in favor. Leppanen and Hook will double-check the bylaws.

New Business

6. Sign Status at the Library/EMS (Leppanen)

The County removed the sign to fix and Monty Perkins will be in touch with us about it.

7. Notice of Training sent by Kelly Pehrson (All)

Leppanen is signed up for this training from the Tax Commission and Sosa is interested in attending. It covers assessments, taxes, etc.

8. ULCT Training in Moab on Land Use (Hook/All)

Leppanen, Murray, Sayers, Sosa, Michael Haviken, and Amanda Podmore are registered for this February 23<sup>rd</sup> session. Hook is researching whether it will be at USU in Blanding later in the year.

9. Financial Report (Sosa)

Sosa reported on our financial spreadsheet for our general account, roads account, and bills due. We owe:

San Juan Record \$43.20

Utah Local Government Trust \$2992.00

Dufford, Waldeck, Milburn, & Krohn \$1,434.30

Murray motioned to pay the Trust \$500 and all other bills in full, Sayers seconded and all voted in favor. The Dufford bill includes all charges for LFF and several legal opinions, including P & Z bylaws. Leppanen expresses concerns that contact with Chris McAnany go through the Council members not others. Sayers motioned that all requests for legal opinions go through Council members, Hook seconded and all voted in favor. Because we are getting more report requests from the state Leppanen suggested getting the Pelorus accounting system and a computer sooner rather than later. Pelorus will generate reports and help with

transparency. We will order it. Leppanen and Sosa will bring a recommendation for a computer to our next meeting. Leppanen has finished the financial and informational package for Zions Bank for pre-approval if we need a loan in the future. Michael Mayar asked what the financial status for the town should be. Leppanen explained that for a new town our size we have projected \$45,000 for the first year and are on target for that. Zions is a back-up plan.

10. Update on Status of Phone in Office (Leppanen)

Leppanen has set up our phone, 672-9990 and it will have call waiting, voice mail, etc. She will transition meeting with people at her house to being available at our office one day a week starting in March and people can call or meet with her there.

11. Wall Calendar and Timeline (Murray)

Murray explained a year timeline grid he made with projections for different funds, taxes, and grants that we can add to and change as needed. Hook brought a large at-a-glance calendar for the office that his information can be moved to. This will help us track important information easily and can be part of a five-year plan. Leppanen will set a work session at our next meeting to identify tax possibilities.

Other Business

Adjourn 7:18 p.m.

Linda Sosa Recording Officer