

Bluff Town Council
Tuesday, January 29, 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 6:01 p.m.

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

Approval of Joint Work Session with Bluff Service Area Minutes from January 22, 2019

Murray motioned to accept the minutes, Sayers seconded and all voted in favor

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from January 22, 2019

Sayers motioned to accept the minutes with a clarification for the CDBG, Murray seconded and all voted in favor

Old Business

The Council agreed to skip to:

9. Status of CDBG and Need to Amend the Community Development Block Grant Public Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2018 (Leppanen)

Dan and Jocelyn Meyers worked with Leppanen all afternoon finishing the CDBG grant and after clarifying one question, Leppanen will sign and it will be turned in tomorrow. The December 18, 2019 minutes for that hearing need to be modified by removing a sentence and Sayers motioned to amend it, Murray seconded and all voted in favor. The amount we are approved for is \$96,800. Murray suggested we make a calendar of grant cycles and Leppanen agreed.

1. CRA (Community Reinvestment Agency) and San Juan School District vote; Presentation by Natalie Randall discussion (All)

Leppanen informed the Council that the School District voted down the CRA. Sayers explained that the District was the largest taxing entity so it is dead. There is no need at this time for Natalie Randal to present to the Council how CRAs work.

2. Business Resource Presentation by San Juan Economic Development (Leppanen/Sosa)

Randal indicated that the Business Resource Group with the Economic Development would like to reschedule their open house. Leppanen thought they had good information and summer was a better time. Sosa will contact Aspen and ask them to reschedule in June or July at the Community Center.

3. Update on the "old" Bluff Elementary School Presentation to the School District (Sayers)

Sayers distributed his draft letter for our interest in acquiring the "oid" Bluff school when it is available. He will contact Utah Dine Bikeyah for suggestions and take comments from Council

members and finish the letter. Leppanen will sign it. He will get on the agenda for the next School Board meeting and he and Hook will attend.

4. Alcohol Permit (Murray)

Murray reported that Moab charges \$100 for this special event permit. We will add this topic to our next work session.

5. Resolution for Lois Young to be on the Public Health Board (Leppanen)

Sayers motioned that we accept the resolution supporting Lois Young's application for the County Health Board, Hook seconded and all voted in favor.

6. Update on San Juan Water Conservancy Board Position and Question as to whom from the Council should attend (Leppanen)

Leppanen informed the council that the Water Conservancy Board filled the Bluff seat that had been vacant for seven years with Marx Powell instead of our choice, Ed Dobson. Murray did not appreciate the Board's action. Dobson suggested that the person holding the seat be required to attend Council meetings before, to prepare for the meeting, and after to report to the Council. Skip Meiers asked who Powell represented, the Town or BWW? Hook said Marx is open to working with the town in getting BWW transferred and that this is a good opportunity to start communication by putting a request in writing to Marx (and cc the Water Conservancy) that he come and report to the Council after each meeting."

Leppanen will meet with Norman Johnson and ask to read their bylaws. She will write a draft letter making it clear our expectation is that Powell report to the Council. She will bring the letter to our next meeting.

7. Update on Bluff's Planning and Zoning Commission (Leppanen/Sosa)

Sosa reported that the P & Z organizational meeting of January 24th elected Sarah Burak to Chairman, Amanda Podmore to Vice-Chair, and Kristen Bushnell Clerk/Recorder. They decided to meet every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Cedar Hall. Leppanen worked with Podmore, Bushnell and Glen Fairclough teaching them how to post agendas, minutes, and audio recordings on the UPNW. They will be able to post for the Council if needed.

8. Status of Interlocal Agreement with SJCC (Leppanen)

Leppanen will send a copy of the Agreement to each Commissioner, get on the next Commissioners Meeting agenda, and get it resolved.

New Business

9. Status of CDBG and Need to Amend the Community Development Block Grant Public Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2018 (Leppanen)

Covered earlier.

10. 2019 Elections: does the town of Bluff run them or do we have San Juan County run them? (Leppanen)

Murray motioned that we send a letter to the County Clerk informing him we want to be part of the County election not run our own, Sayers seconded and all voted in favor. Leppanen will write the letter.

11. Notary Public: Should one of the council be a Notary? (Leppanen)

It would be helpful to have a notary on the Council. We will look into this in the future.

12. Update on Transient Room Tax (Leppanen)

Leppanen met with Diana Davidson to discuss TRT changes. The County has revised the disbursement policy for the 1% match so that Bluff cannot receive it this year because we are newly incorporated. Davidson is drafting a letter for the Council, with full support of the Business Owners of Bluff, asking that we receive these funds this year. Leppanen will include it on the agenda for the County Commissioners meeting. BOB is interested in partnering with the Council for grants but not merging. Leppanen is open to talking about how they fit in. Sayers expressed concern about helping others get funding but not being part in how it is used.

13. Need for a Work Session to Address the TRT and Municipal Energy Use tax (All)

We scheduled a work session for either February 19th or 20th, dependant on Mark Stilson's schedule to meet with the BWW, BSA, and Council. Stilson, state water engineer, is coming to talk to us about water transfer issues. We added special event permit fees to the work session agenda.

14. Bluff Bench Road and Snow Removal on it as well as Thank You to our town snow plowers (Hook/All)

Hook noted that the road connecting the highway to Blanding and from Montezuma Creek and the airport had not been plowed. She wondered if we have to ask for the airport to be plowed by the County and what do we do about the connecting road. Murray and Michael Haviken will research it and report back. Sosa will write thank you notes to Steve Helgerson and Michael Hanson for plowing parts of the town after the big storm.

Other Business

Josh Ewing of FCM sent an email about an application for an 1,000-acre industrial project on SITLA land on the Bluff Bench. He will keep in contact with Leppanen about it.

Leppanen has been invited to Women Mayors Luncheons during the current Legislative session.

Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Linda Sosa Recording Officer