

Bluff Town Council Work Session  
Friday, April 12, 2019  
Bluff Community Center at 9:30 a.m.  
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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 (ann@townofbluff.org) at least 4 days before the meeting. Agendas and minutes are posted at: townofbluff.org and audio, in addition, at the Utah Public Notice Website

Draft Minutes

The meeting started at 9:32 a.m.

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

1. Planning and Discussion for Alcohol Permits, Fees, Ordinances

Stephane Hanson, Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, sent Leppanen an email to reschedule our meeting. We want to meet when the full Council can be present, sometime after April 24<sup>th</sup>.

2. Discussion on Pelorus Training and Computer Use, Transfer of Audio Recordings of Meetings to Computer

Leppanen reported that all checks, deposits, and Transparency Reports are complete for this quarter and the fiscal year so far with the help of Pelorus' amazing phone support. The Council went into the office to learn about the capabilities of the system. Leppanen and Sosa have admin access. Sosa will transfer the recordings to the computer.

3. Discussion of Municipal Transient Room Tax and Resort Tax

The two options the Council is considering for these taxes are keep the start date of July 1st or modify one or both dates. Jenn Davilla of Business Owners of Bluff voiced her concerns about the July 1 start date. She uses a booking agent has many rooms booked from July 1<sup>st</sup> to the end of the year at the current tax rate and cannot change it to make up for the increase for those bookings. Leppanen asked if this tax was deductible. It is but it reduces the taxable income; it is not a straight deduction. Davilla is not opposed to paying the taxes but would like one date modified. Sayers asked how would she make changes; she said adjust sales and inform her booking agents. Murray reminded the Council that he and others ran on not changing property tax. He said there is never a good time for this but these taxes are mostly on tourists. Our current budget is \$14,000 and we need to be able to pay for services. Leppanen noted that tax issues have been on our agenda and discussed for months, we need interested parties to be following agendas and minutes, if not coming to meetings. We will research the economic impact and revisit this on our agenda April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Murray will call Bob Springmeyer.

4. Planning and Zoning: Permit Application Process

Planning and Zoning is working on a form for the application procedure of getting on their agenda.

5. Becky Hinchcliff and list of sources for RAC

This was tabled.

Other

Adjourn at 10:53 a.m.