

Bluff Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 23, 2019
Bluff Community Center at 6:00 p.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

Minutes

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

Pro tem Murray opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Amended Regular Meeting Minutes from April 2, 2019

Sayers motioned to approve, Hook seconded, all voted in favor.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from April 9, 2019

Sayers motioned to approve, Leppanen seconded, all voted in favor.

Approval of CDBG 2nd Public Hearing Minutes from April 9, 2019

Sayers motioned to approve, Hook seconded, all voted in favor.

Approval of Work Session Minute Meetings from April 12, 2019

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

Old Business:

1. State of Utah Alcoholic Beverages, Permits, and Ordinances (Leppanen)

Stephane Hanson can meet with us 3:00, Thursday, May 2nd, probably in Bluff, to give guidance for setting up the structure we need.

2. Discussion and Possible Vote on Previously Passed Resolutions for Municipal TRT and Resort Tax (All)

Hook emailed Jim Clayton at the Tax Commission and his response was the start dates for this quarter couldn't be changed because the changes are already in progress.

3. Becky Hinchcliff from DHS and thank you with information on school contacts (All)

Leppanen suggested writing a note thanking her for her visit and sending her school contacts. Murray added the letter should be in support of her program and encourage the need for more staff. He will write the letter.

4. Cooperative Wildfire Program (Leppanen)

Anthony Lott, Fire Chief, Leppanen, and Jason Johnson, Southeast Area Manager for Utah Division of Forest, Fire, and State Lands, agreed to meet after May 10th.

5. Planning and Zoning Commission – a form to get on the Planning and Zoning Agenda (Leppanen).

The Council liked the form Planning and Zoning created.

Roads- Meeting with Chris Potter (UDOT) April 30th, Monticello, 9 to 11, Class C Road Funds (Leppanen).

Michael Haviken is unable to attend this meeting so Leppanen and Murray will go to it. Water, no report.

6. Copper Cliffs II (Leppanen)

Planning and Zoning received an oral request from Steve Simpson about his road. P&Z decided to not do anything about the request until the moratorium was over and they received a written petition. They let the Council know of their decision. The Council questioned whether they should respond to Simpson. Sayers suggested that it is difficult to respond when nothing is in writing and the Council decided to let it sit.

7. Municipal Energy Use Tax and Information from Debra Dull of Rocky Mountain Power (Leppanen)

Leppanen just received the list of customers within our boundaries and was held to extreme concern that there are no other copies, it is not left out, and one person controls it. The purpose of having it is to make sure correct people are on the list and incorrect people are excluded. Three people on the Council are long time residents, which will make the job easier.

New Business

8. Financial Update

Sosa gave our current balance, about \$2500, and stated that Frontier (\$66.02) and The San Juan Record (\$13.20) had been paid. She recommended the Utah Local Governments Trust be paid \$250 and Pelorus Methods (accounting package) be paid in full, \$1,910. Leppanen donated that amount and it covered training, setting up the program and the first quarter. Sayers moved to pay those two bills, Murray seconded and all voted in favor. Leppanen met with a representative of Zions Bank rural division in SLC who felt that we could continue to meet our obligations if we keep on course. She will talk with our lawyer about paying our bill slowly until we get tax funds in late June.

9. Discussion of General Plan submitted by Planning and Zoning Commission (All)

The Draft General Plan was well received by the Council. Leppanen suggested having a work session and going over it section by section. She will attend the P&Z meeting this week and find a common time. Sayers said it is the basis for our future ordinances.

10. BSA Transition Plans: from BSA to the town of Bluff (Sosa/Leppanen), discussion at BSA meeting

Sosa reported on the April 10th BSA meeting. The BSA has been in contact with their lawyer Mark Anderson, who now has all the information he needs to transfer water rights to the Town and it is an easy process. Wes Shook is working with him on the steps to transfer the infrastructure. The BSA owns all infrastructure except the arsenic plant land is leased from SITLA. Transferring easements to the Town will require a quitclaim deed. Leppanen will go to the County Recorder's Office and research easements, She already a list that is fairly complete. The BSA's goal for water transfer is July 1st and infrastructure may take a little longer.

11. Property Taxes from BSA to town of Bluff (Leppanen)

Leppanen has received directions from John David Nielson on the steps to transfer the property tax and will add this to the agenda of our next meeting.

12. Congressman Curtis' and future visits (All)

Leppanen received emails that referenced a Sept. 4th – 6th meeting. Murray will check with Laurie to find out the scope of this meeting and if we have any involvement.

13. May 2019 training opportunities (Leppanen)

ULCT has several training opportunities in SLC. May 14th is about housing and May 16th the ULGT has a convention.

14. Request for Letter of Support for Friends of Cedar Mesa

Leppanen will write a letter in support of FCM's activities and we will vote on it at our next meeting.

15. Report on USU Presentation (Murray) and Expo (Sosa)

Murray reported that this two-hour presentation focused on many areas of expertise in regional planning that could be helpful. There were good ideas and overviews. Hook said that it would help P&Z and help us find our identity. There are physical barriers but this is also a great place for solar energy. The students left us their informational pictures and will get us a book and copy of their filmed presentation. Sosa got to the EXPO late but picked up brochures about rural funding and opportunities.

Other

Murray mentioned that Steve Helgerson is starting a town trash service.

Leppanen informed the Council that her CDBG training was highly informative and the next project will require a project manager that is not a Council member. She will put this on our next agenda.

Adjourn at 6:46

Linda Sosa Recording Officer