

Bluff Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 16, 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 Mayor Ann K. Leppanen, Luanne Hook, Jim Sayers, Linda Sosa, Brant Murray excused absence

Approval of Minutes for Town Council's Regular Meeting on July 9, 2019

Sayers motioned to approve with one modification, Hook seconded and Leppanen, Sayers, and Sosa voted in favor, Hook abstained

Approval of Minutes for Town Council's Work Session with Kermit Skinner at Comb Ridge Eat and Drink

Tabled until July 23rd meeting

Old Business

1. Discussion on Transfer Agreement Between the Bluff Service Area and the Town of Bluff; Discussion and Vote on Resolution to Approve the Transfer Agreement; Vote on the Transfer Agreement (All)

Leppanen reported that at the BSA's 5:30 p.m. meeting today the Trustees all voted in favor of approving the transfer agreement. Leppanen had checked with Rachel Anderson about including the word infrastructure in the water deeds and a few typos. Chris McAnany has reviewed the document. Wes Shook will have it notarized tomorrow and then go to the County. The originals will be returned to the Town. The BSA will continue their monthly payments and will make changes in December. Sayers motioned to approve the Town part of the transfer agreement, Sosa seconded and Leppanen, Sayers, Hook, and Sosa voted in favor. Shook and Leppanen each signed and Sosa signed as clerk. Hook motioned to approve the Resolution approving the asset transfer agreement between the BSA and Town of Bluff. Sayers seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sayers, and Sosa voted in favor. Leppanen thanked Shook for all his and the BSA's hard work.

2. Discussion of Lease for Bluff Service Area (All)

Leppanen noted that the lease on our office from the BSA has expired. The Council will offer the BSA the same courtesy that they extended to us, free office rent. Leppanen and Shook will sort out the phone and internet.

3. Rocky Mountain Power Contribution to Bluff Art Festival (Leppanen)

Leppanen will send Deb Dull a thank you note for the \$500 contribution.

4. Update on Letter of Support to UDOT for Turn Lane in Cow Canyon (Leppanen)

The support letter emphasized safety issues and Leppanen reported that business owners' close to this area, Steve Simpson and Liza Doran agreed that it should be finished as it is dangerous. Jared Beard thanked the Council and will use the letter to make decisions.

5. Update on Appeal and Reconsideration of UDOT Speed Study in Bluff (Leppanen), Discussion and Vote (All)

Leppanen asked the Council for comments and is planning to send the letter tomorrow. It has a video of the drive down Cow Canyon and she will include one of guests walking across the street from the Desert Rose to Comb Ridge Eat and Drink. Hook and Jen Davila mentioned that the turn lane on the west side of town reduced the road shoulders and people walk close to the highway. Leppanen will ask for the speed limit to drop to 30 in the town proper, with a school zone. Several people mentioned other towns, including Blanding, that have 30 mph in town.

New Business

6. Planning and Zoning, Water, Roads

Leppanen and Sosa attended the BWW meeting. Their computer is having intermittent problems "talking" to the wells, perhaps the summer heat or trees interfering with the line of sight. There was a large water line break at the school site. Roads funds should be deposited this week. Leppanen will check with McAnany about using PILT and Road funds for mapping and other related costs. Amanda Podmore reported Planning and Zoning is ready to finalize the zoning map. A group will get together and edit names and addresses for notification of landowners.

7. Thank you to Bluff Volunteer Fire Department (All)

Leppanen noted our volunteers responded to a structure fire in Halchita and a town fire and thanked them for their hard work.

8. Discussion of Joint Public Meeting with San Juan County Commissioners and a Bake Sale to Fund Lunch (All/Sosa)

Leppanen will meet with David Everitt to plan for this meeting. Sosa suggested a bake sale to generate funds for a lunch after the meeting. We also have \$125 from Friends of Cedar Mesa for Bluff decal sales we can use. Podmore offered help from the Art Festival group. We are looking at August 3rd.

9. Noxious weeds (Dobson)

Ed Dobson has filled 20 33-gallon trash bags with goatheads so far and is concerned some plants are drying out and need to be burned because the stickers fall to pieces as they dry. We need to be State compliant. Leppanen has met with Monte Perkins and he has not yet come to Town to meet and discuss problems and solutions. Murray had offered to help with this and asked Jim Hook to take it on. Leppanen suggested that Perkins meet with Hook and Dobson to address weed issues including how to approach property owners who have weeds on their easements and using a torch on them.

10. Update on Notice for Public Hearing on Zoning (Leppanen)

Leppanen will check with McAnany with questions. The documents that were signed today will be recorded at the County Thursday.

11. Reports on Bluff Service Area Meeting on July 10, 2019 and Bluff Water Works Meeting on July 11, 2019 (Sosa/Leppanen)

The BSA discussed the transfer of water rights and all assets. The BWW meeting was covered earlier.

12. Bills to Pay/Financial (Sosa)

Sayers motioned to pay \$29.75 to Chris McAnany and Frontier \$69.23, Hook seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sayers, and Sosa voted in favor.

13. Bill to Bluff for San Juan County's Transfer Station (Leppanen)

We received a bill from the County for Landfill Operation for \$248.48. Leppanen forwarded it to David Everitt and said we have no transfer station. After being forwarded through various County offices it was decided we owe nothing.

14. Invitation by SE Utah Conservation to Join a Tour and Flyover of the cultural landscape near Hovenweep National Monument on August 5, 2019 (Leppanen)

Podmore explained representatives of the County, Tribes and the press will be involved with this trip to understand the impact of oil and gas leases on these lands. Leppanen will join the tour.

15. Update on CDBG and ADA Compliance Survey (Leppanen)

Leppanen checked and CDBG contracts should be out later in July. There is a long survey that is part of the point program that helps us assess ADA compliance and gives us two additional points on every grant we apply for; a community member has volunteered to complete it. This for our own awareness, an assessment tool of what we have.

Other Business/Public Comment

We discussed having Public Comments at the end of our business meeting agenda. We will leave it at the end but could move it in the future.

Sayers will chair our July 23rd meeting.

Adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

Linda Sosa Recording Officer