

Bluff Town Council Work Session with David Conine
Tuesday, August 6, 2019
Bluff Community Center at 3:00 p.m.
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Draft Minutes

The meeting started at 3:04 p.m.

Roll Call Mayor Ann K. Leppanen, Luanne Hook, Brant Murray, Jim Sayers, Linda Sosa and David Conine of Dine' Bikeyah

Agenda

1. Discussion with David Conine re: Purchase, Strategy, and RePurposing of the Old Bluff Elementary School

Sayers counted 10 to 12 rooms, including large classrooms, at the current Bluff Elementary School and remarked that we would need two or three for Town Offices. Several offices could be used for part time services, such as the heating group, County permits, etc. Leppanen reported that the area was 19,700 sq. ft. We would have to cover phone, electric, water, Internet, and propane. Conine is interested in joint ownership with the Town and using space for the Native American arts, creating and marketing as an economic boost to the area. There is funding available to the Town as a municipality and different funding for a nonprofit. The Council talked about the difficulty of joint ownership being awarded in this political climate; we are more likely to get the building if we are sole owners. Sosa pointed out the need for a strong director for a vibrant arts program and Conine said he was thinking in terms of a staff. Murray suggested moving forward as sole ownership for town offices and workspaces. Sayers is interested in what strategy the Board may use to decide, highest bidder or public purpose. He would like to go to the School Board with a proposal. Our goal is to work on this in the fall.

2. Discussion of the Proposed General Plan for the Town of Bluff

The Council discussed the public comments of the General Plan. Many were positive and some will be helpful when writing ordinances. Oil and gas leasing will be added and a few were modified. P&Z will make revisions and Chris McAnany will review the changes.

Adjourned at 5:13

Linda Sosa Recording Officer