

Bluff Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 27, 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

The meeting started at 6:00 p.m.

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

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for August 27, 2019

Murray motioned to approve the minutes with a modification, Sayers seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Murray, Sayers, and Sosa voted in favor.

Old Business

1. Update on Optic Fiber and Economic Summit on 9/23/19 (All)

Commissioner Adams had given an update on the fiber optic network at the August 20th joint meeting. Currently two people on White Mesa have still not signed. UEN and Emery will be at the Economic Summit and would like to meet with Council members who are present. Leppanen will contact them and let them know we would like to meet with them.

2. Status of Modified Transfer Agreement with BSA, Deeds and Update (Leppanen)

Leppanen reported that Chris McAnany will be signing off on approval of the agreement and then it will be recorded. David Carpenter has everything ready to record and is waiting on the West Park documentation from the Commissioners and a State Water Conveyance deed that the State will be sending us.

3. Status of Transparency Report (Leppanen)

Our first quarter report posted successfully but second quarter did not. Leppanen explained, after talking with the State Transparency and the State Auditing departments, the State had added a new field to the report but had not forwarded that information to Pelorus or other statewide parties involved with accounting. They have been updated and our report was successfully posted. Leppanen will check with the State Auditing for its status.

4. Report on Public Hearing by Planning and Zoning on 8/19/19 (All)

Murray commented that things were moving forward and transparent. Leppanen mentioned that comments were constructive and positive. Susan DeLorme felt the meeting was collaborative.

5. Update on Planning and Zoning Meetings (Sayers)

Sayers noted that most participants were business owners.

Diana Davidson thanked P&Z for providing more information and asked if Dark Skies is part of the upcoming vote. Because of its complexity it will be addressed at a later time. Amanda Podmore will list basic terms and information on our website for easy access.

Amer Tumeh feels the process is being rushed.

Leppanen reported that we have just received two permits, one commercial and one residential. Our lawyer's concern is being prepared and having a fluid document.

New Business

6. Use of Community Center by San Juan County for Voter Registration and the Town Council Office (Leppanen)

Leppanen has been talking with John David Nielson about using the Community Center four Wednesdays in October. It is available on the 9th and 23rd, not on the 16th and 30th it was suggested they could use our office, the senior center, or kitchen. She will check with him to see what is needed. Sayers motioned to allow use of the CC and Office, Murray seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Murray, Sayers, and Sosa voted in favor. Leppanen will talk to Nielson about the options.

7. Roads Report and Letter from UDOT (Haviken, Murray, Leppanen)

Jared Beard has said the turn lane is out for bid and they are not getting the bids UDOT had hoped for but they are on schedule for it to be finished October 15th. There has been no response about the speed zone and Leppanen will follow up on it.

8. Planning and Zoning, Water (All)

A water line was recently fixed and an automatic message informed those living near by.

9. Letter to Governor Herbert re BLM Oil and Gas (All)

Leppanen sent a draft letter urging caution on new leasing to Governor Herbert. She will send it after Council input.

10. Discussion on Need and Dates for Work Sessions Prior to 9/3/19; Discussion of Need and Dates for Joint Work Session with BSA tr: Memorandum of Understanding (All)

Planning and Zoning will hand comments, zoning maps, and ordinances to the Council August 30th. We will hold three work sessions:

August 29th, noon to 2 p.m.

August 31st, noon to 5 p.m., if needed,

September 2nd, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

We will set up a work session for BSA transitioning in September.

11. Financial Report (Sosa)

Sayers motioned to approve paying \$850 of our \$3,400 liability insurance bill, Hook seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Murray, Sayers, and Sosa voted in favor.

We have received sales tax funds. Murray and Sosa will meet with Josh Ewing to transfer web hosting and email costs to our credit card. He has been graciously covering them.

Other Business

Public Comment

Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Linda Sosa Recording Officer