

Bluff Town Council Meeting
September 17, 2019
Bluff Community Center at 6:00 p.m.
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Minutes

The meeting started at 6:03 p.m.

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

Approval of Bluff Town Council Work Session Minutes from September 2, 2019

Murray motioned to approve, Sayers seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sayers, Murray, and Sosa voted in favor

Approval of Bluff Town Council Work Session Minutes from September 3, 2019

Murray motioned to approve, Sayers seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sayers, Murray, and Sosa voted in favor

Approval of Bluff Town Council Meeting, September 3, 2019

Sayers motioned to approve with a correction, Murray seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sayers, Murray, and Sosa voted in favor

Approval of Bluff Town Council Special Meeting, September 5, 2019

Sayers motioned to approve, Murray seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sayers, Murray, and Sosa voted in favor

Public Comment (Limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

Leah Schrenk brought a Local Consent form for the Council to sign to start her goal to have a tavern. Leppanen congratulated her on being accepted to the County Planning and Zoning Commission. The Council agreed to move agenda item 11 forward because it involved her questions.

11. Fee Schedules and Applications, Local Consent for Alcohol, Business Licenses (All)

The issue of local consent came up earlier in the week and Leppanen spoke Stephanie Hanson, of State Beverage Control, for clarification about Local Consent. Hanson said we give local consent and then it goes to the County and State. Local Consent is granted once and remains in place unless the Town revokes it. Schrenk's tavern would serve beer. The Council had questions about hours and it will be on next week's agenda.

Leppanen and Sosa have been working on business licenses with help from Pelorus.

Amer Tumeh wanted to know if zoning had been finalized and what the steps for the appeals process entail. The appeal process is in the land use ordinance. Leppanen will get back to him after checking with Chris McAnany to see if the appeal's process is the same for the initial appeal on newly zoned areas.

Unfinished Business

1. Transfer of Email Account to the Town of Bluff (Sosa/Murray)

Murray explained that Josh Ewing helped us transfer payments from his credit card to our town credit card for our email accounts and website host. He has been covering them for over a year.

2. Update on Safe Deposit Box with Zions (Leppanen)

Leppanen reported that our safe deposit box has been secured and paid for. Sosa will organize all original deeds and make copies.

3. Update and Discussion on Liability Policy (All)

We need to talk to the artists about the value of their sculptures at West Park so we can insure them. Sayers will talk to Joe Pacek and Sosa will talk to Jamie Olson.

4. SITLA and Solar Farm (Murray)

Murray withdrew this until a later date.

5. Transparency Report Success, Financial Report (Leppanen/Sosa)

The Transparency Report has been successfully accepted by the State and we are in compliance.

Sosa presented the August bank reconciliation and the current bills. Sayers motioned to pay:

Frontier - \$69.17

Pelorus - \$400.00

Josh Ewing - \$717.02 (reimbursement of email fees and half year web host)

ULGT - pay \$850 out of \$2,550

Chris McAnany - pay \$2,000 out of \$7,775.00,

Murray seconded and Leppanen, Sosa, Hook, Sayers, and Murray all voted in favor.

6. Status of Community Development Block Grant for the Bluff Water Study (Leppanen)

Leppanen posted a public notice in the San Juan Record that will run for two weeks asking for bids for the Bluff water study. The CDBG is extremely detailed about the wording and Leppanen will check for them for compliance.

New Business

7. Mainly Marathon's Request for Use of Parking Lot, Streets, Restrooms in Community Center (Leppanen)

This group has used the CC parking lot for camping and to stage their marathon for several years. The BSA and Council discussed this at Monday's work session and decided the CC should not be used for camping. Several RV parks and Sand Island are available. Leppanen will contact the group and if they have not signed the contract will advise them of our decision.

8. Community Garden, Apache Chief Cooking Demonstration, Community Gardens and Farmers Markets, USU Advisory Board, Tree USA, Public Art Ordinance (Leppanen)

Sayers volunteered to join the USU Advisory Board. These groups offer us future possibilities. Tree America could be passed on to the weed committee because they also offer help with evasive species. The Public Art Ordinance will be passed on to P&Z. Leppanen will let the Apache Chief know that the kitchen is available for rental. Murray and Leppanen agreed everything else should be put on hold for now.

9. Clean Out of Culverts (Leppanen)

Galen Hedley gave Leppanen a list of his concerns about culverts. Hedley and Steve Helgerson are putting in a bid to repair the west culverts. The Storm Water CIB funds for the project run out in December.

11. Fee Schedules and Applications, Local Consent for Alcohol, Business Licenses (All)

Partially covered earlier. Leppanen encouraged those that could to go to the BSA budget meeting on the 23rd at 8:30 a.m. Their goal is to go into 2020 with no financial obligations and a three-person board. Hook will attend.

12. Report on Bluff Service Area Meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 (Sosa)

Sosa reported that the BSA voted to accept Wes Shook's resignation; Jackie Warren is the new chairman, and Ginny Burns the vice-chairman. They are working to finish the Storm Water Project and will have a budget work session on the 23rd at 8:30 a.m.

13. Report on Bluff Water Works Meeting on Thursday, September 12, 2019 (Sosa)

The BWW is having continuing problems with communication between the arsenic plant and computers. It was suggested that the fiber optic project people will be at the County Economic Development Summit on the 23rd, besides finding out the status of their project we can get an idea if this could be available to the library and BWW computers.

14. Report on Joint Meeting Between Town of Bluff and Bluff Service Area (All)

Leppanen wrote a MOU based on our agreements for transition and will put it on our next agenda.

15. Report on Meeting David Everitt on September 9, 2019 and Chris McAnany Re: Interlocal Agreement and Land Use Permits (Leppanen)

This meeting with Leppanen, Sosa, Everitt and McAnany via phone discussed updating the Interlocal Agreement before Everitt's job expires. They discussed the need to outline the process with the County for when a building permit comes in and inspections, possibility with Scott Burton.

16. Knocked Down Stop Sign and Need for Agreement with San Juan County for Sign Resets (Murray)

The school sign has not been knocked down with its new enhanced visibility. A stop sign knocked down at 6th West and the Highway has been fixed. It was suggested that a stop sign should be at the airport. There is a conference call tomorrow at 10:00 a.m., an informational, preliminary discussion of pedestrian walkways, bike paths, etc. Leppanen, Murray, and Michael Haviken will meet at the office.

17. Ordinance Proposed for Regulating Noxious Weeds (All)

Jim Hook and Ed Dobson have been working on this with Monte Perkins. The County has no weed plan, Dobson has written an ordinance that has gone to the County attorney and been submitted to P&Z, who will look at it with reference to the General Plan. Hook is working on the framework for a comprehensive plan.

18. National Incident Management Training for Senior Officials Set for October 1, 2019 (Leppanen)

Leppanen, Sayers, and Murray are planning on attending.

19. Report on San Juan County Commission Meeting on September 17, 2019 and Its Resolution on Oil and Gas (Leppanen/Sosa)

Sosa reported that Schrenk was accepted to the County Planning Commission, Spanish Valley suggested the piece of land intended for a Loves Truck Stop be used for a solar farm, and people were reminded PILT funds are granted year to year and are not funded some years.

20. Planning and Zoning Dark Skies Ordinance Public Hearing 10/3/19 (Leppanen)

A reminder.

21. Roads, Water (All)

Murray reported that UDOT would be fixing three of our intersections at no cost to us - the school, post office, and Twin Rocks. He and Haviken will get snowplow quotes for two small sections of road.

22. GRAMA Request (Sosa)

Sosa reported we received a GRAMA request for an airport accident that happened in 1962. Because the BSA was not even in existence then, it was suggested we direct them to the San Juan Record and Mountain Shadows.

Other

Public Comment – The need for speed signs on 7th East near the Credit Union.

Adjourned at 7:41

Linda Sosa Recording Office

