

Bluff Town Council Meeting
February 18, 2020
Bluff Community Center at 6:00 p.m.
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Regular meetings are held the first three Tuesdays of every month at 6:00 p.m. at the Bluff Community Center. Requests to be on the agenda may be submitted in writing 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

Draft Minutes

The meeting started at 6:01 p.m.

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

Approval of Amended Budget Hearing Minutes of February 11, 2020

Murray motioned to approve the minutes with one change, Hook seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sosa, and Murray voted in favor.

Approval of Bluff Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2020

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

Approval of Bluff Town Council Work Session Minutes of February 12, 2020

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

Approval of Joint Meeting Minutes with Bluff Town Council and Bluff Planning and Zoning Commission on February 12, 2020

Hook motioned approve the minutes, Sosa seconded and Leppanen, Hook, and Sosa voted in favor, Murray abstained.

Unfinished Business

1. Results of Survey by USU Extension Office Regarding Community Gardens (Reagan Wytsalucy)
Wytsalucy reported that 13 people had taken the survey and all were in support of the garden as a purchaser or volunteer. Volunteers were willing to work from 1 to 5 hours or 5 to 10 hours and locations suggested were the Mission, the school or the CC. People were interested in produce, then stone fruit and last herbs. It was decided to keep the link to the survey open. Wytsalucy will do an update at the Council April 7th meeting. She will reach out to the Mission as a location. Murray suggested a newsletter for local gardening. Blanding is interested in partnering with Bluff on a Farmer's Market.

2. Review and Approval of Bluff Business Licenses (All)

The Council reviewed the completed applications and dated and numbered them. Sosa will sign and deliver them. As more come in they will be approved at Council meetings.

3. Review and Vote on Interlocal Agreement with San Juan County (All)

Leppanen and Sosa attended and reported the ILA was tabled.

4. Review and Discussion of Attorney McAnany's Visit on February 12, 2020 and Future Work and Priorities of the Town Council (All)

McAnany met with the Council and at a joint meeting between the Council and P&Z. Hook reported it was worthwhile and was impressed with the depth of his knowledge. He sent the Council a list of priorities to discuss and the Council agreed to talk about them at a work session at 8:30 a.m. on March 3rd.

5. Discussion of Community Impact Board Request for Purchase and Renovation of the Bluff Elementary School Building; Next Steps (All)

Sayers has been putting a lot of work into this but was not able to be at the meeting. He and Leppanen talked to Brenda Brown who suggested a more comprehensive view of purchases and renovation. She said get hard numbers but don't low ball them. Sayers will try to get ahold of an architect and an engineer. Leppanen has talked to Eric Cook, of Design/Build/Bluff and is waiting to see if he is interested. She will check with Ned Krutsky. The presentation to the CIB is April 2nd and it could be pushed into May, although Sayers wants April. If we do not get the school the Council may be able to revamp the request into an addition to the CC or a separate building. David Conine is getting together with Leppanen on the 27th, he has ideas to improve the roof. We need to reach out to anyone who can help.

6. Amended Budget Resolution (Leppanen)

Murray motioned to approve as presented, Hook seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Murray, and Sosa voted in favor. It is posted on the Town website.

New Business

7. Discussion and Vote on Bluff Planning and Zoning Commission's Proposed By-Law Changes (All)

Council members had read the by-laws and Leppanen noted there are only a few changes. A commissioner may have excused leave, like maternity leave. She suggested defining vote as yea, nay, or abstain on page 12. Hook was at many meetings where by-laws were discussed and supported them. Murray motioned to approve the by-laws with the voting definition, Hook seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Murray, and Sosa voted in favor. Leppanen will let P&Z know and have them post it on the Town website.

8. Identify a Work Session Date(All)

March 3rd at 8:30 a.m. to discuss priorities.

9. Report on Bluff Water Works Meeting on February 12, 2020 (Leppanen)

Leppanen and Sayers attended, BWW also wrote a letter opposing drilling through the aquifer. Steve Simpson sent the letter to Leppanen along with FCM's letter.

10. Report on Bluff Service Area Meeting on February 12, 2020 (Leppanen)

No one was able to attend because of conflicting meetings but Leppanen reported the BSA is contacting their lawyer about the possibility of having a special election to vote on dissolving.

11. Report on San Juan County Commission Meeting on February 18, 2020 (Leppanen/Sosa)

The ILG was tabled and Commissioner Adams suggested terminating all ILAs in the County, those with Blanding and Monticello in addition to Bluff. Mack McDonald had changed the format of the agenda and Commissioner Maryboy found it confusing and asked that it be returned to what they had been doing.

12. Summary of Discussion with Chris Hanson, Edge of the Cedars Museum, on February 14, 2020 Re: Goosenecks State Park Proposed Biking/Hiking/Camping Changes (Leppanen)

There is concern about competition between an expansion of the campground and RV parks in the county. Chris Hanson contacted Leppanen and explained there are eight campsites and the plan is to increase the total to fourteen; there is currently dispersed camping and trash in the area. Leppanen expressed concern about safety issues and lack of EMT's in our area. The comment window has closed.

13. Discussion of Sunrise Engineering's Meeting with the Town of Bluff on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 (All) and Review of Invoice (All)

Sunrise is going well and we have received the first invoice. Gene Stevenson will be attending.

14. Discussion and Vote on Bluff Planning and Zoning Commission's Proposed By-Law Changes (All)

Covered earlier

15. Financial Report (Sosa)

Sosa sent the January bank reconciliation to Council members. The current bills are:

Sunrise - \$16,035.00

Pelorus Training - \$300.00

DS Accounting Services LLC - \$510.00

Chris McAnany - \$2060.50

Frontier - \$68.10

Murray motioned to pay the bills, Hook seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sosa, and Murray voted in favor.

16. Reports on Roads and Planning and Zoning (Murray/All)

Murray will work with UDOT to set a date for the UDOT bike trail meeting. He said Tim and Nancy Swanson are interested in attending. Hook, who was involved in the annual sign inspection, suggested Denny Dennison could work on signs, since he is already an employee. The annual UDOT meeting is March 31st in Moab and the Council is bringing local issues, including the speed limit through town.

17. Reminders: RCAC Economic Development Workshops - Feb. 28 & 29 at 9 a.m. (first meeting)

Frisbee at the Bluff Elementary School in February and March, Tuesdays and Wednesdays

"Bluff Celebrates the Stars", Starry Night at the CC Feb. 21st at 3:00 p.m., the 20th at the school

RCAC Septic Maintenance Workshop Mexican Water Chapter House on February 20th at 2pm

Adjourned 7:14 p.m.

Linda Sosa Recording Officer