

Bluff Town Council Meeting  
February 4, 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

### Minutes

The meeting started at 6:04 p.m.

Roll Call Mayor Ann K. Leppanen, Luanne Hook, Brant Murray, Linda Sosa, Jim Sayers at 6:08 p.m.

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting on January 21, 2020

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

Approval of Work Session Minutes on January 30, 2020

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

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes on January 30, 2020

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

### Unfinished Business

#### 1. Request by Friends of Cedar Mesa, Kirsten Ewing to Apply Product to Bluff Community Center floor (Ewing)

Ewing shared the history that four years ago at Celebrate Cedar Mesa the floor of the CC had so much static it shorted out the electrical equipment. Since then she has applied Staticide to the floor every year and is volunteering for Friends of Cedar Mesa to purchase the product and apply it. Carol Shook gave her the date of Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> to apply it to the floor. Sayers motioned to accept her offer, Murray seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Murray, Sayers, and Sosa voted in favor. Leppanen will send her the volunteer form and asked her to keep track of her hours. The Council thanked her.

#### 2. Review of Status of Attorney's Review of Town of Bluff Volunteer Waiver and Release Form and Volunteer Time Sheet (Leppanen)

Chris McAnany approved the waiver and release form last week and has not responded about the volunteer time sheet for in kind hours. Murray encouraged others in town to keep track of their volunteer hours.

#### 3. Discussion and Vote on 6 Months Supplies for Bluff Community Center (Sosa)

This was discussed last week. Murray motioned to authorize Sosa to make these purchases up to \$400.00, Sayers seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Murray, Sayers, and Sosa voted in favor. Sosa will get together with Murray and use his credit card.

#### 4. Discussion and Possible Vote on Letter to Bureau of Land Management on Oil and Gas Drilling Permit Application (Murray/All)

Murray and Amanda Podmore have been working on comment letters. Leppanen asked for additional comments. Murray stated water is our most precious resource and we must defend it. Leppanen reminded that the BLM does not have any say about fracking. The EOG is responsible for cleanup and Leppanen wanted the letter ask for maximum bond protection, as some companies declare

bankruptcy after a project and do not clean it up or reclaim it. Hook felt there was risk and the gain was not worth the risk. Sosa believes drilling and fracking can be safe but is not in favor of drilling through the aquifer and questioned if we are opening the door to more. Leppanen had emailed Angela Bulla who said that other drilling requests must go through the same permitting process. She asked if the decision could wait until after the town 50-year plan comes out mid-May and the answer was no, the comment deadline is firm. Sosa mentioned that the Commissioners Maryboy and Grayeyes had received communications from Bluff residents and were in support of protecting our water. Leppanen called a Special Meeting on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. to finalize the letter and asked Council members to study it and come with ideas to shorten and focus it. We can totally oppose drilling or ask for protections. Sayers felt Podmore's letter was very well done and the Council members can work on shortening it. He thought the lease had already been awarded and the Town should write to ensure every safety protection would be in place.

#### 5. Discussion on Bluff Airport Management and Need for a Job Description and Resolution (Leppanen)

Leppanen, Jim Hook and Luanne Hook had a good tour of the airport last week. Jim expressed interest in continuing to be airport manager, which he has been doing for the last 30 years, and he and Leppanen will work on a job description, contract, and leasing agreement for his hanger. Murray motioned for McAnany to draft a resolution and contract within the next 30 days, Sayers seconded and all voted in favor. The FAA contacted Leppanen for updated contact information and she directed them to Jim Hook.

#### 6. Status of Town of Bluff Lease with San Juan County Senior Center (Leppanen)

Leppanen asked Mack McDonald and Kendall Laws to streamline the language in the lease and simplify payment of utilities. The rent will remain the same. Hook suggested having an electrician trace wiring. Leppanen suggested waiting until we are doing Dark Sky compliance for the CC.

#### 7. Status of Employee Contracts (Sosa)

Murray motioned to accept the employee contract forms, Sayers seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sayers, Sosa, and Murray voted in favor.

#### 8. Status of Community Garden Survey by USU Extension (Leppanen)

Community members have been taking the survey. Sosa will put it on the Town website. It is open until the 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### 9. Update on Community Impact Board Application and Recycle Trailer Update (Sayers)

Sayers completed the CIB grant application and submitted it January 27<sup>th</sup> and has heard back from Brenda Brown, who had a few small corrections. She will guide him through the grant and presentation process. She gave Sayers a list of municipal lawyers for the Council to choose from. Leppanen noted one of the attorneys is from Zions Bank. She met with Marcus Keller of Zions Bank last year to explore options like this. Brown explained we can ask for grants, loans, or a combination. Sayers has researched getting the VIN number on the recycle trailer and was informed it is stamped on it somewhere. When it is empty he will turn it over and continue his search.

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#### 14. Star Festival in February (Jen Davila via phone and Sarah Burak)

Burak explained the annual elementary school Star Party is in its 5<sup>th</sup> year and consists of learning centers, a speaker, dinner, and star viewing through telescopes. They would like to expand it to a two-day event and use the CC. It is open to the community and they would like to use the CC on Friday the 21st to have an indoor planetarium and other activities. They are asking for a fee waiver. The Council agreed that it was a wonderful, educational event for the community. Leppanen suggested we are setting a precedent and we use PILT funds out of Parks and Rec to sponsor it instead of waiving fees. Sosa asked that they fill out a contract with Carol Shook and keep track of volunteer hours. Davila said that insurance could be provided through BOB. Sayers motioned to accept their request, Murray seconded and Leppanen, Murray, Sosa, Hook and Sayers voted in favor. Leppanen reported that the Town just received \$6000 in PILT funds.

10. Update on Utah State University's Blanding Statewide Campus Dean's Council (Leppanen)

Leppanen accepted a place on this Council that meets quarterly.

11. Status of Community Development Block Grant for 50 Year Water Study (Leppanen)

Leppanen reported it is going well and their 50% completion meeting will be at the CC February 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

12. Bluff Service Area's petition to dissolve" (Leppanen)

Jackie Warren and Linda Richmond delivered the petition with 86 signatures to John David Nielson, who will certify it and send it to the State, and gave the County Commissioners an update of their status today. This will be on the November ballot.

New Business

13. Bluff Community Center Manager's Report (Shook)

Leppanen will check with Shook.

14. Star Festival in February (Jen Davila, Sarah Burak)

Covered earlier.

15. Status Report of SJCC Meeting Held February 4, 2020

Leppanen reported that the State is updating building code and the County will automatically update the same. Sosa reported the BLM is considering expanding camping and trails at Goosenecks Park.

16 Update on Work by David Everitt (Leppanen/Sosa)

Everitt is working on codification.

17. Conversation with Debra Dull of Rocky Mountain Power Regarding Alleys and Utility Easements (Leppanen)

Leppanen and Dull met last week and talked about the issues the Council has been exploring with alleys. Dull will have Rocky Mountain Power's Alley Expert get ahold of Leppanen to help.

18. 2020 Census: Highest Elected Officer's Report Due by March 1, 2020 (Leppanen)

Leppanen received a packet from the Census Bureau to use to assure boundary information is correct. She will sign off on it as highest local official.

19 Roads, Planning and Zoning, Water Status Reports (All)

Murray is working on a bike trail meeting with UDOT in March and will get a date for it. Amanda Podmore informed that the Land Use Clearance is on the Town website. It is detailed and includes dates and the process for approval. Leppanen and Burak will work on an agenda for the joint meeting with McAnany.

20. Reminder of Council Meeting with Chris McAnany on February 12, 2020 and Joint Council Meeting with Planning and Zoning Commission and Chris McAnany; Need for Agenda (Leppanen)

The Council will meet with McAnany at 1:00 p.m. and the joint meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

21; Financial Report (Sosa)

Sosa read the current bills:

Chris McAnany \$4,630.00

David Everitt \$1,075.00

River Canyon Wireless \$80.99

Bankcard \$431.43

Redd's True Value Hardware - 104.30

Utah Chapter APA (training P&Z) - \$222.00

ULCT - \$60

Google G-Suite - \$45.13

Stipend for Egge, Cantrell, Burak, Haviken, Podmore - \$150.00

Carol Shook = \$184.70

Patricia Bellison - \$341.69

Denny Bellison - \$338.58

Sosa explained that she paid a Roads bill out of the General Fund and needed reimburse the GF.

These bills will be voted on at our next meeting, bills will not be paid until after the amended budget hearing on the 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Leppanen explained that the accountant Dave Sonderson has been working with her on the amended budget.

22. Other

Leppanen said Emery Telecom will hold a public meeting. Moab Realty contacted Leppanen for an interview about the town.

Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Linda Sosa Recording Officer.