

Bluff Town Council Special Meeting
March 13, 2020
Bluff Community Center at 4:00 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 4:04 p.m.

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

1. Discussion, Strategy and Plan to Manage During the Health Issues Around COVID-19 (Please look at the Utah League Cities and Towns Website for additional information on COVID-19

The Council used the Governor's guidelines of congregating in groups of people no larger than 100 for healthy people and groups no larger than 20 for people over 60 for the discussion. It was decided to close the Community Center for classes, rentals, and social occasions for the next two weeks and revisit it March 30th. FCM has already canceled their event for Saturday. A birthday party for 80 people is scheduled for Sunday and it was decided the Council would refund their money and offer them the outside pavilion. The RCAC group has offered to move their March meeting to June. Sayers said the lack of testing available and distance of medical facilities puts people at risk. Amanda Podmore commented much of our town is in the higher risk group because of age. Planning and Zoning will consider rescheduling their ordinance hearing on the 18th. Jen Davila was very concerned for the business community and thought the Council wanted to close the town but that is not the case. The Council is trying to manage risk at the CC. Murray motioned to close the CC for classes, rentals, and social events and revisit it March 30th, Sayers seconded and Leppanen, Sosa, Murray, and Sayers voted in favor. Sosa will contact the Zumba class and Leppanen will contact the other classes and Carol Shook. Leppanen suggested meeting outside and using the plastic chairs if needed.

2. Priorities for and Management of the Town of Bluff's Work for the Next 30 Days

The Council agreed this health issue was going to be hard on the all parts of the Community. The Council must be able to continue work and, while Sosa has authority to pay bills already under the Council financial policy ordinance it was decided to pay them as they come in during this time. Sayers motioned to give Sosa the authority to pay bills as they come in and have full Council review at meetings, Murray seconded and Leppanen, Murray, Sayers, and Sosa voted in favor.

Sayers updated the Council on the CIB process for the old School. He has plans for an improved roof and would like get a bid. Atsushi and Hiroko Yamamoto have design ideas and are working with him. Murray motioned to give Sayers authority to move forward with this process on the Council's behalf, Sosa seconded and Leppanen, Sosa, Murray, and Sayers voted in favor.

3. Other

Leppanen drafted a letter to UDOT Thursday with concerns for the community, schools, and businesses impacted by the May Mexican Hat Bridge replacement project. Sayers commented it was well done and covers our concerns. Podmore suggested talking to Chapter Houses about it.

Leppanen and Sosa will attend the County Commission Meeting at Mexican Water Chapter on the 17th.

Adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Linda Sosa Recording Officer