

Bluff Town Council Meeting  
May 19, 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  
This meeting was held electronically via Google Meet

### Minutes

The meeting started at 6:01 p.m.

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

Approval of Regular Bluff Town Council Minutes from May 12, 2020

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

Approval of Emergency Bluff Town Council Minutes from May 14, 2020

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

### **Request by Twin Rocks for Local Consent for Off-Premise Alcohol Sales and Vote (Steve Simpson)**

Simpson explained that this would help to make up for some of the revenue they have lost having switched to take-out meals during the health crisis. Leppanen asked if they would continue with it when they went back to dine-in. He said probably. Sayers noted businesses in town do this already so it makes sense to grant the request. Sayers moved to approve local consent, Murray seconded, and Leppanen, Hook, Murray, Sayers, and Sosa voted in favor. Simpson will get the local consent form for Leppanen to sign.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **1. Reports on Status of the Town of Bluff's Request to Remain at the "Red Risk" Tiered Guidelines, SJC COVID-19 Task Force Meeting, Local COVID-19 Task Force Meeting, Business Owners of Bluff Meeting (Leppanen)**

Leppanen explained the Council voted to request to remain in the red risk zone at our emergency meeting, she wrote the request and emailed it to Kirk Benge, who forwarded it to the State, and we have had no response so far. Eleven more cases were added today and, according to one of the CRT team, three more hospitalizations. Sayers noted information is being withheld. Leppanen's County Task Force call is tomorrow and she will ask why the numbers are not matching with what is happening on the ground. Debbie Westfall would like to remain red until June 1<sup>st</sup>. Leppanen agreed but responded, it is not up to us. Jenn Davila would like to know the results of the Blanding testing and Leppanen will ask at the meeting. Businesses have submitted plans based on red risk.

#### **2. Discussion of Status of Community Impact Board Funding and 2021 Proposed Budget (Sayers/Leppanen)**

Sayers explained the bid from Tri-Hurst for remodeling the "old" school, fixing the roof, and asbestos mitigation is \$1.6 million. There was concern about the yearly operational cost of about \$70,000. Leppanen was concerned that in the current economic climate we will not be able to make expenses. Hook felt we should continue and look into additional funding options. Sosa remarked Sayers has done a great deal of work and we should continue to see what is offered but is extremely cautious

about the finances. Sayers will approach the district about giving us the school. We will continue with the CIB and see what is offered.

### **3. Discussion of Capital Improvement Projects as Part of the 2021 Budget (Murray/Leppanen)**

Murray explained that Capital Projects are like savings accounts for future projects. He is working on one for future open space acquisition and remodeling or repurposing office space. Leppanen suggested putting it on the agenda for the next meeting. It will require planning, a resolution, and vote, so, there will be a work session at 2:00 p.m. on June 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss it, including if open space acquisition would require amending the General Plan.

### **4. Update on Bluff Service Area's Dissolution Status and Report on Bluff Service Area Meeting (Leppanen/Sosa)**

Sosa reported the BSA is moving forward with their attorney to get dissolution on the November ballot. They are working to complete the D&I, Deposit and Investment Report, by the June deadline so the State doesn't withhold property tax.

### **5. Report on Bluff Water Works Meeting (Leppanen)**

Leppanen reported it was a routine meeting.

### **6. Report on Status of Community Garden Project (Hook)**

Hook reported that she, Leppanen, Kay Rohde, and Reagan Wyatsalucy met and discussed available land at the Mission, and there are six acres with water. There is grant money for a tractor, tools, and a manager. Leppanen said Wyatsalucy has a good handle on resources and is moving forward. The Mission has some funds for a match.

### **7. Report on Status of Sunrise Engineering Project for 50 Year Plan and Extension for Water Right (All)**

The Council came up with nine points to get to Sunrise as they fine tune the project. Hook suggested dropping number 5; Sunrise used the term agricultural to describe Bluff, and after discussing it in the work session the Council agreed the farm and cattle grazing do represent a lot of land. Murray suggested dropping number 9, as usage data on private wells is not kept. Sayers motioned to send the final questions and comments to Sunrise, Murray seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Murray, Sayers, and Sosa voted in favor. The points are:

1. The physical condition of the arsenic plant. The physical plant should not need to be replaced for 25-30 years. The size of the plant cannot be increased.
2. The question as to whether there is or is not a water line in the "cloud" area of the map. Marx Powell answered that "there is a water line where the cloud is on the map." Could there be a footnote that "there is no documentation that there is or is not and that this might be reviewed in the future."
3. Was Sunrise provided with the number of connections for determining existing ERC sources? In March 2020 Bluff Water Works reported the number of connections to DWR. Notes from the meeting with Sunrise on May 13, 2020 indicates that what was needed was "usage records." Do you have sufficient information to complete the report?
4. Marx Powell questioned the use of 400 gpd on pages 9 and 11 of the study v. use of 800 gpd on page 14. Marx thinks that the increase is what incorrectly results in the conclusion that there is a deficit. Another interpretation made by Skip Meiers was that the 400 gpd represents "daily average" and 800 gpd represents "peak." Would you address this?
5. Section 4.4.2, page 24 states that "it is recommended that Bluff ensures that the Town has the ability to chlorinate culinary water" and section 7.7.1, page 34 states that "that Bluff consider installing a chlorination system." For consistency, we would like it noted that "chlorination is not required."
6. Section 4.5.3.1, page 27, second line references "the 200-year" but should that be "the 20-year"?
7. The report references the "Bluff Fort well" but we would like it referenced as the "Fort Campground Well" so that future users of the study know where that well is located as it is not at the Bluff Fort.

### **8. Report on Meeting with UDOT and the Bike/Safety Committee (Murray)**

Murray reported he met with Leppanen, Michael Haviken, Tim and Nancy Swanson, Jared Beard, and several other UDOT representatives about safety issues. After discussion, in order to slow traffic approaching town we will match funds with UDOT for two flashing speed limit signs that will be placed further out to slow traffic before they get to town. The team agreed that enforcement was an important piece of slowing traffic down and Leppanen will check with Sheriff Torgerson about increasing enforcement at that time so the word gets out to truckers. The Town and UDOT will each pay \$5,000. Flexible barriers, called flexible delineators, will be installed at the bridge before school starts to protect walkers. A pedestrian study is required to reduce speed at the school because change with UDOT is data driven. Crosswalks were discussed at several places in town. Haviken noted our partnership with UDOT is very important. As we get more data there can be more changes

#### **9. Report on County Commission Meeting(Leppanen/Sosa)**

Sosa reported Monticello wants to have their deputies become county employees and the Commissioners voted to approve having county businesses licenses. Natalie Randall will get information to businesses. Leppanen asked John David Nielson to publish the meeting contact information in the Utah Public Notice Website so it is easier to locate and join.

#### **New Business**

##### **10. Annual Report of Transient Room Capacity per Utah Code 59-12-401 (Leppanen)**

Hook will complete this report that is part of the resort tax.

##### **11. Financial Report (Sosa)**

Sosa finished the April bank reconciliation and sent it to Council members. Sayers did the monthly comparison of bank statement and Pelorus worksheet.

##### **12. Other**

Leppanen reminded others to continue to get the word out about the Census, Bluff has a very low percent of response so far. Sayers will get Zoom ready for our next meeting. Hook said Jim Hook had some knap weed chemicals. Murray asked about weeding and upkeep of the CC it will be on the next agenda.

Adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Linda Sosa Recording Officer

This meeting took place electronically in order to follow the social distancing guidelines given by state and local authorities. The public connected and participated by call in or joining the video.