

## Bluff Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2021

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.

The meeting started at 6:01 p.m.

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

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of the Bluff Town Council on January 15, 2021

Sayers motioned to approve the minutes, Murray seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sosa,

Murray and Sayers voted in favor.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **1. Municode/MuniDocs Update and Discussion of Archiving Bluff Service Area and Incorporation of Bluff Documents (Leppanen/Sosa)**

Leppanen explained Municode will be publishing our ordinances and we will use MuniDocs to archive and post incorporation and BSA documents. She will set up a training with them for herself, Sosa, Murray and our yet to be new clerk. Kathy Carson has been going through BSA materials and organizing them chronologically plus removing duplicates.

#### **2. Discussion and Vote on Community Development Block Grant and Outdoor Recreation Grant (All)**

In the work session the Council discussed possible projects, including remodeling the office area at the CC, updating the kiosk at the Great House, and an ADA portion of River Trail. Murray discussed these with Tristan, in Price, and they agreed the remodel had the best chance of being accepted.

Murray motioned to move forward with the remodel, Hook seconded, and Leppanen, Hook, Sosa, Murray and Sayers voted in favor. The next phase will be to determine costs. Leppanen let Jim Hook know that Amber Johnson of the BLM signed off on the River Trail today. Leppanen has information about the Outdoor Recreation Grant.

#### **3. Update on Status of Ad for Bluff Town Office Clerk (Leppanen)**

This has been posted on the San Juan Record and Town Website for a week. We have one applicant so far.

#### **4. Disclosures on Conflict of Interest (Leppanen)**

These need to be turned into to Sosa or Leppanen.

#### **5. Report on Gateway and Natural Amenity Region Stakeholders Program on January 19, 2021 (Sosa)**

USU is heading this tourism project to gather data about how many tourists travel through our area, how long they stay, where they go, and how much they spend and make it a tool in local decision making. This session was for the southern part of the County and there will be monthly workshops.

#### **6. Report on Joint Transition County Economic Development/ Tourism Tax Advisory Board Meeting (Sosa)**

The two boards met and summarized what is moving forward in the County. Mack McDonald will head Economic Development until a replacement for Natalie Randall is hired.

#### **7. Report on San Juan County Commission Meeting of January 19, 2021 (Leppanen/Sosa)**

#### **8. Report on Bluff Water Works Meeting on January 13, 2021 (Leppanen/Sosa)**

The Commissioners voted for the filling of the vacancies on the BWW as part of a consent agenda. This is a group of issues agreed to advance and passed once instead of multiple times. Approving checks is an example. Leppanen explained we do not know what the Commissioners decided. Hook reported a four-lane highway from Spanish Fork to Monument Valley was discussed as a four-year plan. The BWW meeting covered routine matters. Steve Simpson asked why the Council had not involved itself in the choice of an applicant for their vacancy, she explained the Council had never discussed taking a position. Marx Powell suggested having some joint meetings for continuity.

**8. Discuss and Vote on Resolution Opposing Foreign Countries Shipments of Uranium to White Mesa Mill (Leppanen)**

Tabled until a later date

**New Business**

**9. Explanation of U.S. Census Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS)(Leppanen)**

Leppanen completed this yearly form. It is important for our acquisition of federal funds.

**10. Report on Local Government Roundtable Held January 14, 2021 (Sosa/Leppanen)**

This meeting from the State Auditor's Office discussed risk and fraud assessment and how they are planning to use a dashboard system so that entities and the public can look at their data, including all reports and their status.

**11. Financial Report (Sosa)**

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

**12. Other**

Murray was happy the country was moving forward from some reprehensible times.

P&Z meets tomorrow.

Willie Greyeyes had a bad reaction to the covid vaccination and is doing better

Sayers motioned to adjourn at 6:44 p.m., Murray seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sayers, Murray and Sosa voted in favor.

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 will be able to connect and participate electronically. For requests to receive emails/meeting invitations email [linda@townofbluff.org](mailto:linda@townofbluff.org)