

Bluff Town Council Work Session Minutes

March 25, 2021

Bluff Community Center at 2:00 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:

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This meeting was held electronically.

The meeting started at 2:02 p.m.

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

**1. Discussion of Dates for Community Wildfire Protection Plan and Rights of Nature Community Meetings**

Leppanen reported that Chief Lott is working with Duncan Fuchise of Forestry, Fire and State Lands to coordinate a community informational meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. She has the landowner list used by P&Z and will contact Salt Lake Mailing and Printing for a quote to send out postcard invitations. We will vote on this at our next meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup>. The Rights of Nature community meeting will be during Earth Week, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Malysa Egge is helping with this and it will include a short film or video. The Community can ask questions and decide if they want to be involved in this project. Murray came up with the idea of collecting old tires in town that same day and will look into the cost per tire to discard. This will help with Mosquito Abatement. Leppanen thanked Wendy Smith for her concerns about clean-up of the Town.

**2. Review and Discussion of Rental Policies for the Bluff Community Center, Fire Mesa Kitchen, and the Pavilion**

The Community Center and Fire Mesa have been closed since March 25, 2020 and the Pavilion has not been regulated. A few small groups have requested the kitchen and use is granted by the Council on a case by case basis. Ancient Wayves is sending a contract for limited use, one to two people, of the kitchen and a group of about 12 at the

Pavilion this Saturday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. There was some confusion about this but it was decided if their contract and payment arrive before the gathering to allow it. The manager will work with them on Covid restrictions. Several Council members wanted the CC and kitchen to remain closed until summer. While Town Covid restrictions are in place and these venues are closed, requests and fee requests must be put on the agenda to be decided.

### **3. Discussion of the Claim to the Utah Local Governments Trust for Damage to the Sunroof/Roof of the Bluff Community Center**

Leppanen filed a claim for hail damage for the skylight and is asking the adjuster to check the rest of the roof and the Fire Mesa roof. The Adjuster will meet with Leppanen, Hook, and Carol Shook April 6<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. at the CC.

Sayers left at 2:32 p.m.

### **4. Meeting with UDOT and Driver Feedback Signs**

Michael Haviken and Leppanen met with Jared Beard (UDOT), the two driver feedback signs will be delivered in 3 to 6 weeks. On our next meeting agenda we will decide electric or solar and where to place them. Electricity is more reliable and would need to be put in by Rocky Mountain Power; solar is moveable, could be changed to electric, and the battery needs to be replaced. Other road signs are either in or will be delivered soon. Beard was clear we do not have to worry about a four-lane highway through Bluff. It is not on the 30-year UDOT short list and would be extremely expensive. Turn lanes could be added for safety. Leppanen again brought up concerns about the Sand Island intersection and Beard will take it back to the table.

At 2:45 p.m. Murray motioned to adjourn, Hook seconded and Leppanen, Hook, 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 was able to connect and participate electronically.

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