

Bluff Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes

June 8, 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 6:00 p.m.

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

Approval of Bluff Town Council 2021 Amended Budget Hearing

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

Approval of Bluff Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2021

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

Unfinished Business

1. Discussion and Vote on Short Term Rental Ordinance (All)

Chris McAnany has not finished this draft so Murray motioned to move it to next week's agenda, Sayers seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sosa, Murray and Sayers voted in favor.

2. Discussion and Vote on "Rights of Nature" Resolution (All)

This was discussed at the June 7th Work Session. Murray motioned to approve, Hook seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sosa, Murray and Sayers voted in favor.

3. Proofs from Municode (Leppanen)

Leppanen has completed reviewing one set of proofs to catch errors. The deadline to get them back to Municode is mid-July. She asked for volunteers to double check and Council members offered to help. She will scan the set to the Council.

4. Certified Tax Rates (Leppanen)

Leppanen reported we have received this from John David Nielsen at the County today and she will be able to put the numbers into the budgets. It will be a simple process because the Council already voted not to increase property taxes.

5. Update on Declaration of Candidacy for the Town of Bluff's Town Council and Election (Leppanen)

Leppanen received instructions from the State for candidacy filing at 4:00 p.m. Friday. She confirmed with John David Nielson that he is the one who does the process for the towns, all she needed to do was scan the declarations to him, which she did. Those filing for candidacy are Steve Helgerson and Ann Leppanen for mayor, Luanne Hook and Linda Sosa for Council. She explained anyone wishing to run as a write-in has until August 30th to go to the County and fill out the forms. Write-in names do not appear on the ballot.

6. Ad for Town Manager (Leppanen)

Leppanen will send the ad to the San Juan Record and it will run next week. It will be posted in Town and on the website. She will also post it on the Utah League of Cities and Towns site which links it to national cities. The Council agreed to change the closing date to August 1st.

7. Planned Distribution of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds (Leppanen)

Leppanen learned these funds will not be distributed until after July 1st, the start of the fiscal year.

8. Alley Update (All)

Sayers wanted to know if there was any forward motion on the alley issue. Leppanen has received and recorded the deeds. Sayers felt there were some good reasons to grant requests for alleys, including increased property tax. Leppanen felt alleys were for the public good, deeded that way, and should not be given away. Murray is planning on driving through the alleys to check on current conditions. Alleys are in the west side of Town. Mary Gilliam offered to make maps of the alleys but Leppanen explained we have all the information needed, those that don't have the packets can pick them up at the office. Leppanen suggested a work session toward the end of July where the Council could get input from the public.

New Business

9. Discussion and Vote on Laptop Computers for the Council (All)

Murray suggested checking with NetForce for laptop recommendations for governmental use. Sosa prefers Macs. Hook suggested having NetForce check our computer security. Sayers reported we on the list to get the wiring done by Northern Electric in the next two weeks and then we will get together with NetForce for training and security questions. We have already paid for these services. Sosa explained we have a PC for accounting and governmental reporting. We need a desktop for the mayor and the office clerk has been using the BSA computer for scanning documents and can continue to use that computer. We have budgeted for six laptops so one is available to the future business manager.

10. Discussion and Vote on Edge Pest Control Agreement (All)

Hook has been working with this company for a contract and various options. Sosa suggested just spraying the ants. There has been no spraying at the CC for at least a year and no insects are present in the building. The Food Pantry just has cans and paper goods. It is in the process of being cleared out.

11. The Utah League of Cities and Towns #citieswork Program (Leppanen)

Leppanen sent Council members the June 4th ULCT edition of Fun Facts last week. She encouraged the Council to read the article, which is about our concerns for things like housing, electronic signage and local control. Hook will investigate it. Leppanen felt is important to respond to ULCT with our local concerns.

12. Other

Hook asked that PTIF be put on the June 15th agenda

The Drive-In movie is June 12th

BWW is tomorrow at 7:00 at the Library

Twin Rocks is having their music and food event June 13th, 5 to 7

Leppanen thanked Twin Rocks their generosity to the Town after a hard year

Sayers motioned to close the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Murray seconded and Leppanen, Murray, Sayers, Hook 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. For requests to receive emails/meeting invitations email linda@townofbluff.org