

Bluff Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes

October 5, 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:

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This meeting was held electronically.

The meeting started at 6:01 p.m.

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

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2021

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

Approval of Public Hearing Minutes of September 30, 2021

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

Sayers noted some topics will be tabled because Leppanen is at a Rural Leadership Conference and unable to attend tonight.

Unfinished Business

1. Discussion and Update on the Status of the Purchase of the Old Bluff Elementary School; Funding; Anticipated Closing Date with San Juan School District (All)

Sayers reported the closing is Friday and David Conine informed him the funds had been wired but are not received after 4 p.m. They will show up the next day.

2. Update on Road Work and Agreement with LeGrand Johnson (Leppanen/Haviken)

Michael Haviken reported that Leppanen signed the contract with LeGrand Johnson to maintain and improve our gravel roads for \$129,338. Funds include a grant that we match and borrowing from the General Fund. The work is scheduled to start October 18th west at the Transfer Station Road and go east through town to Calf Canyon Road. That road may require culverts from land owners. Wes Shook would like to see a plan and Sosa will look into posting on the website. Haviken and Galen Hadley inspected 2nd East, where ground water control is needed. Hadley will supply a quote. Murray thanked Haviken for his hard work.

3. Update on Status of Work with Contract Temporary Manager (Sosa/Leppanen)

Sosa reported that Erin Richards has started streamlining calendars and paperwork, working on graphics and policy, etc.

4. Update on Kantola Training and Utah Local Government Trusts Treasurer's Bond (Leppanen/Sosa)

Sayers completed both Diversity modules and felt they were well done and worthwhile. Sosa has finished one and agreed. The deadline is October 18th for the training. Hook thought it would be helpful to continue on next week's agenda.

5. Update on AmeriCorps Grant and Schedule; "Handoff Meeting" set for October 7, 2021 (Leppanen)

Tabled until next week.

6. Report on the "Grand Circle" Meeting with San Juan Economic Development Director, et al on September 27, 2021 (Sosa/Leppanen/Hook)

Sosa reported the Grand Circle meeting was worthwhile and representative of area business and marketing in the Four-Corners. The later meeting with Elaine Gizler and staff was hosted by the Council and attended by business owners and interested locals. Hook pointed out housing, day care, Dark Skies, and the Trail were some of the topics discussed. Michael Bryant also attended. Gizler had the same type of meeting in Blanding and Monticello the next day.

7. Update on Election Deadline (Leppanen)

Sosa reminded October 12th is the first day ballots can be mailed and October 13th is the last day an election can be canceled. Sosa and Hook are unopposed, Leppanen is running against Steve Helgerson.

8. Report on San Juan County Commission Meeting on October 5, 2021

Sosa reported the meeting had been cancelled for unknown reasons.

9. Status of NetForce (Sayers)

Sayers was unable to talk to the person he needed to today and will try tomorrow.

10. Grant from Rocky Mountain Power (thank you Debra Dull) for Office Furniture (Leppanen)

Sosa reported we will receive \$2,400 for office furniture. Murray remarked Deb Dull has been a wonderful partner.

New Business

11. Request for Office Space by the American Civil Liberties Union (Malysa Egge); Request for Bluff Community Center Fee Waiver by Utah Legislatures Missing Indigenous Women's Task Force at Dec. 4th, 9 a.m. to 12:00p.m. (All)

The first topic is tabled until next week. After discussion Murray motioned to waive the rental and just charge the cleaning fee of \$40, Hook seconded and Hook, Sayers, Murray, and Sosa voted in favor.

12. Financial Report (Sosa)

Sosa reported that Murray had approved the bank reconciliation. Sosa sent the September Financial Report. Murray pointed out it represents our first quarter.

13. Determine a Date for a Work Session (All)

Tabled until next week.

14. Other

Sayers noted that it is Teacher Appreciation Day and thanked the many teachers in Bluff.

Murray had heard a rumor that the Council could sell the CC and use the funds on the old school. He had not heard this before and wanted to let the public know this has never been considered

Murray motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m., Hook seconded and Hook, Sosa, Murray, and Sayers 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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