

Bluff Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2022

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 6:04 p.m.

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

Approval of Bluff Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2022

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

Unfinished Business

1. Discussion and Vote on Emergency Communications Application (GETS, WPS) (All)

This was presented to the Council at the February 1st meeting by Cathy Orcutt. Sayers motioned to accept this application, Murray seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sosa, Sayers, and Murray voted in favor. The logistics of who will have it will be discussed at a work session.

2. Update on Planning and Zoning Public Hearing and Ordinances (Hook)

Hook reported a land use clearance was approved and mailers went out to property owners about the public hearing for possible zoning changes. She explained how to go to the Town website (townofbluff.org) to get links for more information and maps. Sarah Burak commented in addition to the electronic meeting, those interested can go to the Community Center and there is a ten-day written comment period.

3. Status of Net Force (Sayers)

Hook and Sayers have been working with our equipment and the tech from NetForce is coming out Thursday. Leppanen stated that he bring out the covers for the cameras. One camera is unresponsive.

4. Report on Cooperative Cultural Center and Meetings with Utah Dine Bikeyah (Sayers/Murray)

Sayers called this a period of transition; David Conine is retiring and Damian Bollermann is taking his position on the Design Team. Murray said he has a common vision and suggested we go straight to fire suppression companies to get quotes. Last year Leppanen supplied the contact information for three companies and will resend it. Sosa reported the new vacuum is at the CCC.

New Business

5. Report on San Juan County Commission Meetings of February 1 and 15, 2022 (Leppanen)

Leppanen reported that the work session on the 1st the was canceled to review the County Planning and Zoning Commission. The bylaws will be reviewed especially for the process of populating, length of terms, etc. Sosa reported that at the meeting of the 15th Elaine Gizler explained the County economic development website is being split into two websites, one for tourism and one for economic development so they can each can be more focused. The Commissioners approved the Rural Funding Grant for businesses. Sosa will check to see if \$5,000 which was withdrawn from one business application was reallocated. Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments did a study of what they call the leakage between gross sales and collected sales tax in Emery and Carbon counties and Gizler thought it would be good for getting a baseline for San Juan County.

6. Report on Meeting with Mack McDonald on February 3, 2022, Including Address Assignments and San Juan County Planning and Zoning Commission Appointments (Leppanen)

Some of this was covered in #5. Leppanen encouraged those who submitted applications for the Commission that it would open again. McDonald and Leppanen are still sorting out election bills for the last two elections. McDonald and Sam Cantrell are working with Leppanen on the process and responsibility of assigning new addresses. Leppanen felt it is important to move forward while the County is sorting out who is responsible. Cantrell supplied several resources and Leppanen will set up a phone conference. Murray and Mary Gillam, who has expertise in GIFF, volunteered to help and be on the call. Some of the confusion comes from the inconsistency of addressing by Rocky Mountain Power.

7. Request from Britt Hornsby for Letter of Support for a Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant for Three USFS Projects (Hornsby)

Hornsby explained these Friends of Cedar Mesa projects will improve trailheads, parking areas, and improve safety. Sosa declared conflict of interest. Murray motioned to approve, Sayers seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sosa, Sayers, and Murray voted in favor.

8. Road Work with San Juan County and Class C Road Funds (Haviken)

Michael Haviken brought up an opportunity to have the county road crew complete the crack/seal project started last year. The County has the time and equipment to do it now and it should take three to four days at \$12,000 or less. He explained the scope of the work and Leppanen looked at the budget for our Class C road funds and showed it fits within the budget and leaves funds for emergencies or unexpected needs. Murray motioned to approve the project, Sayers seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sosa, Sayers, and Murray voted in favor. Leppanen thanked Haviken.

9. Request by Christa Monson to Use the Bluff Community Center for Roller Skating Class, Request from Malyssa Egge to Rent the Community Center and Equipment on February 23, 2022 for ACLU Meeting (Sosa)

Egge's request is for streaming an event related to the current legislative session and it has not been finalized whether the event will happen. Leppanen directed to get direction on covid protocols from Dr. Sunada. Hook will work with Egge on the equipment but Sosa felt it could not be guaranteed since it new to us. Hook motioned to approve,

Sayers seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sosa, Sayers, and Murray voted in favor. Hook explained Monson wanted to start a Monday and Thursday skating class for exercise. Concerns included buckling that is starting on the floor, the need to fill out injury reports, masking when not exercising, It was suggested the class be allowed to start while we check on these concerns. Sayers will check with our liability insurance and the use of forms. Murray motioned to allow the class to start, Sayers seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sosa, Sayers, and Murray voted in favor. James Hatch of the State Division of Water Rights has requested use of the Community Center for a public meeting on March 31st.

10. Report on February 9, 2022 Tourism Tax Advisory Meeting (Sosa)

Sosa noted that Grand County passed an ordinance not allowing campers in peoples' yards and there was concern because that's were their employees end of living. Work is being done on a website that tracks visitor spending, origin, and length of stay. The County is starting a podcast to inform those living in the County and visitors what is happening in economic development and tourism and there was a lot of talk about the eclipse in October of 2023.

11. Financial Report, Billing for Airport Hanger Rent. (Sosa)

Sosa sent the council members the list of current bills, Sayers motioned to approve payment, Murray seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sosa, Sayers, and Murray voted in favor.

P&Z Stipends - \$150.00

Carol Shook - \$184.70

Erin Richards - \$191.00

Denny Bellison - \$20.77

Patricia Bellson - \$25.63

Helgerson - \$50.00

Rocky Mtn. Power – \$392.15

River Canyon - \$70.99

Bankcard - \$1,397.49

 XMission - \$15.00

 Google Suites - \$51.24

 Office Depot - \$174.24 ink

 Salt Lake Printing -\$450.59 P&Z

 Amazon - \$15.25 vacuum filter

 AllMDRN - \$633.96 desk (grant)

Diamond Propane -\$994.58

Dufford Waldeck – \$1,860.00

San Juan Record - \$25.90

Municode - \$350.00

Emery - \$99.95

BWW - \$45.00

Frontier - \$112.32

School - BWW – \$35.00

 Rocky Mtn. Power - \$441.40 (Jan)

 Rocky Mtn. Power - \$524.57 (Feb)

James Van Reenen – \$332.46
Diamond Propane - \$1,724.44 (Nov)
Diamond Propane - \$2,019.94 (Jan)

12. Discussion of Resolution for Right of Ways (All)

Leppanen asked Chris McAnany to draft appropriate policy for these issues, Leppanen sent it to council member early in the month and will resend it.

13. Other

BWW meeting tomorrow at 7:00 p.m.

Star Party February 25th at 6:30 p.m.

Murray motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m., Hook seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sosa, Murray, and Sayers voted in favor.

Linda Sosa, Recording Officer

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