

Bluff Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes

July 12, 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:

townofbluff.org, Town Council tab, 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 (excused absence), Luanne Hook, Linda Sosa, Brant

Murray, Jim Sayers

Town Manager Erin Nelson

Roll Call

Approval of Bluff Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2022

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

Public Comment: None

Unfinished Business

1. Update on CCC Design Review Team and Resolution for Banking Choice (Sayers/Murray); Discussion Regarding Method and Timing of Reimbursement from Utah Dine Bikeyah (Leppanen)

Sayers reported he, Murray and Nelson met today with Dave Conine and Damian Bollermann. Nelson reported Chris McAnany is finishing the resolution. The DRT discussed:

- grants, there is a meeting with the Utah USDA in August,
- strategic planning, Sayers is talking to Liza Springmeyer,
- fire suppression system, the lesser quote was \$250,000+, and
- and policy for weeds, trash and recycling.

We have received information from the State about the need to have the CCC's large, underground wastewater system inspected. Sosa explained the first quarter reimbursement from UDB was received before the end of the fiscal year. She delivered the second quarter reimbursement billing.

2. Update on Community Garden (Eirene Hamilton)

The minutes for the Community Garden Meeting were in the virtual invite so Hamilton added the committee wants to include young people in goal-setting, irrigation is in place, and they are learning about how to grow in raised beds with our high temperatures and

dryness. She noted that ancient peoples survived by community gardening. Murray expressed his gratitude for their hard work.

3. Financial Report on the End of FY 2022; Certified Tax Rate, Posted Budget for FY 2023; End of Year (Leppanen/Sosa)

Sosa reported after she finished the fiscal year bookkeeping Dave Sanderson, our accountant did the Transparency report and D and I report and submitted them to the State along with the certified tax rate and budget. Larson has started our audit.

4. Update from Town Manager on NetForce Contract and Investigation of Other Possible Providers (Nelson)

Nelson has been in communication with the NetForce CFO who let her know we have a \$1200 credit with them, charges for a server we do not have, so we will continue with their services monthly while she is researching the pros and cons of staying with NetForce vs the Utah Division of Technology. She presented cost breakdowns from each service. UDT was less. She will continue researching both companies and submit an information packet to Council members. Needs include high level of security, cost over time, ability to customize a plan for us, and data storage solutions.

5. Status of Second Tranche of ARPA Funds (Leppanen)

This has not been received yet.

6. Update on Utah Department of Transportation Projects (Leppanen)

Murray reported the UDOT feedback signs are here but waiting for a part. Hook attended today's Utah Info Session for Safe Streets for All Grant Program. She reported this federal safety meeting covered the SS4A Grant Program Overview and Utah Technical Assistance and Resources. Grants starting at \$250,000+ are available but the first step is due August 15th and an Active Transportation Plan is required. The Council agreed on the need for that plan. Murray explained this plan included walking, biking, modes of transportation and community input. The process started with the Main Street Project. This is an annual grant.

7. Check in on GETS/WEPS Application (Leppanen)

This is on tomorrow's Work Session agenda.

New Business

8. Discussion of San Juan County's Response Capabilities Analysis (All)

This is moved to next week.

9. Discussion of Mosquito Abatement Meetings and Location of Pellets (Murray)

Nelson attended the monthly state mosquito meeting and suggested getting together with Murray and Jackie Warren to develop a plan or policy. Murray said anyone with questions or needing pellets should get ahold of him or Warren.

10. Review of Sunrise Engineering's Proposal for Water Rights Management (All)

Sayers explained this management plan would cost \$12,000 and help us to see the status of wells and water rights. He felt this is important. Nelson will bring it up at the Bluff Water Works meeting and get their opinion.

11. Update on Wellbeing Survey (Sosa)

Leppanen and Sosa have worked with Dr. Courtney Flint of Utah State University for several months gathering local input about how our community feels about our wellbeing. This also happened in Blanding, Monticello and across the state. We did well with the survey, about 88 surveys completed. This is being compiled and we will receive

our results. The information will be used in decision making to help support quality of life for citizens.

12. County Planning and Zoning Public Meeting July 14, 2022 (Sosa)

This meeting is similar to our recent Planning and Zoning Ordinance meeting but on the County level. It is a 119-page document and covers the draft SAN JUAN COUNTY LAND USE, DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE (2022). For more information and how to make comments go to UPNW.

13. GRAMA Request from Grant Hurst (Sosa)

This request was for maps. Sosa directed him to our website for zoning maps, the County for town plats, and Mack McDonald for mapping of the cemetery since it is still under the County.

14 Other: Reminder of July 13, 2022 Bluff Town Council Work Session at 10:00 a.m. and Bluff Town Council Joint Work Session with Planning and Zoning at 6:00 p.m.

Murray motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m., Hook seconded and Hook, Sosa, Sayers and Murray 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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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTqBxSP-Erhxq6muVMX6vdw>

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