

Bluff Town Council Regular Meeting **Draft Minutes**

September 6, 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.

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This meeting was held electronically.

The meeting started at 6:00p.m.

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

Approval of Bluff Town Council Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2022

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

Public Comment:

New community members Julie and Mitchel Crane introduced themselves and their soon to be open restaurant, Jewelz Kitchen. They are looking forward to being part of the community. Anthony Lott expressed gratitude to the Safe Streets Committee.

Introduction of Kendall Laws, Legal Counsel for the State of Utah's Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office (Leppanen)

Leppanen introduced Kendall Laws, who was previously the San Juan County Attorney. Leppanen, Sosa and Nelson met with him earlier to learn about his current position. He did an excellent presentation of the resources available through him and his office to the Council. He represents San Juan, Grand and Emery Counties, who previously shared a representative with Panguitch. He coordinates between county and town governments and land managers. Leppanen noted he and his office are a good resource for us and thanked him for attending our meeting.

Unfinished Business

1. Update on Status of Pass Through Grant to the Town of Bluff for the Bluff Food Pantry (Leppanen)

Leppanen reported the \$10,000 grant has been deposited and the first installment of \$2,500 has been given to Ginny Burns for the purchase of nonfood items for the Food Pantry.

Leppanen will monitor the grant.

2. Update on Active Transportation Plan Committee and Discussion of Grant Application for Bluff Safe Routes (Sayers/Hook); Report on Phone Call on Friday, August 22, 2022 with Chris Hall (Hook)

Hook explained they would need a vote from the Council to apply for the grant. Murray started working with UDOT Main Street Project three years ago. The State of Utah funds one project. Hook presented a map the committee was proposing for the Safe Streets Grant. This grant is for \$200,000 with a 20% match. Hook mentioned other grants and a possibility Chris

Hall, UDOT planning manager could cover the \$40,000 match. She pointed out how the General Plan supported their ideas. Leppanen and Hook will meet with Chris Hall on Friday.

3. Update on Fundraiser with the Bluff Fort for the EMTs and Firefighters on September 10, 2022 (Leppanen)

Leppanen reported Sysco has donated the food and Twin Rocks coffee and utensils. The Food Pantry has more eggs if needed. The goal of the breakfast is to get enough funds to give scholarships for three interested locals to attend an EMT class out of Kane County. Leppanen suggested if the proceeds are short of the needed \$2100.00 the Council will discuss making up the difference. Bill and Christine Spere are spearheading the Fort group. Council members will serve from 8 to 10 and adults are \$7, children \$5.

4. Update on Design Review Team (Murray/Sayers) for the Cooperative Cultural Center and Discussion; Vote on Joint Banking Resolution with Utah Dine Bikeyah (All); Update on Fire Suppression (Leppanen), Discussion and Vote on Utah Department of Cultural & Community Engagement Grant for Fire Suppression for the Cooperative Cultural Center (Sayers), Loan of Chairs to FCM

Sayers reported the team met today and the banking resolution is moving forward. UDB would like to plant a native garden in front of the school. Using an area for recycling was approved. The team read the playground equipment report and agreed the equipment is unsafe. The carpet in Heather Atene's office needs to be replaced because of mold. Sayers submitted a copy of the community engagement grant and his application to the Council that could cover up to \$75,000 with no match toward the fire suppression system last week. Murray motioned to approve the application, Sosa seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Murray, Sosa and Sayers voted in favor. Friends of Cedar Mesa asked to borrow chairs for Celebrate September 23 through 25 and the Council agreed by consensus. Leppanen noted the CCC can be used for storage but not use until we have certification of occupancy. Sayers motioned to accept Zions Bank as our Joint renovation account with UDB, Murray seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Murray, Sosa and Sayers voted in favor. Sosa suggested policy should be written for the process of sharing and using the joint account instead of referring to the contract for clarity.

5. Discussion and Vote on Recycling Location at the Cooperative Cultural Center (Leppanen as Resident)

Leppanen reported that Peter Winn and Adrienne Cesar have worked on a plan to advance recycling. The DRC approved location and the use of large bags in a frame. Murray motioned to approve the location on the north, Hook seconded and Hook, Murray, Sosa and Sayers voted in favor, Leppanen abstained.

New Business

6. Presentation and Discussion on Request to Disconnect Real Property from the Town of Bluff and Public Hearing to be Held in October, 2022 (Leppanen)

Leppanen explained that Bruce Baird, who brought the Lyman Farms disconnect against the Town in 2018, is representing Judy Lyman in a new disconnect on the Bluff Bench. A map showing this large piece of land, approximately one mile by one mile, and the Baird letter are on our website. The Lyman Farm property was on a Bluff boundary, it looks like this new property is not, making it an island in Bluff property. Baird's letter sites it is surrounded by SITLA land and can get minimal services from the town. There will be a public hearing October 18th. Options for the Town are allowing the disconnect or resist it. There will be a closed session at next week's meeting with Chris McAnany.

7. Discussion of Kane County's EMS class and costs (Leppanen)

Part of this was covered earlier. Murray supported three or more scholarships. Interested people can contact Leppanen, Kathy Carson, or Dawn Dilego.

8. Discussion of Recent Work by San Juan County Within the Town Boundaries (All)

Last week's grading of some town streets was done poorly and locals on those streets are very upset. Leppanen explained our Roads Manager will meet with the County and stressed civility when things like this happen. Murray noted previous work by the County has been good quality.

9. Recommendation for Attendance at the Outdoor Recreation Summit on 9/7/2022 (Leppanen)

Spencer Wade will attend this for the Town. The Town Manager is also interested and will try to attend the next meeting.

10. Update on Bluff's Planning and Zoning Vacancies and Ad Posting (Nelson)

Nelson reported there are two vacancies and we are accepting applications for Planning and Zoning Commissioner positions for the 4-year term of December 2022 through November 2026. Applications are due Friday, September 16, 2022 by 5:00PM. Interviews to take place Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 6:00pm during the P&Z meeting via video conference. Requirements are a resident and voter. Leppanen thanked Sarah Burak and Malysa Egge for their leadership and service. Hook reported a LUC at the Planning and Zoning was denied because of setbacks and will be changed and reapply.

11. GRAMA Reminders (Sosa)

Sosa reminded all written council material are the property of the State and subject to GRAMA. This is also true for town committees. Leppanen noted this covers emails and texting and reminded Council members to use email for communications because it is retrievable. Phones could be confiscated to retrieve texts.

12. Temporary Bluff Community Center Manager (Leppanen/Sosa)

Leppanen reported the need for a temporary manager and Carol Shook is training Malia Collins. Sayers motioned to hire Collins as temporary manager, Murray seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sosa, Murray and Sayers voted in favor.

13. Other

Leppanen reminded others not to use the chat box because they cannot be tracked and retained in the public record. Jim Hook asked about the Cemetery District and Leppanen reported Mack McDonald will not relinquish control and the State is not interested. The County has not submitted reports and transparency to the State as required.

Sayers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m., Murray seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sosa, Sayers and Murray voted in favor.

Linda Sosa, Recording Officer

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