

Bluff Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2023

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.

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This meeting was held electronically

The meeting started at 6:01 p.m.

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

Erin Nelson Town Manager

Approval of Bluff Town Council Work Session Minutes of October 3, 2023

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

Approval of Bluff Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2023

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

Approval of Bluff Town Council Special Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2023

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

Public Comment:

Sayers, "On behalf of the Town Council I would like to acknowledge Indigenous People's Day. Bluff Town Council acknowledges that Bluff Town council is on lands traditionally known to and occupied by several native tribal people and their ancestors, the Navajo, Ute, Pueblo and others. Bluff Town Council respects this fact and takes it into account conducting ourselves in positive and constructive ways, as we provide helpful, local government for our community. And again, this is in honor of Indigenous Peoples Day".

Unfinished Business:

1. Update on Annular Solar Eclipse Committee Work and Call for Volunteers (Nelson); Update on Work on the North Lots of the Bluff Elementary School (Leppanen)

Nelson expressed appreciation to all those who have stepped up and helped; the parking areas are well staffed, volunteers are still needed, especially removing goat heads at the school. Murray picked barriers, cones, etc., in Farmington but ran out of room in the trailer and there needs to be another run tomorrow. Information has been mailed out and is on the Town website. Setup starts tomorrow, the airport manager is keeping the airport clear. Leppanen noted a great deal of work has been happening.

2. Update on Cooperative Cultural Center Meeting on October 10, 2023 and Ceiling Removal (Sayers/Nelson)

Sayers reported there was a short meeting with Leppanen, Sayers, Damian Bollermann and David Conine. Utah Dine Bikeyah is looking for a director and an accountant. There is no information on grants but we have not been rejected. Recycling and the Food Pantry both occurred last Friday. He informed the others about the eclipse preparation, voting against disconnection and the ceiling removal is moving along.

3. Update on November 21, 2023 Town of Bluff Elections and Candidate Forum Reminder on October 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. (Leppanen)

Leppanen reminded that the Candidates Forum is October 18th at 6:00 p.m. with Malysa Egge moderating. Questions will be taken from the audience. This is the usual meeting time for Planning and Zoning which will meet later. There is no new information from the County about canvassing and Leppanen will check with the Lt. Governor's Office to see if there is new information.

New Business

4. Report on Planning and Zoning's October 4, 2023 Meeting (Hook)

Hook reported work on the sign ordinance and out of compliance signs. She explained the interaction planned with others at the upcoming UDOT Trails meeting. Sosa reminded that the Active Transportation Plan will be approved by the Council in the future. Sayers noted speaking with one voice makes for a more effective presentation and plan.

5. Bluff Town Council's Practice of the GETS and WEPS Application (Government Emergency Telecommunications Service & Wireless Priority Service) (Hook)

Hook reminded those with GETS cards to practice using them.

6. Request to Approve Purchase of 8' x 20' Storage Container for the Bluff Community Center Remodel at a cost of \$5,000 (Leppanen)

Sayers motioned to allow Leppanen to make the decision on this purchase, Sosa seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sosa and Sayers voted in favor. Steve Helgerson was familiar with this container and had told Leppanen that it was a good deal. It will be used to store furniture, files, etc. during the remodel and chairs and tables when the Food Pantry moves into the Community Center.

7. Discuss and Vote to Pay Weldon Builders a Deposit of \$11,016.00 for the Purchase of Materials for the Cooperative Cultural Center Ceiling Removal Project per Signed Contract (Leppanen)

It was noted this is for starting costs. Sayers motioned to approve, Hook seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sosa and Sayers voted in favor.

8. Discuss and Vote to Reimburse Malia Collins \$1,497.86 for Dark Skies Lighting Fixtures for CC and CCC (Sosa)

Sayers motioned to approve, Sosa seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sosa and Sayers

voted in favor. This is the start of making town buildings compliant and is part of the Strategic Plan. The fixtures are only for the Community Center.

9. Review of Bureau of Land Management's Fry Canyon Mill Reclamation – Borrow Pit Addendum (Leppanen)

It was noted that it looks like a good plan and it is out of our area. No action was taken.

10. Other

None

Sayers motioned to close the meeting at 6:33 pm., Hook seconded and Leppanen, Sosa, Hook and Sayers voted in favor.

Linda Sosa Recording Officer

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