

Bluff Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 19, 2023  
Bluff Community Center at 6:00 p.m.  
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This meeting was held electronically

The meeting started at 6:00 p.m.

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

Approval of Bluff Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes from September 12, 2023  
Murray motioned to approve with one change, Sayers seconded and Leppanen, Murray, Sosa, Hook and Sayers voted in favor.

Approval of Joint Work Session Minutes from September 12, 2023

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

Public Comment: None

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **1. Discuss and Possible Vote on the Acton Petition to Disconnect (All)**

Because Chris McAnany is working on the resolution but was unable to complete it Leppanen pulled this and will move it to a Special Meeting Monday or Tuesday.

#### **2. Update on Bears Ears National Monument Land Exchange Legislation (Leppanen)**

Leppanen explained Thursday is mark-up day and Congress will take a look at the legislation. Congressman John Curtis cannot make changes to the basic transfer but has our list of requests for protections that could be added.

#### **3. Update on Annular Solar Eclipse Committees and Meeting with the Business Owners of Bluff on September 15, 2023 (Nelson/Leppanen)**

Nelson has gotten volunteers and still needs more help. She is planning an informational meeting for next week. There is information on the Town website and visitor information on the Business Owners of Bluff website. Flyers will be put into post office boxes with two eclipse glasses attached. She will present the final plan October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Leppanen thanked Nelson and Diana Davidson for their amazing work on the websites. BOB is starting work on the Balloon Festival.

## **New Business**

### **4. Report on Bluff Water Works Meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 and Discussion with Marx Powell Regarding the Rule on Lead and Copper Piping (Leppanen/Sosa)**

Leppanen met with Marx Powell before the BWW meeting to discuss the two possible grants, inventory of lead and copper piping and infrastructure, removing it. Powell has been working on the inventory and suggested if only one grant can be applied for it should be infrastructure. The current compliance date is October 16, 2024 and details are not yet finalized. Leppanen will follow up with the Division of Drinking Water.

### **5. Report on Meeting on Biomass Utilization Project on September 13, 2023 with Britt Hornsby of Bears Ears Partnership, the United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Natural Resources and Other Agencies (Leppanen)**

Hornsby reported to Leppanen this is a plan to distribute firewood that has been cut from Forest Service lands and distribute to people who need it in a several state area. A locked area to store the cut firewood is needed and the corner near the modular at the CCC is a possibility with the idea of a drive through distribution, somewhat like the Food Panty. If this happens it will by many months out. A problem could arise if the fire suppression project is happening.

### **6. Financial Report (Sosa)**

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

P&Z Stipends - \$150.00

Krieg Benally - \$387.50

Malia Collins - \$664.92

Patricia Bellson - \$187.93(July)

Kathy Carson - \$243.80 July/August/September

Erin Nelson - \$1825.33

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Cynthia Whitehorse - \$247.50

Dawn Dilego - \$2951.76 Reimburse EMT supplies

Ann Leppanen - \$19.68 Reimburse binders

Helgerson - \$50.00

NetForce - \$646.25

Bankcard - \$886.57

XMission - \$15.00

Google Suites - \$84.54

Amazon - \$36.32 HVAC Filters

Amazon - \$23.31

ULCT - \$495.00

Salt Lake Express - \$86.95

Twin Rocks Café - \$145.45

San Juan Record - \$23.80

Dufford Waldeck - \$5265.00

BWW - \$71.50  
Emery Telecom - \$245.51  
Pelorus - \$500.00  
Rocky Mtn. Power - \$638.68  
ULGT – \$222.65 Workman’s Comp. Insurance  
Greater Bears Ears - \$670.00 Reimburse cancellation of CC Rental

School Project  
BWW – \$35.00  
Rocky Mtn. Power - \$222.80

**7. Discussion and Vote for the Final Roads Account Repayment of \$10,925.88 to the General Fund (Sosa)**

Sosa explained this is the third and last check to repay the General Fund. Murray motioned to make the last payment, Sayers seconded and Leppanen, Murray, Sosa, Hook and Sayers voted in favor.

**8. Other**

Leppanen is collecting election information and ballots are anticipated to be released October 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>.

Hook noted the Planning and Zoning meeting is tomorrow. The Active Transportation Plan is available.

Leppanen has talked to Molly Schmidt about the Plan timeline.

At 6:32 p.m. Sayers motioned to close the meeting, Murray seconded and Leppanen, Murray, Hook, Sayers and Sosa voted in favor.

Linda Sosa Recording Officer

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