

Bluff Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes

October 17, 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 6:00 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 Meeting Minutes from October 10, 2023

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

Public Comment:

Dan Meyer expressed his appreciation to the Council and Bluff volunteers for their preparation and organization of the eclipse plan. He noted the Bluff Art Festival starts Thursday with a soup tasting event and thanked their volunteers for their many hours and their support.

Introduction of Jon Haderlie from Larson & Company and Overview of the 2023 Fiscal Year Audit

Leppanen explained this report is moved to November 7th because Mr. Haderlie has a scheduling problem and can spend more time on that date.

Unfinished Business:

1. Wrap up Summary of the 2023 Annular Solar Eclipse (Nelson)

Nelson thanked the many fantastic volunteers and noted we over prepared but everyone stayed safe. She thanked Murray for picking up equipment in Farmington and taking it back today. She will have a debrief with the eclipse committee. Sayers felt the Town was welcoming and was proud of the Town and volunteers. Leppanen preferred over preparation and noted everything went smoothly and many stepped up to help. She thanked Nelson for doing an amazing job.

2. Report on 2023 UDOT Trails Division Workshop on October 12, 2023 (Hook)

Hook reported that she, Debbie Westfall and Molly Schmidt attended in Moab and Leppanen attended virtually. This a new division of UDOT created to make 1,000 miles

of trails in the different regions of Utah. UDOT will design, build and maintain the trails which will be in UDOT rights-of-way and focus on safety, comfort and destination. UDOT awards four to five trails in each region and ours looks at five crosswalks and lowering speed through town. Leppanen explained there would be a Work Session October 24th, before the Council votes on the plan.

3. Update on Cooperative Cultural Center Meeting on October 17, 2023(Sayers)

Sayers reported today's meeting did not happen because Utah Dine Bikeyah had scheduled a board meeting.

4. Discuss and Vote on IT Service Provider (Nelson)

Nelson has been researching Emery Telecom and other providers. She reached out to Mack McDonald about the County and other towns search for a common provider. The Town owns the hardware associated with our Wi-Fi system Sosa suggested continuing with NetForce month to month while the remodel is going on and Leppanen suggested January 2024 as a goal while Nelson continues to research. There is a state mandate that all towns and cities change to .gov email by the end 2024 and it is unknown if it is funded or unfunded.

New Business:

5. Reminder - October 18, 2023 Candidate's Forum at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center

This will be in person and virtual, the link is the same one used for Town meetings.

Malysa Egge will moderate and written questions can be sent to office@townofbluff.org or asked in person.

6. Financial Report (Sosa)

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

September

David Blackhorse - \$165.00 Reimburse CC rental
Jackie Warren – 33.34 Reimburse office supplies
Brant Murray - \$93.34 Reimburse hoses and square key
Ginny Burns - \$2500.00 Pass thru grant
Dawn Dilego - \$228.89 Final EMT reimbursement

P&Z Stipends - \$150.00
Malia Collins - \$526.39
Erin Nelson - \$1825.33
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Spencer Wade - \$270.00 Install CC signs
Teryl Pugh - \$1,500.00 Tree trimming
Teryl Pugh - \$500.00 Mow and weed
Helgerson - \$50.00
Larson - \$11,300.00 Audit
NetForce - \$646.25
Bankcard - \$1,589.79
Google Suites - \$84.54
Amazon - \$702.84 Eclipse
USPS – \$66.00 Stamps

USPS - \$88.31 Eclipse mailer
Conference - \$430.24 Hotel
Salt Lake Express - \$165.95
Family Dollar - \$32.38 Cleaning supplies CCC
San Juan County - \$1000.00 2019 Election Invoice
San Juan County - \$2869.00 2021 Election Invoice
Dufford Waldeck - \$3,900.00
DS Accounting - \$750.00
Malia Collins - \$1,497.86 Reimburse dark skies light fixtures CC
Jackie Warren - \$29.87 Reimburse eclipse caution tape
BWW - \$71.70
Emery Telecom - \$240.31
New Technology - \$85.00 Pest Control
Britt Black - \$5,000 Storage Container
Weldon Builders - \$27,897.00 ARPA Project
Bluff Fire Department - \$25,000.00 Funding
IRS - \$3591.52 Federal employee withholding
Rocky Mtn. Power - \$539.64

School Project
BWW – \$35.00
Rocky Mtn. Power - \$152.20
New Technology - \$70.00 Pest Control
Teryl Pugh - \$500.00 Grounds maintenance
Teryl Pugh - \$500.00 Mow and weed August
Weldon Builders - \$11,016.00 Ceiling removal

7. Other

Planning and Zoning will meet tomorrow at 6:00 p.m.

Sayers motioned to close the meeting at 6:37 p.m., Hook seconded and Leppanen, Sosa, Hook and Sayers voted in favor.

Linda Sosa Recording Officer

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