

Bluff Town Council Regular Meeting **Draft Minutes**

February 13, 2024

Bluff Community Center at 4:00 p.m.

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This meeting was held in person and virtually

The meeting started at 4:45 p.m.

Roll Call Mayor Ann K. Leppanen, Luanne Hook, Jennifer Davila, Linda Sosa, Britt Hornsby
Erin Nelson Town Manager

Approval of Bluff Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2024

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

Public Comment: None

Unfinished Business:

1. Discussion of the Strategic Plan Work Session and Vote on Any Changes (All)

The Work Session was immediately before the Regular Meeting and consensus was it was good and helpful.

2. Discussion of the Equal Justice Government to Government Environmental Protection Plan Work Session and Recommended Modifications (Nelson/All)

Nelson reported discussions helped clarify the budgets for current grants, exchange ideas and include other ideas. She is rewriting the budget so it is very detailed and adding to the original plan in preparation for the due date next Tuesday. March 1st is the date to sign the contract. Janet Slowman-Chee will take a copy to the Dine Bikeyah Board and the Town Attorney is drafting an agreement between the Council and Dine Bikeyah. Leppanen noted Nelson has been working really hard to prepare the plan for submission and thanked her.

3. Report on Bluff Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting of February 7, 2024 (Hook)

Hook reported an overview from Hanson Planning Company about the subdivision plan, and work on dirt work, RVs, signage, building permits and recommendations. The signage ordinance will be passed on to the Council. Leppanen noted there is no agreement with the County over building permits and inspections with Bluff or other towns.

4. Report on Active Transportation Advisory Committee (Hook)

Hook reported Bluff has made it onto the first tier of the UDOT Grant but we are near the bottom of that list. More information will come in March. Leppanen asked for clarity about the request for letters of support for the Trail system, who they went to, how it was decided and suggested policy be worked on in a Work Session. Sosa asked for copies of letters received since they are town records and are kept.

5. Discussion of “Change in Use” of Town of Bluff Funds to Bluff Volunteer Fire Department as Noted by Assistant Chief Lichtenstein (Leppanen)

Leppanen reported that Assistant Chief Lichtenstein let the Council know the \$25,000 in funds from the Council were being used on purchasing equipment instead of administrative needs. She thanked Lichtenstein for the information on the pivot.

6. Update on School and Institutional Trust Lands and Bureau of Land Management Land Exchange (Leppanen/Nelson)

Leppanen explained the Governor withdrew the Memorandum.

7. Discussion and Vote on Privacy Policy (Leppanen)

This is moved to next week's meeting.

8. Update on AmeriCorps Team Red 4 (Leppanen)

Leppanen reported the Team is painting the lower wall in the gym and utility rooms. They are finishing projects before they leave next week. Wednesday they will attend a workshop at the Mission and a presentation by Melanie Daniels on traditional foods.

New Business

9. Report on Ribbon Cutting at Blanding Utah Food Bank (Sosa/Leppanen) and Ginny Burns Bluff Food Pantry Expansion (Sosa/Leppanen)

The ceremony was well attended and the warehouse and Food Pantry well done. Burns and others have been moving food into the Pantry at the Community Center. It will be open Tuesdays from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The USDA will have a final inspection. The CCC kitchen is okay for internal use, not for rental by the public, after a fire inspection.

10. Executive Session to Discuss Imminent or Pending Litigation Pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-20

Cancelled

11. Other

Bluff Water Works meets tomorrow.

Hornsby motioned to close the meeting at 5:26 p.m., Hook seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sosa, Hornsby and Davila voted in favor.

Linda Sosa Recording Officer

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