

Bluff Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes

April 9, 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 4:03p.m.

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

Approval of Bluff Town Council Work Session Minutes from April 2, 2024

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

Approval of Bluff Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes from April 2, 2024

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

There was a pause at 4:07 p.m. because of technical difficulties.

Approval of Bluff Town Council Meeting with Utah Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity on April 3, 2024

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

Public Comment:

Leppanen updated that changes are being worked on with the fees and policy for renting the Community Center and Fire Mesa Kitchen

Amer Tumeh noted community members come by his property to look at changes he is making and many of them are positive and curious but some are negative and repeat and act like snitches. He asked the community be proactive in being positive and noted we have much to be positive about including businesses, community, EMTs, Fire Fighters, etc. He noted the Desert

Rose was named in the top ten romantic destinations to visit by Deseret News. He would like the community to be more positive and said we have much to be positive about.

Mark Meloy spoke about the need for signs and enforcement of trucks braking restriction. It is very loud and distracting to those who live on the edges of town. He asked for an ordinance about braking so deputies could enforce it.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **1. Report on Planning and Zoning Meeting of April 3, 2024 (Nelson)**

Nelson reported the group is working on cleaning up forms and applications to make sure the correct information is being collected, fees are included and they are standardized. They have a work session Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. They are working on the RV ordinance.

### **2. Report on Meeting with Utah Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity on April 3, 2024 (Nelson/Sosa/Leppanen/Davila)**

Nelson presented a slide show based on the town strategic plan. The representatives, including Natalie Randall, Colette Cox and other officials, offered help with resources the town and small businesses might need. Leppanen pointed out the distance between Bluff and the Salt Lake area makes it difficult to attend meeting in person. She noted Colette Cox was the person who encouraged Nelson to try for the \$445,000 grant which we received for the Cooperative Cultural Center (CCC). Housing and main street issues were also discussed. The group toured the CCC. It was a very positive meeting.

### **3. Update on Sunrise Engineering and Work with Bluff Water Works (BWW) (Leppanen)**

The State has mandated this infrastructure work and Leppanen noted it is on BWWs agenda for tomorrow. Sunrise has inquired about whether the town or BWW is going forward with it.

### **4. Update on Environmental Justice Government to Government Grant (Nelson)**

Nelson and Leppanen met with the grant project manager Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> and the paperwork is almost finalized. We are the first in the region who is prepared to start. We will not receive checks for funds but will be reimbursed as things move forward. It was a very positive meeting. Nelson noted applications are out for the local project manager and the deadline is Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>. The application is available on the town home page, posted in town, in the San Juan Record and locally.

### **5. Report on Design Review Team Meeting on April 9, 2024 (Nelson/Davila/Leppanen)**

Nelson reported today' meeting which included Leppanen, Davila, Janet Slowman-Chee and Melanie Daniels are preparing to create a big packet of information for fire suppression contractors bids after the project manager is hired. The process will be competitive bidding and the packet will include needed work and how to work around problem areas, such as asbestos. Chee is doing a good job informing the Dine Bikeyah Board and they and the Council are ready to move forward.

## **New Business**

### **6. Discussion of Bureau of Land Management's(BLM) Proposed Revisions to the Agency's Utility-Scale Solar Energy Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (All)**

The BLM released a map and Hornsby is trying to locate a better map. The BLM is trying to avoid archeological areas. There will be a meeting April 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **7. Discussion of Housing Assistance Council's Grants with United States Department of Agriculture for Technical Assistance (Leppanen)**

This is a resource at no cost to the town for technical assistance for community projects. Hook noted it could be helpful to the Cooperative Cultrual Center. Davila will monitor it.

### **8. Discussion of Dates for Work Sessions on the Draft Sign Ordinance, Possible Changes to Work Session Scheduling, and Policy and Fees Related to Bluff Community Center and Fire Mesa Kitchen in April (All)**

Leppanen would like to do a work session in April to wrap up the sign ordinance and Community Center and Fire Mesa Kitchen fees and policy. She asked the Council to consider a schedule change, perhaps from meeting the first three Tuesdays to regular meeting, work session, regular meeting as we become busier with major projects.

### **9. Other**

None

At 4:44 p.m. Hook motioned to close the meeting, Hornsby seconded and Leppanen, Sosa, Hook, Hornsby and Davila voted in favor.

Linda Sosa Recording Officer

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