

Bluff Town Council
Tuesday, December 18, 2018
Bluff Community Center at 6:00 p.m.
190 N 3rd East
P. O. Box 324
Bluff UT 84512

Minutes

Regular meetings are held every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Bluff Community Center. Requests to be on the agenda may be submitted to Ann Leppanen at least 4 days before the meeting.

Mayor: Ann Leppanen, Luanne Hook, Brant Murray, Jim Sayers, and Linda Sosa

The meeting started at 6:05 p.m.

Mayor Ann K. Leppanen- Brant Murray, Luanne Hook, Linda Sosa and Jim Sayers were present

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes from 12/11/18

Sayers motioned to accept minutes with one modification and Hook seconded. All voted in favor except Murray, who abstained.

Old Business

1. Progress on CDBG, DUN and SAM (System for Award Management) and Change of Address for IRS (Leppanen)

Leppanen reported on the public hearing for the block grant that happened earlier today. Water and administrative start-up needs were the leading priorities. She will set up a phone conference with Jade Powell and another Council member to talk about our list and identify what projects could work for the Town. She will bring the information to our January 2, 2019 meeting and we can decide what to write a grant for. Jocelyn Meyers has done a great deal of groundwork for us by getting our SAM and DUN numbers and continuing with the next level of paperwork.

2. Lyman Family Farms Petition to Disconnect and Public Meeting Possibility with town attorney on January 3, 2019 (Sosa); Need for Public Notice (Leppanen)

Leppanen explained the legal services agreement from Chris McAnany of Dufford Waldeck Milburn and Krohn in Grand Junction. His rate is \$225 an hour plus travel costs. He requires a \$4,000 deposit and payment in 30 days. We will contact Rey Foushee about her funds. Sayers motioned to allow Leppanen to sign the agreement tomorrow and Murray seconded. All voted in favor. The attorney will come to Bluff January 2nd or 3rd to see the land, participate in the public meeting, and then meet with the Council. Leppanen will post the public meeting in the San Juan Record.

3. Rocky Mountain Power Acceptance of the Franchise Ordinance (Leppanen) and Municipal Energy Use Tax (All)

Rocky Mountain has accepted our franchise agreement. Discussion centered on whether we should add a utility tax of 1% to 6% to utility bills. Leppanen will ask Deb Dull for the amounts that are paid monthly or yearly to Rocky Mountain Power and bring those figures to our January 2nd meeting.

4. Road Application Update and Copper Cliff II Road Status (Leppanen); Request to Meet with Ben Musselman on Roads and Develop a "Roads Department" (Leppanen)
Leppanen and Sosa are meeting with Musselman December 20 in Monticello. It is our understanding that our roads application has been approved by the State. Questions we have for him included, how do we record and name new roads, such as the new Copper Cliffs road, how does a road department work, how do we work with developers. They will report back at the January 2nd meeting.

5. Position Paper Concerning CRA to San Juan School District (Sayers)

Sayers modified his letter to the School District and read it to the Council. It was well received and he will sign it and mail it.

New Business

1. Report on Bluff Town Council Work Sessions on December 17 and 18, 2018 (All)

Murray reported that the joint BSA meeting of December 18 had good discussions about prioritizing water and beginning to merge the water system with the Town. Murray and Sayers will attend the January 10th BWW meeting to set up a joint work session with the Council January 15th at 8:30 a.m. The Council agreed on the meeting of the 17th that the Interlocal Agreement was agreeable and Leppanen should send it to the County. The Airport Board approved to assign the Town the airport. The paperwork will go to the BLM and then be transferred to the Town. Leppanen expressed her appreciation for all the work Jim Hook did on the project. Sayers motioned for Leppanen to sign the transfer letter and send it to the BLM. Murray seconded and all voted in favor.

2. Bureau of Land Management Certified Letter on the Bears Ears National Monument and Need to Respond on Land Use and Implementation Decisions (Leppanen)

It was suggested that Lynell Schalk and Don Simonis attend this meeting and report back to us about the effect to historical properties by land use. Leppanen will check with them.

3. Spike 150, The Transcontinental Railroad of 1869 and Need to Respond to Request to Participate as a Community (Leppanen)

Leppanen received a tool kit in the mail to celebrate the 150-year anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad. Sayers motioned that Sosa take it to the school to a class interested in doing an activity to commemorate this. Murray seconded and all voted in favor.

4. San Juan County Public Health Board and Vacancy for the Town of Bluff, Need to Respond to Notice in the San Juan Record Article on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 (Leppanen)

Kirk Bengé will attend our January 2nd meeting and update us on this Board. There is a vacancy on the Board for Bluff and we discussed a town member with a medical background as a possibility. Murray also has experience on a health board.

5. Decision on 2019 Regularly Scheduled Meeting Dates and Notice in the San Juan Record; Pay SJR Bills (Leppanen)

After discussion Murray motioned to meet every Tuesday at 6:00 at the Community Center for 2019. Sayers seconded and all voted in favor.

6. URARA Thank You; White House; Interview with The Nation Magazine; Interview with KBMU on December 10 (?), 2018; Need for Public Relations Policy (Leppanen)

Leppanen updated the Council about recent events and expressed a need for a public relations policy. She will write one and bring it to the January 2nd meeting.

7. Planning and Zoning "Meet and Greet" on December 13, 2018 (All)

This was an enthusiastic gathering of Council members, the new Planning and Zoning Commission, and their advisors. Leppanen will write a policy and procedures handout and give it to the Commission at their first meeting on January 10, 2019. Murray mentioned that he would be connecting Jake Powell of USU and Jim Hook as contact person.

8. Need for Computer and Accounting Program (Leppanen)

Leppanen stated the need to move from paper and pen to a computer and accounting system. Sosa researched Pelorus Methods, out of Orem, as a possibility. It is tailored to cities and towns and is used in Blanding, Monticello, and Moab. Sosa encouraged the Council to check their online site.

9. UAC CRA Invitation by Natalie Randall, January 14, 2019

Leppanen will attend.

Sayers motioned to adjourn at 7:35 and Murray seconded.

Linda Sosa Recording Officer