

Bluff Town Council  
Tuesday, December 4, 2018  
Bluff Community Center at 6:00 p.m.  
190 N 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem - Brant Murray, Luanne Hook, and Linda Sosa were present, Ann Leppanen and Jim Sayers had excused absences

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes from 11/27/18

Hook motioned to accept minutes with two word changes and Murray seconded. All voted in favor.

Old Business

1. Debra Dull from Rocky Mountain Power will present the BEEC with a contribution (Debra Dull)

Dull presented a \$2000 check that was for a grant to the Bears Ears Education Center. Vaughn Hadenfeldt and Linda Sosa gratefully accepted for Friends of Cedar Mesa.

2. Debra Dull, Rocky Mountain Power Agreement with the Town of Bluff (All)  
This franchise agreement allows Rocky Mountain Power the legal right to use our right-of-way and easements for utilities. Murray motioned to accept the agreement for a twenty-year period of time and Sosa seconded. All voted in favor. Murray signed the document. Sosa asked about the process to add a utility tax to electric bill. Dull will send the information to Leppanen. We need to identify who is in the town limits. We can check with the Atticity Camp to see if they get electricity from the Navajo Nation. Dull can send us a print out that shows amounts but no names. We can ask for a percentage between 1% and 6%. Rocky Mountain Power is helping Moab with their Dark Skies project.

3. Suggested Changes by SJC to Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Bluff and San Juan County (All)

Sosa was concerned that the weed mowing part of the agreement was not accepted because Kelly Pehrson stated Blanding and Monticello do not get county weed mowing. They do get snow removal, which we don't need. This needs more

negotiation. Murray motioned to table it until our December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting and Hook seconded. All voted in favor.

4. Planning and Zoning Commission. Discuss a date for a joint work session and date with the Commission to have them sworn in and set a schedule for meetings (Sosa) Sosa reported that the Planning and Zoning commission would be sworn in at our December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Their first meeting will be in January and she will check with members to see what day and time will work for them and bring that information to the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

5. Road Application Status (Murray)

Murray reported that Hook and Sosa opened a designated Road Funds checking account at Zions Bank and faxed the information to Chris Potter at the UDOT. Michael Haviken will check to make sure the account and census information they need along with the application and map have been received by Potter. The deadline is December 7<sup>th</sup>.

6. USU Class Involvement with Council (Murray)

Most of the Council and part of the Planning and Zoning Commission met with Jake Powell, of USU, and Chris Cook, of Design/Build/Bluff Friday, November 30, to discuss a graduate level class that will be using Bluff as a study project. This will be a regional plan that focuses on Bluff and topics such as wild life, geology, and water source. Murray emphasized that the Council and Commission would be working on other issues so the class would be working parallel with us, not together. Hook informed the committee that Jim Hook would like to work with the class and was willing to be the contact with them. No funds will be involved.

#### New Business

1. Discuss December 25, 2018 and January 1, 2019 meeting change. If our meeting falls on a holiday, we will meet the next day. (All)

Murray motioned that we cancel the December 25<sup>th</sup> meeting and change the January 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Hook seconded and all voted in favor.

2. Letter Opposing Rollback of Forest Protections (Sosa)

Sosa explained that Friends of Cedar Mesa asked us to consider signing a letter in favor of keeping federal lands managed by federal employees, instead of changing the management to the state level. Murray motioned in support of Leppanen signing the letter and Sosa seconded. All voted in favor.

3. Council Member Who Will Write December Post for Website (All)

Sosa will write the post.

#### Other.

Sosa read the minutes from November 20, 2018 describing a hike to the Sand Dune Panel where Leppanen, several Bluff residents and BLM rangers looked at the possibility of developing the area with parking, signage, and trails. At that time it was discussed by the hiking party that this was part of the town and would be a Council decision. The Council had no interest in going forward with it currently. Leppanen would like to write a letter reaffirming the Councils' position. It was decided that she could do this without a vote since she was writing about what had already been discussed.

Hook referred to a previous idea for setting up a Transfer Station at the airport and said the FAA would not approve it.

Hook read an email request from Ben Mussleman to support road improvements from Bluff to Aneth. Murray tabled it since we hadn't had time to read it.

Murray adjourned at 7:07 p.m.  
Linda Sosa Recording Officer.