

Bluff Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 2, 2019
Bluff Community Center at 6:00 p.m.
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Minutes

The meeting started at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call Mayor Ann K. Leppanen, Luanne Hook, Brant Murray, Jim Sayers, Linda Sosa

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from June 25, 2019

Murray motioned to approve with two modifications, Sayers seconded and all voted in favor

Introduction of Natalie Randall, San Juan County Economic Development and Update on Projects

Randall gave the Council two handouts containing TRT information and project grants. She explained tourism related tracking information, a tool called Visa View, It tracks who is spending money and what money is being spent on and her team uses that data to plan marketing strategy. Murray suggested looking at Dark Skies as a way to increase summer tourism. He would like more information about the County's economic budgeting. Sayers asked about economic projects that were not related to tourism. Hook pointed out that some TRT funds can be used for EMS and Randall was open to discussing that more in depth at a later time. Randall mentioned that we can still create a community guide and it will be put on next week's agenda.

Old Business

1. Report on Meeting with UDOT and Bluff Dwellings on July 2, 2019 (Murray)

2. Results of UDOT's Speed Study and Update on Projects with UDOT (All)

Murray reported that this meeting went well and all expressed concern about the speed study. UDOT is also not in favor of a higher speed through town and will report that to others in their organization. After the meeting Murray and UDOT looked at the school and post office turns. The letter in support of finishing the turn lane at Bluff Dwellings will be on next week's agenda.

3. Report on San Juan County Commission Meeting on July 2, 2019 (All)

Sayers felt that it was a successful meeting and well attended. Local requests to the Commission included a library, youth center and a need to get more water pressure at the water station. Leppanen reminded the need for an interpreter so all could be heard. It was a historic meeting. The Commission will meet in Bluff on August 20th and David Everitt will work with Leppanen on the agenda.

4. Update on BSA Meeting on June 12th and BWW Meeting on June 13 (Leppanen)

Sosa reported the BSA voted in favor of the transfer of water rights, infrastructure, land, and additional assets to the town. Rachel Anderson is working with the BSA on the

documentation and will work with our lawyer, Chris McAnany. Leppanen reported that the BWW was short and they paid some bills.

5. Red Transit Bus (Hook)

Sayers motioned to send the letter, Hook seconded and all voted in favor. Leppanen will sign it and Hook will be the contact person.

6. Status of Transfer Agreement with Bluff Service Area (Shook)

Shook reported that all the Trustees were happy with the red line copy from Rachel Anderson. They would like to vote on it at their July 10th meeting. Leppanen reported that our two attorneys are talking and would like our final document by July 9th so the Council can vote on it. McAnany is clarifying a memorandum of understanding for the six-month transition period and working on liabilities, including the Calf Canyon Storm w/Wter Project and Jay Willian. Leppanen sent him a copy of our Liability policy.

7. Planning & Zoning/Water/Roads

The public meeting for the General Plan is July 25th. Hook reported that they are working on ordinances. Eric Cook had questions about zoning and dark skies. Jared Berrett had questions about signs. Kelly Davis will transcribe for July.

New Business

8. Purchase of Laptop (Hook)

Murray motioned that Hook purchase a laptop to comply with ADA transcription for \$500 or less, Sayers seconded and all voted in favor.

9. Report on Economic Development Meeting (Sosa)

Randall covered much of this. The Economic Diversity Summit will be September 23rd and Sosa will get copies of the agenda to the Council members.

10. Report on Phone Conference with Chris McAnany (Sosa/Leppanen)

This centered on avoiding potential liability issues between the two entities. Leppanen sent parcel numbers to complete Anderson's documentation and our liability policy to McAnany. We will write a resolution and vote on it. We will send him our General Plan for review soon.

11. Request for Assistance in Organizing BSA Filing System (Leppanen)

Leppanen would like to collaborate with the BSA and a computer person to organize, scan and archive BSA papers sometime this summer.

12. Reminder of Joint Work Session with Planning and Zoning on Wednesday, July 3, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. and Meeting with Dave Conine on Wednesday, July 3, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. (Leppanen)

Reminder.

13. Report on Dinner with SEUALG (All)

This was a great opportunity to talk with Michael Bryant, Jade Powell, and their coworkers. They can help us with dark sky expertise and have grants available in the fall that we will be able to apply for to help with purchase of the school. It was fun.

Other Business/Community Comments

Sosa mentioned that our last sales tax disbursement was \$5,125. Shook reported that he turned the water on at West Park and there may be a problem.

Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Linda Sosa Recording Officer