

Bluff Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 13, 2019
Bluff Community Center at 6:00 p.m.
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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 (ann@townofbluff.org) at least 4 days before the meeting. Agendas and minutes are posted at: townofbluff.org and audio, in addition, at the Utah Public Notice Website

Draft Minutes

The meeting started at 6:03 p.m.

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

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for August 6, 2019

Sayers motioned to approve the minutes, Murray seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Murray, Sayers, and Sosa voted in favor.

Old Business

1. Discussion of Proposed General Plan of Bluff and Vote (All)

Leppanen asked if the Council members had read the final draft and were comfortable with it. Murray had one minor correction of a word and Sayers changed it. Changes from the last draft were minor edits, no content changes. Murray reminded the Council that this project started over two years ago and he and the Council felt the work and document were really well done. Sayers motioned to accept the General Plan with the minor correction, Murray seconded and Leppanen, Murray, Sayers, Sosa and Hook voted in favor. Leppanen and Sosa signed the document.

2. Success of Bake Sale (Sosa)

Sosa reported that a great group of volunteers helped make the bake sale successful. About \$350 in funds was raised for the lunch following the joint Council/Commission meeting on August 20th at 12:00 p.m. She will get a cleaning deposit to the CC manger for use of the kitchen.

3. Status of Amended Transfer Agreement with the Bluff Service Area and Deeds, Fehr Family Trust and Discussion with San Juan County Recorder (Leppanen)

Leppanen compared Rachel Anderson's and Chris McAnany's Transfer Agreement for changes and felt that they were acceptable. McAnany has approved of the final draft. Exhibit B needed the amounts paid to employees and contractor sfilled in and Wes Shook supplied those amounts. She initialed them and asked Shook to initial them when the BSA votes in favor of the agreement. It was decided that the line for budget amount say, to be determined, as the BSA will be finishing their budget soon. Sayers motioned that we accept the Transfer Agreement with the modifications, Murray seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sosa, Murray, and Sayers voted in favor voted in favor. Leppanen has been out of town and will follow up on the Fehr Trust. McAnany will contact the trust lawyer.

4. Status of Public Hearing Notices sent by Planning and Zoning/ Notices for Zoning Returned by the Post Office (All)

Several letters have been returned to the post office and Sosa has hand delivered and put correct addresses on them. Hook will check with the Desert Rose for Miguel Madinas's address. Jen Davila, representing BOB, Businesses Owners of Bluff, requested a larger map be made available for people to look at. The website maps can be printed but are regular size. Michael Haviken said that some small errors were corrected on the maps, B and C roads were corrected, and larger maps for the public meeting are going to be printed tomorrow. He will bring this issue to tomorrow mornings P&Z work session. Sam Cantrell is printing 24 x 36 maps. Sayers reminded people that there is a ten-day comment period after the public meeting so everyone has plenty of opportunity to be heard. Haviken reminded people of the P&Z meeting Thursday at 7:00 p.m. We will follow up on live streaming and having the CC open before the meeting so people can look at maps. Shook commented that property tax in town had just had a large increase, was it related to the zoning map? Leppanen replied that this is coming from the County; we have taken no action and have no involvement in it. Davila suggested that Bluff might have been reevaluated by the County because we have had no change in quite awhile. Leppanen encouraged anyone aggravated to go to the County.

New Business

5. Discussion of Need to Update SAM Number (Leppanen)

Jocelyn Meyers reported on an email suggesting help with renewing our SAM number for a fee. She explained that SAM numbers are free and felt this was a private company. She will double check. It expires at the end of the year.

6. Roads, Planning and Zoning, Water (All)

7. Report on Letter to Hole In the Rock Foundation re: the Pedestrian Sign (Murray/Haviken)

6 and 7 cover Roads. Cantrell's crew has created a barrier around the sign at the Fort that they just fixed again. This is the 4th sign they have fixed there in four weeks. Because these signs are in our right-of-way we are responsible for them and the cost is about \$350. They have not yet charged us but will at some point. Murray would like more information before going forward with a letter to the Fort. Leppanen and Murray will include McAnany on this problem. Cantrell has given us a guide to types, placement, and heights of sign and the turn around time for fixing and replacing.

8. Discussion of Request by Bluff Arts Festival for In- Exchange for Rent (Leppanen)

Dan Meyers reported that this year is the 15th Art Festival and it generated about \$29,000 in town last year. Dan and Jocelyn Meyers are requesting that we waive the rental fee to this year's Festival. After discussion the Council agreed that it stimulated business and was a benefit to the community. Sayers motioned to allow a one-time suspension of the rental fee for the Art Festival, Murray seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Murray, Sayers, and Sosa voted in favor.

9. Meeting with David Everitt on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 and Proposed Agenda Items for Joint Meeting with San Juan County Commission on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 (Leppanen)

Leppanen will talk with Everitt tomorrow. The Council agreed that our agenda should be short. Murray suggested it be welcoming and an update of Town status.

10. Financial Update/ Commission Lunch/ Kitchen Contract (Sosa)

Sosa handed out the July bank reconciliation and current bills, the San Juan Record is \$37.20 and McAnany is \$2,417.75. Murray motioned to pay the bills, Sayers seconded

and Leppanen, Hook, Murray, Sosa, and Sayers voted in favor. Leppanen will check with Everitt and McAnany to see if PILT funds could cover a portion of his bill.

11. Request by Friends of Cedar Mesa for an Alcohol Permit (Jocelyn Meyers)

Meyers requested an event permit for the sale of alcohol at a special BEEC event, Rumble on the Mesa, September 28th. Sayers motioned to grant the request, Murray seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sosa, Murray, and Sayers voted in favor. Leppanen signed the form and Meyers will get her a copy. It will be held at the BEEC.

12. Report on Interview on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 with FOX News (Leppanen)

Comb Ridge hosted a pizza lunch for William Shuttleworth, a veteran who has been walking across the US to raise awareness for health issues and suicide among vets. Fox news has been following him and did an interview. They also did an interview with Leppanen about the Town that went well.

13. Reminder of Bluff Service Area Meeting on August 14 (Leppanen)

Leppanen and Sosa will attend.

14. Tree City USA Program

This State program could help us with our evasive species, among other things. The application is due at the end of the year. Murray will research it.

Other

Adjourn at 7:19 p.m.

Linda Sosa Recording Officer