

Bluff Town Council Emergency Meeting  
June 22, 2020  
Bluff Community Center at 11:00 a.m.  
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Regular meetings are held the first three Tuesdays of every month at 6:00 p.m. at the Bluff Community Center. Requests to be on the agenda may be submitted in writing 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  
This meeting was held electronically on Google Hangouts.

### Minutes

The meeting started at 11:00 a.m.

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

#### **1. Discuss the Certified Tax Rate and Vote on Modification of the Certified Tax Rate (Leppanen)**

Leppanen explained last week the certified tax rate was voted on by the Council at the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting; it was the same tax rate as the BSA had used, 0.001107 and generated \$24,000. One purpose of this meeting is to change it to the rate supplied by the County and State, 0.001130, which will generate about \$30,000. The increase comes from the increase of property value and the Town boundaries are larger than the BSA boundaries. The deadline for the change is today, we need a vote to amend so it can be signed and sent to John David Nielson to send to the State Auditor. This is the end of the fiscal year. Sayers motioned to adopt the certified tax rate supplied by the County, 0.001130, and substitute it for the rate the Council voted on last week, Murray seconded and Leppanen, Murray, Sayers, Sosa, and Hook voted in favor.

#### **2. Other**

Leppanen explained the Council learned about Cares money given to the County because Sosa listened to the Commission meeting of June 16<sup>th</sup>. The County received \$129,000 from the State for Covid Relief Fund Allocation and Blanding and Monticello received a large part of it. This is federal money that goes to states who give it to counties who give it to cities and towns for covid caused need, like PPE and health and safety issues. Leppanen checked with Mack McDonald to see why Bluff was left out and found out Bluff was not on the State incorporated town list. Towns and cities are given sums based on their population, meaning Bluff could have gotten about the same as Torrey and Hanksville, \$6,000 to \$7,000. McDonald will bring it forward at the next Commission meeting to share some of their funds with Bluff. Leppanen will check with the State and get Bluff listed. There may be additional disbursements of these funds. This will need to be added to the 2021 budget that we approve June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Hook motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 a.m., Sayers seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sayers, Murray and Sosa voted in favor.

This meeting took place electronically in order to follow the social distancing guidelines given by state and local authorities. The public was able to connect and participate by call in or joining the video.