

Bluff Town Council Agenda  
August 18, 2020  
Bluff Community Center at 6:00 p.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.

### Minutes

The meeting started at 6:00 p.m.

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

Approval of Work Session Minutes of August 11, 2020

Sayers motioned to approve with a clarification, Murray seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Murray, Sayers and Sosa voted in favor.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2020

Murray motioned to approve as presented, Hook seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Murray, Sosa, and Sayers voted in favor.

### Unfinished Business

#### 1. Status of Official Utah State Highway Map Review (Hook)

Hook has several revisions for the map including changing the Visitor Center to the Bluff Fort Visitor Center, adding Mexican Hat Rock and Forrest Gump Road, and several word changes. She will submit it before the September 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

#### 2. Status of 2020 Census Boundary for Bluff and Census Workers in Bluff (Leppanen)

Leppanen noted that Lyman Family Farms is outside the Town Boundary, as it should be. Drew Cooper is one of the door to door census workers and the Council agreed it was a good thing since he is familiar with members of the Town.

#### 3. Discuss and Vote on Amendment to Paragraph 3a of the Face Covering Ordinance (Leppanen)

Leppanen thanked Diana Davidson for her inquiry and help clarifying the wearing of face coverings in restaurants. Coverings should be worn until seated and after getting up. Sayers motioned to accept the amendment to the ordinance, Murray seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Murray, Sosa, and Sayers voted in favor.

#### 4. Discuss and Vote on Independent Auditor Services Agreement (All)

Murray motioned to approve employing Erin Richards for this twice a year position, Sayers seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Murray, Sosa and Sayers voted in favor.

#### 5. Meeting with Rocky Mountain Power about the Fire at the Davis Westfall Farm (Leppanen)

Leppanen explained that this is third fire at this location. She met with an engineer, estimator, PacifiCorp representatives, and Deb Dull to discuss why this might be happening. Dan Vyke, also from Rocky Mountain Power, will come next week and look at the site and equipment. Wiring is overheating and it needs to be determined whether corrective action is the responsibility of Rocky Mountain Power or the Davis's.

#### 6. Review and Vote on Letter to San Juan County re: AlleyOwnership/Management/Maintenance in Bluff (Leppanen)

Leppanen has a call in to Kendall Laws seeking written clarification about whether the Town or County has alley ownership so the Town will know who will deal with alley issues in west Bluff. Sayers suggested adding perimeter easement around the Cottonwood addition as a related issue.

## **New Business**

### **7. Discussion "Abandonment" of "Non-conforming Use" vs. Home Occupation Businesses" (All)**

This was an interesting question brought up by a business owner because the effect of the Covid crisis on business this year. It is on the agenda for tomorrow night's P&Z meeting.

### **8. Status of Meeting with UDOT on "Main Street Vision," Other UDOT Projects, including the Round-a-bout Idea, Public Informational Meeting (Murray/Leppanen)**

Murray was pleased with this continuing meeting that included a virtual design team with a new project, the Main Street Vision, they would like to bring to Bluff, Tim and Nancy Swanson, and Michael Haviken. They will use our general plan and other Bluff documents as a basis for a transportation plan. Leppanen reported they would set up several two-hour PowerPoint workshops that the public could also access. At our next meeting she would like to identify a date for a public meet and greet to include the public on planning ideas. She noted that the idea of a roundabout at Cow Canyon by UDOT is not going to happen and extending speed zones slowdowns is still being considered.

### **9. Discussion of the Town's Role in the Proposed Food Shelf at the Mission (All)**

The Council has given the Food Pantry storage space for the last year. Sosa explained she and Leppanen, who are both on the board, participate as private citizens, not Council members. The Council expressed gratitude that the Mission was going to help feed people in our surrounding community but it is beyond what we are able to do as a Council.

### **10. Reports on Business Owners of Bluff Meeting on Monday, August 18 (Leppanen), COVID-19 (Leppanen), Bluff Water Works Meeting on Wednesday, August 12 (Sosa), Bluff Service Area Public Hearing and Meeting on Wednesday, August 12 (Leppanen), San Juan County Commission Meeting on August 18 (Sosa/Leppanen)**

BOB has worked with River Canyon Wireless since it started serving Bluff and are working to increase their bandwidth to the Town. Josh Ewing volunteered to help Hook get more information from them. Leppanen asked Kirk Bengé how long it took for Covid cases and deaths to be added to the statistics, two to three weeks. The local Covid group is meeting every other week. Leppanen attended the BSA dissolution public hearing and reported the next step is the November ballot. She suggested a short informational meeting before November so the public understands dissolution. Sosa reported the County Commission heard a plan to build a campground at Muley Point, Leppanen reminded that the Goosenecks Campground had an effect on local RV parks and they should be included in the conversation. She will ask about the Commission using closed captioning at meetings. She is willing to represent the Town on the Local Homeless Coordinating Committee. The purpose of this committee is so that San Juan County can meet its obligation to State Code requirements for our citizens here in San Juan County as well as help direct needed services and funding.

### **11. Roads, Planning and Zoning (All)**

Roads were covered earlier and P&Z meets tomorrow night.

### **12. Utah State Auditor Alert about Social Media (Leppanen)**

This is a reminder that elected officials cannot participate in political campaigning or any political fundraising on social media.

### **13. Financial Report (Sosa)**

Sosa read the current bills:

Rocky Mtn. Power –\$ 418.47

BWW – \$60.53

Bankcard - \$171.99

XMission - \$15.00

Google Suites - \$50.52

Office Depot, ink - \$51.47

USPS, stamps - \$55.00

Frontier - \$68.74

Chris McAnany -\$1177.50

ULGT - \$6929.44

Airport - \$2008.00 paid

Liability - \$3400.00

Property - \$1097.44

Workman's Comp - \$492.00

Relief Credit – (\$68.00)

Murray motioned to pay the bills except to pay the insurance bill quarterly, Sayers seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Murray, Sosa, and Sayers voted in favor. The MET revenue is \$593.92. Sosa received a card with a \$100 check made out to the Town but meant for the Food Pantry. She will deposit it and write one to the Food Pantry.

#### **14. Infrastructure Projects Prioritization (All)**

A watchdog group at the State became aware that the legislature is considering sending \$20 million to help an out of state coal company who was going bankrupt. This is not legal. Instead these funds could be available for County and town projects. Because the Town did not get the old school, it needs more usable meeting space and this could be a priority. Murray added cultural space for town uses.

#### **15. Other**

Sayers was contacted by UCARES with questions about tax relief for local businesses. The DMV is sending him paperwork to complete registration on the recycling trailer. He has set up five mail boxes on our office phone and will report on how the system works. The cost is \$12.99 a month.

#### **16. Executive Session to Discuss Acquisition of Real Property (All)**

This was dropped.

Sayers motioned to adjourn at 7:01 p.m., Murray seconded and Leppanen, Sayers, Murray, Hook 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 electronically.