

Bluff Town Council Special Meeting **Draft Minutes**

December 23, 2020

Bluff Community Center at 5:30 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:

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This meeting was held electronically

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The meeting started at 5:31 p.m.

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

Approval of Work Session Minutes of Bluff Town Council on December 15, 2020

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

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of Bluff Town Council on December 15, 2020

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

1. Discussion and Vote on San Juan County's Intent to fill the Bluff Cemetery Board and Other San Juan County Boards with Vacancies (All)

Leppanen reported this time of the year SJC posts public notices in the San Juan Record for various County board vacancies and people have until December 31st at 5 p.m. to apply. The Bluff Cemetery Board has three vacancies; Bill Davis and Robbin Bond have been on the Board since 2005 and decided not to continue. One person has expressed interest. Leppanen has been in conversation with Chris McAnany, Mack McDonald, and Kendall Laws about the Town conducting interviews and making appointments for local boards. McDonald and Laws position is the County appoints these boards. Sayers commented that he has read Utah code and believes it supports the Town having this authority. Leppanen also pointed out the BWW has three vacancies, two members want to continue, and it is not even listed in the Public Notice. She has tried to talk to McDonald about this and is meeting with him next week. The Council supported Leppanen moving forward with this issue. Sayers motioned that

Leppanen contact McAnany to draft a letter clarifying our authority, Murray seconded, and Leppanen, Hook, Sayers, Murray, and Sosa voted in favor. An informational email blast will be sent out letting people know what is available and the contact information. Leppanen thanked Bond and Davis for their years of service.

2. Update on Property Taxes (Leppanen)

Glenis Pearson contacted Leppanen and explained that the property tax would be split between the BSA and Town, with the BSA getting a much smaller part, and more revenue in January. Leppanen is working with Jackie Warren to complete the BSA dissolution. Warren sent the original certificate of dissolution to the Lt. Governor and it was supposed to be sent back to Warren so it could be recorded at the County. The Lt. Governor's Office has misplaced it. Leppanen will meet with David Carpenter tomorrow and bring a notarized copy to finalize the process.

3. Other

Lois Young informed the Council that Kirk Benge, County Health Director, has resigned and is leaving for a job in Vernal in a week. This is highly concerning because vaccine is starting distribution in the State and County and we do not want to miss any opportunities for our area. Young volunteered to help any way she can and the Council agreed being proactive was better than a wait and see approach.

Sayers motioned to adjourn at 5:53 p.m., Murray seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sosa, Murray, and Sayers voted in favor.

Linda Sosa Recording Officer

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. For requests to receive emails/meeting invitations email linda@townofbluff.org