

Bluff Town Council Work Session **Draft Minutes**

February 17, 2021

Bluff Community Center at 9:00 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:

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This meeting was held electronically.

**Draft Minutes**

The meeting started at 9:01 a.m.

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

**1. Review of Code of Conduct**

Leppanen explained the Code of Conduct was passed in 2018 and it is time to review it, especially since we are meeting electronically. We need to reflect on how it is working and how we involve the public. She pointed out we need to shift away from texting to emails. It is problematic to reproduce and hard copies are needed. Sosa pointed out that any written communication is a record and needs preserved. Even short communications, although, simple ones are not usually permanent. Leppanen noted we also need to be respectful and use appropriate language outside of meetings. She will work on updating the document and asked Council members to send ideas.

**2. Response to 4-Lane Highway Renovation Through Bluff**

This was discussed at last night's regular meeting. Mary Gillam is working on a map that shows the effect of a 4-lane highway through Bluff. Murray pointed out we have a good relationship with UDOT and we could ask to be in the group as discussions unfold. Being part of a 25-year plan would be a good thing. Hook had a possible plan if the 4-lane highway happens. Leppanen will reach out to Jared Beard for a meeting in March or April. Sayers pointed out that no one in Bluff wants a 4-lane through town, it would destroy main street and was counter to the General Plan.

**3. Discussion of White Mesa Mill and Uranium Transport, Specifically, a Plan to Be Notified of Transport Through Bluff and Other Strategy**

Leppanen has been emailing with Sarah at uraniumwatch.org about transports through town. Moab has signed an agreement that they will be informed about shipments, accidents, and spills. Flagstaff has passed a resolution on an agreement with White Mesa Mill for the same notification. Murray would like a schedule on hazardous transport through town. Leppanen will write a brief letter to White Mesa Mill and ask to be notified. Sayers pointed out that information would be helpful for Chief Lott and the EMTs. Murry suggested a Geiger counter for the Fire Dept. There is a problem with some of these trucks parking overnight in the town proper and suggested we can identify an area outside of town where they can park.

#### **4. Water Protection and Right of Nature**

Continuing the discussion from last night, the Council is interested in having a public meeting to see if there is interested in this topic. It was suggested Ed Dobson may be interested in leading this and Sayers volunteered to work with him. The meeting will be April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

#### **5. Other**

Murray and Hook will meet with Molly Schmidt and Adrienne Caesar at Design/Build/Bluff about rural design grants and possible projects.

Adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

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](mailto:linda@townofbluff.org)