

## Bluff Town Council Work Session Minutes

March 22, 2022

Bluff Community Center at 10:00 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.

The meeting started at 10:10 a.m.

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

### **1. Review of Lighting Ordinance and Discussion of Possible Changes and Review of Tasks**

Leppanen mentioned three changes that had been suggested to make compliance easier: change the number of lumens, change the light curfew and leave motion detectors off the total lumen count. Murray noted the main complaints were light trespass and they could be dealt with case by case. He said 1 lumen equals 1 candle. Sayers pointed out Dark Skies is in the General Plan and much of the ordinance is measurable. The Council discussed measurement, taking out the enforcement clause, and a program Moab uses where residents are reimbursed for special light bulbs and fixtures after they are installed by submitting the receipt. Hook felt the residents should be given several years to comply but the majority of the Council thought we have good momentum and did not want to delay. The Dark Sky Committee meets Thursday and can discuss hiring the Dark Sky consultant John Barentine at \$250.00hr to help with the application and on the ground. They will make recommendations to the Council. Leppanen will check with Chris McAnany as needed.

### **2. Review of Application for International Dark Sky Designation and Consultant and Review of Tasks**

Leppanen explained the application will be changing and be more difficult so it is important to get it in before the end of the year. The application fee is \$250.00.

### **3. Update and Discussion on Bluff's Cemetery**

Leppanen has met with Mack McDonald several times over the last few months trying to create the Bluff Cemetery District. Ten to twelve years ago it was voted on but it was never registered with the State. There has been no process, board, contact, bylaws or audit. We have two avenues; the County can provide oversight to a Bluff committee or we can file a legal objection with the Lt. Governor's Office for our own oversight.

McAnany thinks we should do a resolution. This will be on the next agenda. Robin Bond, Bill Davis and Betty Gaines (deceased) have been the Board for many years, with Galen Headley supplying the backhoe.

### **4. Discussion of Sonderegger Gravel Pit Lease of November 1, 2021 with SITLA**

Holiday Construction mined gravel above Bluff for five years starting in 2016. Sonderegger started a new contract with SITLA last year. Leppanen spoke with Brian Torgerson, who called it an extension, but it is not. Leppanen explained it is a larger area, there is no land use plan submitted or no land use consent from the Town. Mary Gillam noted that flooding, the increase in dust and reclamation should have been addressed in a plan. Sayers suggested we make sure we know what is going on up there and that it is according to the law. Leppanen will have McAnany draft a letter, and she will check with Utah League of Cities and Towns to see if any laws have passed about dust particulates.

#### **5. Review and Discussion of Planning and Zoning's Recommended Animal Ordinance**

The Council discussed several concerns in the ordinance: refining some definitions, i.e. dangerous dog, how to deal with barking, civil enforcement, citations, impounding, the effect on neighbors, etc. Leppanen will send the ordinance to McAnany to make some changes and recommendations.

#### **6. Discussion of Enforcement of Ordinances in General**

Leppanen will check with the Blanding Sheriff and Mack McDonald about how enforcement works in the County, what could work for us and costs. Sosa pointed out cities have many things in place that we do not, especially in animal control.

#### **7. Community Development Block Grant Workshop in Salt Lake City on April 26, 2022**

Leppanen has a mandatory CDBG meeting and Rural Leadership Academy happening the same day in the Salt Lake Area. The CDBG is allowing her to send a representative and Sayers volunteered with Murray as backup.

#### **8. Other**

Leppanen updated on one alley issue, the county approved a request for Pat Cook to be deeded an alley and part of a road before Bluff incorporated and it was never recorded or executed. Leppanen will check with McAnany about administrative action. This will be on our next agenda.

Sayers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:27p.m., Sosa seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Murray, Sosa and Sayers voted in favor.

This meeting took place electronically in order to follow the social distancing guidelines given by state and local authorities. The public will be able to connect and participate electronically.

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