

Bluff Town Council Meeting
June 2, 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 on Google Hangouts.

Draft Minutes

The meeting started at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call Jim Sayers, Linda Sosa, Brant Murray, Luanne Hook, Ann Leppanen excused absence

Approval of Bluff Town Council's Minutes for the Work Session of May 19, 2020

Murray motioned to approve, Hook seconded and Sayers, Murray, Hook, and Sosa voted in favor
Approval of Bluff Town Council's Regular Meeting Minutes for May 19, 2020

Murray motioned to approve, Hook seconded and Sayers, Murray, Hook, and Sosa voted in favor

Unfinished Business

1. Discussion of Opening Plans for Bluff Community Center, San Juan County Early Voting, and Food Pantry (All)

Sayers explained the County would be using the East half of the CC for voting every Wednesday in June. They will follow the masking and distancing protocols. Sayers moved to #5. Kirk Bengé had requested that Bluff and Mexican Hat remain orange risk. Hook mentioned Jared Barrett hoped that we would move to yellow. Jen Davila reported most businesses are following orange protocols and business is 90% down from last year. Sosa commented the cases of the virus increased by 9 today and has increased every day. The Food Pantry and BAMA are continuing to use the CC.

Murray commented Bluff might consider a western bandana type face mask that could be a town motif. Sayers felt it was still dangerous to open the community center. Sosa motioned to keep the CC closed for the month of June, with the exception of the County voting, Murray seconded and Sayers, Murray, Hook, and Sosa voted in favor. Hook noted, if the number of cases changed we could vote to open it sooner.

2. Discussion and Vote on Amended 2020 Budget (All)

The budget had been discussed at the May 19th work session. Murray motioned to accept as presented, Hook seconded and Sayers, Hook, Sosa, and Murray voted in favor.

3. Discussion and Vote on Capital Improvement Projects (All)

This was discussed at today's work session. Murray drafted and Sayers helped edit a resolution for a Capital Improvement Plan for two projects, remodeling municipal facilities and land acquisition for open space, funding both with \$10,000. Murray motioned to approve the plan with one modification, dropping the percentage increase, Hook seconded and Murray, Sayers, Hook, and Sosa voted in favor.

4. Report on Status of Bluff Service Area's Dissolution (Leppanen)

John David Nielson has confirmed dissolution will be on the November ballot.

5. Report on the Town of Bluff's Risk Status Orange v. Yellow (Leppanen)

Covered earlier.

6. Updates on Local COVID-19 Task Force, San Juan County COVID-19 Task Force, Business Owners of Bluff Meeting (Leppanen)

Cases are continuing to increase. Covered earlier.

7. Report on Status of Bluff's Extension for a Water Right (Sayers)

Sayers signed the document and Sosa sent it to the Division of Water Rights with a check for \$150.00

8. Status of CIB and Old School (Sayers)

Sayers has sent in all materials. One form had changed and he will complete it.

9. Updates on Planning and Zoning Commission, Roads, Water (All)

Hook reported P&Z is working through existing ordinances, the hearing for new ordinances is still on hold, and Sarah Burak is back from maternity leave. Michael Haviken added they are reviewing the land clearance ordinance and defining residence, especially for RVs. Haviken is also looking at the budget for class C road improvements. Jim Hook has been putting weed chemicals on Town right of ways. Jen Davila reported the next Water meeting is Wed. the 10th at Twin Rocks.

10. Building Permit Discussion (All)

Tabled until next week.

New Business

11. Maintenance and Mowing of the Town of Bluff Parks and Community Center

Carol Shook, the CC manager, sent an email to the Council detailing ground maintenance, like mowing, Helgerson Management could do. Murray will get with Helgerson and get a detailed bid. We will vote on it at our next meeting. Linda Richmond said there is money in our 2020 budget for it. Sayers thanked volunteers for work they have done and stressed the importance of being on the volunteer list, so they are covered by insurance.

12. Consideration of a Temporary Port-a-Potty in West Park

This was decided against. K&C has an open restroom and there is a 24-hour restroom in Blanding.

13. Reports on San Juan County Commission Meeting on June 2, 2020 (Sosa)

Much of the meeting involved the Cal Black Airport. The Commissioners asked the Navajo Nation to use Care funds for projects on the Utah strip of the reservation. The Farm Bureau gave sheep to families.

14. Report on Mask Distribution to Businesses with County Economic Development (Sosa/Podmore)

Sosa and Podmore helped County Economic Development do a drive-thru for local businesses giving out face masks and information. Thirteen businesses came thru and Sosa has more available.

15. Financial Report (Sosa)

Sunrise Engineering - \$150.00

Water Right Extension

Frontier - \$67.66

Sunrise - \$16,200.00 (grant)

Division of Water Rights - \$150.00

River Canyon Wireless - \$80.99

Helgerson Management - \$35.00

Ace Hardware - \$90.62

Murray motioned to pay the bills, Hook seconded and Hook, Murray, Sayers and Sosa voted in favor. Sosa reported she would be researching how purchase orders work. The account at Ace could be set up to be a purchase order account.

16. Other

Sayers reported a child in Montezuma Creek drowned and the river is swift right now.

Adjourn

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.