

Town of Bluff

Planning and Zoning Commission Work Session Minutes: DRAFT

Tuesday, July 11 at 1:00 pm -2:00 pm

In person & Virtual- Bluff Community Center

190 North 3rd East, Bluff, Utah 84512

1:01 pm: Roll call: Amanda Podmore (Chair), Marcia Hadenfeldt (vice-chair), Malia Collins, Ed Dobson, Brian Whitney

Town Council Representative: Luanne Hook

New Business

1. Draft recommendation to Town Council regarding Aviation Ordinance: The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a draft recommendation of an aviation ordinance to be submitted to the Bluff Town Council, the town attorney and then returned to the P&Z Commission for further review.

The P&Z Commission can only regulate take-offs and landings. It cannot regulate flight paths.

Podmore asked each commissioner to share their recommendations and a list was compiled that would be refined and eventually voted on. The commissioners discussed commercial, residential and recreational usage categories and various types of aircraft within each category. There is overlap between categories and the need for an ordinance to be flexible or inclusive of possible/future types of aircraft was considered.

An overlay map and land-use zoning designations were also part of the discussion and may be included in the recommendation. Other considerations included aerial spraying and seeding, commercial delivery drones, the need to accommodate medical and emergency situations, allowances for the Balloon Festival and FAA and BLM jurisdictions and regulations.

The benefit of referencing an existing aviation ordinance from another town was mentioned along with the need for definitions. The Commission also wants the Town Lawyer to present a draft ordinance based on their recommendations for the commission to review.

An initial draft document of recommendations is available to the commissioners for review. Further comments will be discussed at the July 19th P&Z regular meeting.

Hadenfeldt motioned to adjourn, Whitney seconded and the meeting adjourned at 1:57 PM.