

Bluff Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2024

Bluff Community Center at 4:00 p.m.

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Regular meetings are held the first three Tuesdays of every month at 4:00 p.m. 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 in person and virtually

The meeting started at 4:05 p.m.

Roll Call Mayor Ann K. Leppanen, Luanne Hook, Jennifer Davila, Linda Sosa, Brit Hornsby
Erin Nelson Town Manager

Approval of Bluff Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2024

Hornsby motioned to approve, Davila seconded and Hook, Davila and Hornsby voted in favor, Sosa and Leppanen abstained

Approval of Bluff Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2024

Hornsby motioned to approve, Davila seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Davila, Hornsby and Sosa voted in favor

Public Comment: None

Unfinished Business:

1. Discussion and Vote on Changes to Fire Mesa Kitchen's Rental Contract by Adding an Hourly Rate Component and Outlining Conditions for Use (All)

Discussion at the earlier work session was about accessibility, efficiency and the hourly rates. Sosa motioned that the current kitchen contract is kept as it is, Hornsby seconded and Leppanen, Sosa, Davila, Hook and Hornsby voted in favor.

2. Discussion and Vote on the Partnership with Utah Dine Bikeyah and Finalization of the Environmental Protection Agency's "Environmental Justice Government to Government" Grant (All)

The joint meeting lasted four hours earlier today. Consensus was reached about moving forward and the Council will vote on the finalization and partnership at our March 19th meeting. It was a good, productive meeting with good input from the Council and Board.

3. Discussion and Vote on "Building Resilient Inclusive Communities" Grant Supplement from San Juan Public Health to the Food Pantry (Leppanen)

Davila motioned to approve this supplement, Hornsby seconded and Leppanen, Sosa, Hook and Hornsby voted in favor.

4. Discussion to Finish Utah Local Government Trust Application on Cyber

Security (Leppanen)

Nelson suggested this is similar to last year. Leppanen volunteered to start the application and review last year's application. And check with Utah Local Government Trust to see if there are changes this year.

5. Review of Food Pantry Lease to Ginny Burns for 2/1/24 – 1/31/24 (Leppanen)

This lease covers one year and covers the CC space and modular at the CCC. Davila suggested coming up with a rental fee for the Food Pantry spaces and waiving it, which could be used as matching in kind for grant applications if needed.

6. Announcement that the Bears Ears National Monument Resource Management Plan was Posted on Friday, March 8, 2024 (Leppanen) and Confirmation of 2 Related Meetings (Hornsby)

Jake Palma called Leppanen to inform her that the document was released. Hornsby attended this meeting and spoke about the 1,200-page document. He mentioned the SL Trib has a good article about the document and he will forward it to Council members. He and Leppanen will attend the second meeting on April 4, 2024 in Monticello.

New Business

7. Discussion Regarding Lease Payment of \$758.60 to the Bureau of Land Management for the Bluff Airport (Leppanen/Nelson)

Hook motioned to pay this bill, Davila seconded and Leppanen, Sosa, Hook and Hornsby voted in favor. Leppanen noted that we do not have a lease for the property yet but possibly the hold up has been because of waiting for the Bears Ears Management Plan.

8. Update on Bluff's Planning and Zoning Commission (Hook)

Hook reported on goals, the RV ordinance, enforcement, subdivision updates, and expired building permits. Leppanen will discuss with Amanda Podmore having a joint meeting with Kristen Bushnell of county P&Z.

9. Report on Bears Ears Partnership "Celebrate" Held March 8, 9, 10, 2024 (Leppanen)

Sosa reported there were about 150 participants and it went well. Hornsby was part of the first presentation and Sarah Burak did the last presentation on Dark Skies and working with the town. She explained how Utah is one of the darkest states and how other areas can pursue a Dark Sky designation. Leppanen suggested a MOU with Bears Ears Partnership about our partnership.

10. Financials (Sosa)

Sosa has sent out renewals for hanger fees and is finishing short-term rental and business license fees; we have close to 60 licenses.

11. Other

We need a list of projects for CIB, Nelson will attend the meeting virtually. Bluff Water Works meets tomorrow.

At 5:01 p.m. Davila motioned to close the meeting, Hook seconded and Leppanen, Sosa, Davila, Hook and Hornsby voted in favor.

Linda Sosa Recording Officer

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