

Bluff Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2024

Bluff Community Center at 3:00 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: townofbluff.org and audio, in addition, at the Utah Public Notice Website:

<https://www.utah.gov/pmn/>.

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4:16 Roll Call: Mayor Ann K. Leppanen, Linda Sosa, Luanne Hook, Jennifer Davila, Britt Hornsby
Erin Nelson Town Manager

Approval of Bluff Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2024: Hornsby motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Leppanen seconded. There was no discussion. Leppanen, Sosa, Hook, Davila and Hornsby voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously. The minutes were approved.

Public Comment: Gary Lichtenstein spoke as a concerned citizen and Bluff Firefighter, stating his concerns for the provision of fire protection services in Bluff and the surrounding areas. Leppanen responded briefly that there has been some difficulty establishing communication with the county on this issue and suggested a collaborative meeting to strategize with the fire department.

1. Discussion and Possible Vote on Environmental Protection Agency's Government to Government Grant: Collins reported that the updated work plan had been submitted just hours previously and that she had added a provision for the installation of 12 windows. She had also inquired about the provision of office supplies, desks, cubicles, computers, etc. A vote was deferred until the EPA determination of the revised work-plan is received. Collins also inquired about turning off the water at the CCC building. It was discussed and decided to turn the heat down and turn off the water but not the furnace. Collins will meet with James VanReenan for assistance.

2. Discuss and Vote on Dark Sky Application Graphic Designer and Vote on Nomination Letter for Dark Sky Designation Application: Leppanen had met with Sarah Burrak about hiring a graphic designer for \$1,000 and confirmed that it is within-budget. Hornsby motioned to accept Catherine Wheeler as the graphic designer for \$1,000. Sosa seconded. Leppanen, Sosa, Hook, Davila and Hornsby voted in favor. The vote was unanimous: The motion passed.

Hornsby motioned to approve the nomination-letter for the Dark Sky Application. Hook seconded. Leppanen, Sosa, Hook, Davila and Hornsby voted in favor. The vote was unanimous: The motion passed.

3. Report on December 3, 2024 UDOT Utah Trail Workshop and Active Transportation

Update: Hook reported that the next meeting for the Active Transportation Committee is on December 12th. The grant is a 12 million dollar grant and has been submitted by UDOT to the feds who will return it by April, then send out the RFPs and get all of that back to the people in the area by June. The grant is 186 miles which includes planning from Spanish Valley to Bluff and design and planning from Bluff to Montezuma Creek and from Bluff to Monument Valley. Brent Hatfield is the Project Manager. Stephanie Tomlin, the new director and Jared Beard from UDOT presented at the UDOT meeting in Moab mentioning roads, bridges, safety and health. The Utah Trail Network is funded by the legislature. The trails will focus on art, education, way-finding and landscaping. There is also a national organization which designates and supports Trail Towns. Talia Hansen is the new County Economic Development person.

4:36 Hornsby motioned to move into executive session and to adjourn after that. Davila seconded. Leppanen, Sosa, Hook, Davila and Hornsby voted in favor.

4. Executive Session to Discuss Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation Pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205.

5 Adjourn

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