

Emergency Meeting of the Bluff Town Council to Vote on Resolution to Cancel the Town of Bluff's November 2025 General Election

Monday, September 15, 2025 at 10:00 AM

190 N 3rd E Street, Bluff, UT 84512

Also held electronically via Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/92499673928>

10:05 AM

Roll Call: Mayor Ann K. Leppanen, Luanne Hook, Jennifer Davila, Linda Sosa, Britt Hornsby

Staff: Erin Nelson

1. Discussion and Vote on Town of Bluff Resolution to Cancel the Town of Bluff's November 2025 General Election

Mayor Leppanen stated the purpose of the meeting and reasoning for calling an emergency meeting. On Monday, September 15, 2025, Luanne Hook conveyed to Mayor Leppanen that she wanted to withdraw from the General Election.

In order to cancel a General Election, a municipality must pass a resolution, which then must be sent as written proof to San Juan County and to the Lt. Governor's Office.

Mayor Leppanen read the following into the record:

The intent and purpose of this resolution is as follows:

- The Mayor and Two Bluff Town Council positions are open seats for the November 2025 General Election.
- One candidate filed for the Mayor position and three candidates filed for the two Town Council positions.
- A General Election would be necessary because of the number of filings; however, one of the three candidates for Bluff Town Council recently provided written notice of withdrawal.
- An emergency hearing must be convened in order to vote to provide a resolution to San Juan County's Clerk's Office and the Lt. Governor's Office that a vote has been taken to request the cancelation of Bluff's 2025 General Election.
- Time is of the essence, as San Juan County's deadline for withdrawal of a candidate's name on the ballot to avoid printing costs is today, September 15, 2025.
- An emergency meeting was called by the Mayor with oral notice provided to all Bluff Town Council Members. Notice of the emergency meeting was also posted on the Utah Public Notice Website. Oral notice was provided to council members as follows: Britt Hornsby at 8:33 am, Jennifer Davila at 8:37 am, Linda Sosa at 9:05 am, Luanne Hook at 8:47 am, as required by Utah Code 52-4-202(5).

- Council Member Hook conferred with both the Lt. Governor's Office and San Juan County election officials on Friday, September 12, 2025.

Leppanen also stated the notice requirements for emergency meetings and explained that time was of the essence in this case, as San Juan County was about to send the ballots to the printers, which was going to be the bulk of the election cost. By calling the emergency meeting and passing the resolution, the Town would be able to avoid most of the election costs passed down by San Juan County.

Leppanen confirmed verbally with Luanne Hook that she was certain of her decision. Hook verbally confirmed.

Davila motioned to approve the resolution as presented by Leppanen. Sosa seconded the motion.

Davila – Aye, Hook – Aye, Hornsby – Aye, Leppanen – Aye, Sosa – Aye. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Adjourn

Hornsby made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 am. Davila seconded. 5 in favor, none opposed.

Hook thanked the council for making the time for the emergency meeting. Leppanen acknowledged that it prevents confusion for the voters, as well as saves the town money.