

Bluff Town Council Regular Meeting Approved Minutes

Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 4:00 pm MDT

In Person

Bluff Community Center Building
190 N 3rd E Street, Bluff, UT 84512

Virtual Meeting

via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/92499673928>
via Phone: 7193594580, 92499673928#

4:03pm Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call

Town Council: Mayor Josh Ewing, Jennifer Davila, Gary Haws, Britt Hornsby, Spencer Wade

Staff: Erin Nelson, Malia Collins

Approval of Bluff Town Council Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2026 Regular Meeting

Approval of Your Town Budget at Work Open House Event on May 19, 2026

Ewing inquired for edits or revisions for both sets of May 19 minutes, none shared. Ewing called a vote to approve both sets of minutes, Wade, Haws, Davila, Hornsby and Ewing voted to approve both sets of minutes; motion passes unanimously.

Public Comment: Luanne Hook asked a clarifying question about the timing of the tax increase and the year-end budget and public hearing timing and when the new budget will go into effect. Ewing stated he will clarify in the public hearing.

4:06pm – Ewing, Hornsby, Davila, Wade and Haws voted in favor to move in to the public hearing.

Public Hearing: Town of Bluff Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Tentative Budget Hearing (4:55pm closed)

Minutes from the public hearing are posted separately under their own notice.

5:03pm – Town Council returns to meeting

Unfinished Business

1. **Discuss, Review, and Vote to Approve Fire Restriction Ordinance 2026-04 (5:03pm):** Nelson and Ewing presented a simplified ordinance to address the concerns raised during the previous meeting. Fireworks: there are state penalties for using them inappropriately. Haws clarified that with this ordinance the town is enacting 'no open fires' and other fire restrictions are specified by State and County. Nelson relayed the conversation she had with the town attorney before this meeting who shared a drafted ordinance from 2020 regarding fireworks, which may be something to review in the future. The attorney had also brought up state code (65-8-211) exemption for agricultural burning to upkeep land. Ewing called a roll call vote to approve the Fire Restriction Ordinance. Wade – yes, Haws – yes, Davila – yes, Hornsby – yes, Ewing – yes. Fire Restriction in effect until October 31, 2026 unless rescinded before then.

New Business

2. **Discuss Consideration Payment to Southwest Heritage Foundation to Transfer 1.84 acres of Land to the Town of Bluff for the Bluff Cemetery (5:11pm):** Property proposed to be acquired from SW Heritage to add to the Town, location of current Bluff Cemetery. Southwest Heritage Foundation has requested \$10,000 in consideration to sell the property to the Town of Bluff. There is money in the FY25/26 budget to do this. Nelson noted a portion of the acquisition contains approximately half of the current burial sites, some of the cemetery is already owned by Town, survey & google image shared showing the current owned and potential future owned. To be voted on at a later date.

3. **Notice of Vacant Mid-Term Seat on Bluff Planning and Zoning Commission (5:18pm):** Collins reported there is one open seat on Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner McLennan has relocated for work and no longer meets the requirements to be a Commissioner. This is a mid-term vacancy until December 31,

2026. Collins encouraged anyone interested in ‘trying’ out this role to apply, as this is the perfect opportunity to serve a 6-month term. Letters of interest to be emailed to planningzoning@townofbluffutah.gov by Monday, June 15 at 6:00pm. Interviews will be conducted on Thursday, June 18 at 6:00pm during the Planning and Zoning Work Session Meeting.

4. Other/Adjourn (5:21pm): Ewing encourages all Council to review all emails to ensure they have not received a public comment that was sent only to them and to forward to Nelson if received.

Ewing will be out of town and attending next week’s Work Session via Zoom. Hornsby on stand-by to host meeting.

Collins brought attention to the new LED fixtures in the auditorium!

5:23pm Adjourned

For requests to receive emails/meeting invitations, email office@townofbluffutah.gov

Minute Taker: Malia Collins

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