

Bluff Town Council Meeting DRAFT Minutes
Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 4:00 pm MDT
Bluff Community Center – 190 N 3rd E Street, Bluff, UT 84512

4:01 PM: Meeting called to order

Roll Call

Town Council: Mayor Josh Ewing, Jennifer Davila, Gary Haws, Britt Hornsby, Spencer Wade
Staff: Malia Collins (serving as Administrative Director), Erin Nelson (excused due to a medical issue)

Review and Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes from October 6, 2026, Regular Meeting

Corrected typos, including fixing spelling instances of "Aaron" to "Erin". Corrected text in the emergency services section to clarify Chief Dilego and the new emergency service coordinator "enough time to evaluate". Addressed title corrections (e.g., correcting "Commissioner Wade" to "Councilman Wade"). Noted capitalization inconsistencies (e.g., capitalization of "town" vs. "Town of Bluff") and word spacing for "council members" vs. "councilmembers". The Council agreed to establish a consistent style guide/convention with staff (Charmayne and Erin) going forward.

Review and Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes from October 13, 2026, Work Session

Removed the sentence under, Road Improvements Prioritization section, stating "disbursements are driven by state gasoline taxes, truck excise taxes, or mineral lease monies" as it was not explicitly discussed in those terms during the meeting. Fixed grammar and missing words (e.g., adding "The council" before "discussed") and fixed typos (e.g., "brick" to "BRICC"). Corrected capitalization of "executive session" and "town".

Ewing called to approve the amended October 6, 2026, minutes and the October 13, 2026, meeting minutes.

Voted in Favor: Haws, Davila, Hornsby, Wade & Ewing.

Motion passes unanimously.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Old Business

New Business

1. Notice of Award of AmeriCorps Team for Spring 2027 including Discussion of Housing Options and Associated Costs

The town received confirmation of an AmeriCorps team award for Spring 2027. The AmeriCorps team is scheduled to arrive on February 26, 2027, work through April 18, 2027, and depart on April 22, 2027. Housing the workers will involve additional costs. Staying at the mission will cost over \$20,000, which is too expensive, so the town prefers the Scorup House for about \$7,100 since it accommodates ten people. Because housing for the AmeriCorps workers was not included in the original budget, the town plans to pass a budget amendment early next year. The program director will visit Bluff on Tuesday morning, with Nizhoni serving as the project lead. Council members want to

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make sure the workers are capable of handling their assigned tasks, so they do not require constant supervision.

Upcoming/Reminders

2. November Upcoming Items: Housing Consultant Award (RFP)

Proposals for the Housing Consultant RFP are due Monday. Two proposals have been received to date. Council Member Jennifer Davila volunteered to join Mayor Ewing and Town Manager Nelson on the evaluation committee. Contract award is scheduled for the second regular meeting in November (Tuesday, November 17, 2026) to allow sufficient time for evaluation.

3. Reminders:

- **Bluff Community Center Playground Grand Opening Scheduled for Friday, October 30th at 6:00 PM alongside Trunk or Treat**
 - Schedule:
 - 4:30 PM: Trunk arrival
 - 5:00 PM: Trunk-or-Treat begins
 - 6:00 PM: Playground Grand Opening ceremony
(Fire Department personnel will assist with traffic)
- **UDOT Active Transportation / Bike Trail Project (Montezuma Creek to Monument Valley)**

UDOT awarded a design contract for the bike trail between Montezuma Creek and Monument Valley. The Transportation Committee is trying to have their NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) documents completed by Summer 2027; full project design completion targeted for Summer 2028. Public Open House: scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the Bluff Community Center to gather community input on preliminary trail designs, right-of-way placement, and safety features.
- **Planning & Zoning Work Session:**
 - Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 10 AM to 12 PM

4. Other

5. Motion and Vote to Move into Executive Session Pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205 to Discuss Strategy for Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation; discussion of the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, and Adjourn Thereafter

Mayor Ewing noted that the regular meeting would adjourn immediately following the executive session and that no formal action or votes would be taken afterward.

Ewing called a vote to enter closed executive session pursuant to Utah Code § 52-4-205 to discuss strategy regarding pending or reasonably imminent litigation and/or the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.

Voted in favor: Hornsby, Davila, Haws, Wade and Ewing
Motion passes unanimously

Time Entered: The Council entered Executive Session at 4:30 PM.

Meeting Adjourned (5:05pm)

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Minute Taker: Charmayne Sandoval

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Approved Minutes Published: