

Bluff Town Council
Tuesday, November 13, 2018
Bluff Community Center at 6:00 p.m.
190 N 3rd East Street
P.O. Box 324
Bluff, Utah 84512

Minutes

The council met Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in a public meeting.
Present were: Mayor: Ann Leppanen, Brant Murray, Luanne Hook, Linda Sosa and Jim Sayers

The meeting started at 6:00 p.m.
Sayers motioned to approve the Tuesday, November 6, 2018 minutes with several corrections. Murray seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

1.The Budget (Leppanen)

The Council 2019 Budget Hearing was held at 5:00 p.m., before the Council meeting. Leppanen presented the budget. Sayers moved to accept the budget with some modifications. Murray seconded. All voted in favor. Murray motioned to adopt the Tentative Budget Resolution for November 13, 2018 to June 30, 2019 and Sayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

2. Transfer Station, including Lease and its Conditions, Volunteers and Agreements, Training, Liability (Leppanen)

Leppanen has asked Kelly Pehrson to correct typos and verbiage in the County lease agreement. She wanted clarification of leaving the Transfer Station litter-free and notice requirements. He refused to change the timely manner of payment in 30 days clause. We would like to know the average cost for transporting and dumping the boxes, and how often they need to be emptied. Leppanen asked about whether it was realistic to take it over. The Town could incur debt and the County could do the land swap at any time. Murray said that the volunteers were going to be trained Thursday, November 15th at 1:00 p.m. He and Sayers suggested the possibility of delaying the start for the volunteers working for six weeks. We will have new commissioners then. Murray felt the volunteers were ready to go forward, though. Leppanen said that the liability insurance looks adequate and will get the policy to Pehrson and Kendal Laws. We want more information, the average costs and frequency of emptying the boxes. We will vote on this next meeting.

3. Community Development Block Grant (Sosa/Leppanen)

Sosa and Leppanen attended the SEUALG (Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments) training session in Monticello November 7th, so that the Council will be able to apply for grants and funding. Leppanen talked with Jocelyn and Dan Meyers about possibilities. They volunteered to do the paperwork to get the Town a DUN and

SAM number. Bluff is pre-approved by HUD to be able to apply for revenues because of income levels. We need to have a public meeting to see what the Town wants, write a grant, and have it in by January 31, 2019.

4. GRAMA

Sayers motioned to adopt a resolution to comply with the Utah GRAMA code. Murray seconded. All voted in favor. Sosa will be the Records Officer.

5. Letter to San Juan County School District (Hook)

Hook presented the letter she and Sayers drafted addressing safety issues and involvement of the Council in planning for the new school. They will make a few modifications, sign it, and mail it. Leppanen thanked them for their work.

6. Planning and Zoning Commission Letters of Intent

At next weeks' meeting the Council will vote on the Commission members. Several letters of intent have been received and some part-time residents are interested in helping in an advisory capacity.

7. Zions Bank Account for the Town (Murray)

Murray and Sosa opened the Town checking account. Leppanen and Sosa will sign checks.

Murray made a motion to accept the resolution to open and use Zions Bank, Leppanen seconded. All voted in favor.

8. Lyman Family Farms Petition to Disconnect from the Town of Bluff

Leppanen went over the outline of what the Council has done to date. She interviewed four land use experienced law firms on the phone, each time a Council member was present. She asked for prices and opinions. All four had experience with Bruce Baird, attorney for LFF. All concurred that if we voted no to disconnection, we would be sued. Leppanen moved to go into closed session at 7:07p.m. Sayers made the motion to go into closed session and Murray seconded. All voted in favor.

At 7:27 p.m. Sayers moved to end closed session and resume the public meeting, Murray seconded. All voted in favor.

Our public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, November 29, 2018. Hook made a motion to move forward and ask Chris McAnany from Dufford Waldeck Milburn & Krohn in Grand Junction to attend this hearing. Sayers seconded and all voted in favor. Leppanen motioned that she and another council member, if available, will call the other firms and explain our circumstances and thank them. Sayers seconded and all voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Joint Work Session with Bluff Service Area (Leppanen)

Leppanen is on the agenda to discuss working together with the BSA Wednesday, November 14, 2018.

2. Discussion with Willie Greyeyes (Hook/Leppanen)

Greyeyes is interested in working with us as we move forward. He would like to have some Commission meetings in different parts of the county so they are more accessible to the southern county members.

3. Update on Airport (Jim Hook)

This discussion was moved earlier in the agenda, after #1.

Hook, who has been airport manager for 30 years, gave the Council a handout, Report of Land Status & Options for the Town of Bluff chronicling the history of the airport and how it has been a great asset to Bluff. He has been talking to the BLM and County about the Town's options for the land. The BLM/County lease is up in 2022. We can:

- Do nothing, keep things as they are
- Work on a lease change so it would be in the Town name and we would pay \$758 annually
- Begin the process to Patent the land, which means we would own the land but it takes years to accomplish.

He recommended the second option.

He outlined funding sources and fees we could charge, such as tie-down fees.

Leppanen reminded the Council that the airport is in the Interlocal Agreement and we are on track with the lease option. There was enthusiastic support of changing the name to the Foushee Airport and Hook will find out how to do that. She thanked Hook for all his work and asked him to keep talking with the BLM and County for the Council.

Sayers moved to adjourn at 7:36

Linda Sosa Recording Officer