



**AGENDA - BLUFFDALE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
Thursday March 31, 2005 6:30 p.m.**

Notice is hereby given that the Bluffdale City Council will hold a special meeting Thursday, March 31, 2005, at the Bluffdale City Hall, 14175 South Redwood Road, Bluffdale, Utah scheduled to begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible.

**AGENDA:**

1. Roll Call.
2. Discussion and Vote Regarding Resolution No. 2005-08 Appointing Bluffdale City Justice Court Judge.
3. Closed Meeting Pursuant to § 52-4-5.
4. Adjournment.

**Dated this 29th day of March, 2005**

  
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**Teddie K. Bell, City Recorder**

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, March 31, 2005**

**Present:**

**Members:** Mayor Wayne Mortimer  
Craig Briggs  
Morris Clark  
Jesse Kelley  
Laurie Maxfield  
Martha Speed (arrived at 7:45 p.m.)

**Others:** Brent Bluth, Administrative Services Director  
Dale Gardiner, City Attorney  
Teddie Bell, City Recorder

Mayor Mortimer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Discussion and Vote Regarding Resolution No. 2005-08 Appointing Bluffdale City Justice Court Judge.**

Administrative Services Director, Brent Bluth, reported that the current City Judge, Judge Paulsen, would be leaving on an LDS mission to Australia in June. Accordingly, an ad was placed for a new justice court judge. A number of applications were received. Initial interviews were conducted on six candidates. At that time, the number was narrowed down to three candidates who were recommended to the Mayor. The Mayor conducted interviews and had a name to present to the Council. The chosen candidate was a Bluffdale City resident and a retired lieutenant from the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Reid Parkin introduced himself. He felt honored to have been nominated and was excited for the opportunity. He explained that his background was spent working for the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office and for the past several years he had worked in management and administration. He also had spent many years doing detective work. Mr. Parkin had been looking for opportunities to serve in the community. When the opening became available, he thought it would be a good opportunity for him to get involved. He reported that he had a Masters Degree and taught criminal justice and business management courses at local universities. He had been married for that past 22 years and he and wife were the parents of four sons.

Craig Briggs asked what qualifications were necessary to serve as a justice court judge. Mr. Parkin stated that the requirement was a minimum of a high school diploma, no serious criminal problems, and US citizenship. He thought being a Bluffdale resident was a plus since he had a feel for the needs of the community and the goals of the City.

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Council Member Briggs asked Mr. Parkin what role he believed public relations would play in serving as a judge. Mr. Parkin responded that he would bring an open dialogue to the City. He thought having a clear understanding of the justice process was important as well as effective communication. He described himself as being very public relations oriented. He explained that he had conducted mock trials and taught high school and had an awareness of justice.

Mayor Mortimer pointed out that Mr. Parkin had done a great deal of PR work with the Sheriff's Department and had worked on some high profile cases. Mr. Parkin stressed the importance of good communication in criminal relations. He explained that Utah's last known serial killer was convicted of four capital homicides. As a detective, he had the opportunity to put the cases together and was asked to serve on the prosecution team. He reported that he owned a communications firm and taught communication courses at the university. His belief was that the judicial system should be involved in the community.

Laurie Maxfield asked whether Mr. Parkin felt he would be biased since he had served as a police officer for the past two decades. He responded that the advantage of being involved in law enforcement was knowing the elements of the law and the procedures that law enforcement brings to the courts. He was taught as a young boy to have strong personal values and a good sense of fairness. He viewed himself as objective and someone that cares about people. On the other hand, Council Member Maxfield asked if he could take a strong hand. Mr. Parkin indicated that he could. Laurie Maxfield asked what he would do to help youth in the community who might be "teetering on the fencepost". Mr. Parkin explained that the reality was that people must be held accountable and fairness cannot be mistaken for firmness. He felt his duty as judge would be to weigh the individual circumstances and carry out the justice that is best suited for the sake of the community and the individual.

Jesse Kelley asked Mr. Parkin if he would have trouble upholding or applying a law he didn't like. Mr. Parkin explained that he doesn't make the laws but rather, makes decisions based on the burden of proof. He recognized that his job was to see that justice is done.

Craig Briggs asked Council Member Clark what criteria Mr. Parkin met. Morris Clark responded that primarily he wanted to bring the most capable, qualified person they could find to fill the position. Of the individuals he interviewed, many had no experience of sitting on the bench itself. He was looking for someone with good character that would act as a judge and not a legislator. He felt Mr. Parkin demonstrated the desired qualities the best.

Jesse Kelley wanted to see the law applied. City Attorney, Dale Gardiner, felt Mr. Parkin had experience that most judges don't have. In weighing the applicants, the Mayor explained that one had a little bit of experience as a lawyer and bankruptcy. Another had

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experience in liberal law. Brent Bluth remarked that the current justice court judge had been a judge for 13 years and was a salesman before that. He believed it was his character that made him a good judge. Mayor Mortimer weighed character, demeanor and morals. Jesse Kelley had worked with Mr. Parkin in youth programs and thought a great deal of him. He felt he could recommend Mr. Parkin to serve in the position. Morris Clark was also impressed with Mr. Parkin. He liked his determination to have a relationship with the City that is cohesive and communicative.

At the request of Council Member Clark, Mr. Parkin introduced his wife Tina.

In response to a question raised by Laurie Maxfield, Brent Bluth indicated that the current judge earns \$800 per month.

**Morris Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2005-08, a resolution appointing Justice of the Peace he it resolved by the City Council of the City of Bluffdale: that Reid Parkin be appointed to serve as Municipal Justice of the Peace of the City of Bluffdale to serve until the time indicated by his name, which is February 3, 2008. Craig Briggs seconded the motion. Vote on motion: Laurie Maxfield-Aye, Craig Briggs-Aye, Jesse Kelley-Aye, Morris Clark-Aye. The motion passed. Martha Speed was not present for the vote.**

The Mayor indicated that Mr. Parkin would attend a class prior to taking the bench to become certified.

**Closed Meeting Pursuant to § 52-4-5.**

**Morris Clark moved to go into a closed meeting pursuant to §52-4-5 to discuss personnel issues. Craig Briggs seconded the motion. Vote on motion: Laurie Maxfield-Aye, Craig Briggs-Aye, Jesse Kelley-Aye, Morris Clark-Aye. The motion passed. Martha Speed was not present for the vote.**

The Council was in closed session from 6:55 p.m. to 8:50 p.m.

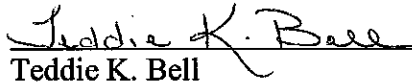
**Laurie Maxfield moved to close the closed meeting. Jesse Kelley seconded the motion. Vote on motion: Laurie Maxfield-Aye, Craig Briggs-Nay, Jesse Kelley-Nay, Morris Clark-Nay, Martha Speed-Abstained. The motion failed.**

**Morris Clark moved to close the closed session and reopen the public meeting. Laurie Maxfield seconded the motion. Vote on motion: Laurie Maxfield-Aye, Craig Briggs-Aye, Jesse Kelley-Aye, Morris Clark-Aye, Martha Speed-Aye. The motion passed.**

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**Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



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Teddie K. Bell  
City Recorder

Approved: April 12, 2005

**BLUFFDALE CITY COUNCIL  
CLOSED MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, March 31, 2005**

**Present:**

**Members:** Mayor Wayne Mortimer  
Craig Briggs  
Morris Clark  
Jesse Kelley  
Laurie Maxfield  
Martha Speed (arrived at 7:45 p.m.)

**Others:** Brent Bluth, Administrative Services Director  
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At 6:55 p.m. Mayor Mortimer called the meeting to order.

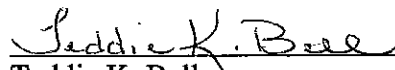
**Motion:** Morris Clark moved to go into a closed meeting pursuant to §52-4-5 to discuss personnel issues.

**Second:** Craig Briggs seconded the motion.

**Vote on Motion:** Laurie Maxfield-Aye, Morris Clark-Aye, Jesse Kelley-Aye, Craig Briggs-Aye. The motion passed. Martha Speed was not present for the vote.

Personnel issues were discussed.

The City Council returned to the City Council chambers to resume the open portion of the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

  
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