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Council's Chambers

Dear Citizens:

The hearing before the Utah Supreme Court on the Disconnect Case will be held December 5th at 9:00AM. We may not have a decision for a few months, but will let you know as soon as we get a ruling.

We are happy to report many good things are happening in Bluffdale City.

A new city planner has been hired and is now on staff at the city building on Redwood Road. His name is Vaughn R. Pickell. He was chosen from a list of very qualified applicants and we believe will serve our city well.

There have been some new hires in the public works department, as well as in the city office staffing. We are pleased with the quality of these new employees, and look forward to the contributions they will make to our city. We still have some important positions to fill and are working towards that end.

We would like to thank the public works department for preparing for the Christmas lighting ceremony that was held on Monday November 27th. This was coordinated by Heath Bateman of the Parks and Recreation department who is also a recent hire and is doing wonderful things for our city. There were refreshments and a special visit from Santa who arrived with lights and sirens blazing, in the new Bluffdale fire truck.

The council would like to wish the citizens and the employees of Bluffdale a very merry holiday season.

CITY CALENDAR DECEMBER, 2006

5 Planning Commission

(Work Session) 6:00 p.m.

12 Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

19 Planning Commission

Meeting 7 p.m.

25 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CITY OFFICES CLOSED

26 Council Meeting No Council Meeting.

NOTE: Council Meetings are held at 14175 South Redwood Road, unless otherwise designated. If work sessions are planned, the meetings are



Bluffdale City

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Council Member: Craig Briggs—254-7606
Council Member: Jesse Kelly—253-1810
Council Member: Nancy Lord—253-9110
Council Member: Bill Maxwell—562-4339
Council Member: Martha Speed—254-6581

City Manager: Brent Bluth—254-2200
City Recorder: Teddie Bell—254-2200
City Planner: Vaughn Pickell—858-0492
City Engineer: Brent Ventura, Horrocks
Engineering—858-0496
Public Works: Blain Dietrich—254-2200
Fire Department: Chief John Roberts—
858-0503
Court: Judge & Clerk—446-9219
Animal Control: Salt Lake County Animal
Services—269-7499

Emergency Fire or Police—911

Mayor's Corner Christmas 2006

That first Christmas in this valley our pioneer ancestors must have felt all the physical challenges of an emerging community. I believe their questions were much of the same we have today. How are we going to keep a safe environment for our families, will our kids get a good education, how will our city plan for all the families to move in, who will we elect to lead our city and can we count on our elected officials to protect our interests. A year ago I was elected as your Mayor. Citizens said to me "we need your strength and leadership. We need a change." That voice was loud and clear. When elected I had certain authorities to manage day-to-day operations, but to make things work, I had to make some changes. Accountability of the city to the citizen became my number one priority. I determined early on the city administrative services director who worked for the prior mayor was not going to fit into the new administration. My attempt to terminate this relationship was stopped by the City Council when they enacted a new ordinance to appoint this same person to be a City Manager and in subsequent council meetings took away all management authority from your mayor. I am disappointed that I no longer have the same ability to help the citizens of Bluffdale and my only hope would be for you to request the city recorder to put you on a mailing list to be advised of all meetings and copies of all decisions made by the Council so you can informed as to the truth of all things. This time of the year should be one of thanksgiving and joy, not one of discontent and bitterness. My hope for the New Year is that all Bluffdale citizens will again be part of the democratic process and will be given back the right to vote on the form of government that best represents them. From my home to yours, please

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE HOLIDAY.

Mayor Claudia Anderson



Don't Miss it!

UDOT REVIEWS ALTERNATIVES TO IMPROVE REDWOOD ROAD

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) is hosting an open house meeting to update the community on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for SR-68 (Redwood-Camp Williams Road) from Bangerter Highway through Saratoga Springs. We will be showing project alternatives that are being studied in the EA, provide a summary on what we heard during scoping and answer questions regarding the study. The meeting format will provide one-on-one opportunities to meet with the project team to review the proposed design and potential impacts. We invite you to attend one of the two meetings that best meets your location and schedule.

Bluffdale City
Wednesday, December 6, 2006
5:30 to 7:30 PM
Bluffdale Elementary School
14323 South 2700 West



And/Or



Saratoga Springs
Thursday, December 7, 2006
6:00 to 7:30 PM
Saratoga Shores Elementary School
1415 South Parkside Drive

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT — "PRIDE IN SERVICE"

The Public Works department would like to welcome our newest employee Newlyn Green to the Streets Department. Newlyn is a citizen of Bluffdale and enjoys working in our City. He has brought to our attention the need for the people who jog on City, County, and State roads, to please wear bright, reflective clothing and/or battery operated reflectors, this will reduce the chance of vehicle and pedestrian accidents. Thanks Newlyn.



STREET PARKING

During the winter months, The streets department would like to remind you that Bluffdale City has adopted Salt Lake County Ordinance (Ord. 1286 §§ 1, 2, 1994: Ord. 1099 § 3, 1990: prior code § 21-4-9) which reads, "No person shall park a vehicle on any street when it is snowing or snow is on the street during the months of November, December, January, February, March, and April." Please help the snow plow drivers maintain safe driving conditions during the winter months. Citizens can be cited for non compliance.

TRASH CANS

Please do not place your trash cans or recycle materials in the streets, alleyways or on the sidewalks if they might interfere with plowing, sweeping and other maintenance and they are a hazard to pedestrians and traffic. Please keep your trash carts behind the curb and off the sidewalk. Your cooperation is appreciated.

PREVENT FROZEN PIPES

Winter cold can mean frozen pipes and that could spell trouble if these frozen pipes spring a leak. The most susceptible are those pipes running through unheated areas such as crawl spaces or inside vanities on outside walls. If your pipes do freeze, try to determine the location of the frozen water. Use a hair dryer to thaw the pipes. Work slowly and do not use the highest heat. Never use a blowtorch, candle or anything else with an open flame to thaw pipes.

Some quick solutions to prevent pipes from freezing include:

- Try to keep the pipes warm. Open vanities under sinks and raise the temperature.
- If pipes leading to a particular faucet often freeze, turn on the cold tap so water trickles continuously during the extremely cold weather.
- Use insulating wraps for water pipes near outside walls or have a plumber move pipes vulnerable to the cold.
- To avoid frozen water meters, please make sure your lids are on properly secured and sealed tight.

If you have questions, feel free to call the Public Works department.

HOLIDAY LIGHTING FESTIVAL



Council Members Nancy Lord and Bill Maxwell light the Christmas Lights

On Monday, November 27, 2006 Bluffdale City held it's annual Holiday Lighting Festival. Despite the blowing snow and cold, a great time was had by all whom attended. The night was kicked off by City Council Members Nancy Lord and Bill Maxwell, turning on the Christmas lights. However, due to the snow and cold weather, the 'caroling hay rides' and the 'make and take' craft had to be cancelled. The highlight of the night was the visit from Santa. He spent the remainder of the night with the children laughing and enjoying the evening. All children brave enough to sit on Santa's knee received a free Polaroid picture. Blain Dietrich, Public Works Manager stated, "We look forward to making this event bigger and better each year and we encourage all citizens of Bluffdale to come out to the event next year."

OPERATION: WE LOVE OUR SOLDIERS



Salt Lake County is continuing it's partnership with Operation: WE LOVE OUR SOLDIERS, and Library services will be participating by providing drop-off points for donations in all of our libraries. Look for drop-off bins and signs for donations at your neighborhood library branch.