



Notice is hereby given that the Bluffdale City Council will hold a meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at Bluffdale City Hall, 2222 West 14400 South, Bluffdale, Utah. The meeting will begin at **6:00 PM** or as soon thereafter as possible. This meeting will also be broadcast live to the public at: www.bluffdale.gov. The public may comment at the meeting or by emailing comments to councilmeetingcomment@bluffdale.gov by **4:00 PM** the day of the meeting. Emailed comments will be submitted to the City Council but will not be read at the meeting. Notice is further given that access to this meeting by the City Council may be by electronic means.

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BLUFFDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING 6:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order:** (Roll Call, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance*).
2. **Minute and Agenda Approval:**
 - 2.1 February 11, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes.
 - 2.2 Approval of this meeting's agenda.
3. **Mayor and Council Reports:**
4. **Presentation Items:**
 - 4.1 Recognition of Sterling Scholars from Summit High and Riverton High Schools. (*Presenter, Mayor Hall*)
5. **Public Comment:** (This is a time and place for any person who wishes to comment on items *not* scheduled on the agenda for public hearing. Any person or group wishing to comment on any item not otherwise scheduled for public hearing on the agenda may address the City Council at this point by stepping to the microphone and giving his or her name for the record or by emailing councilmeetingcomment@bluffdale.gov. Comments should be limited to not more than three (3) minutes unless additional time is authorized by the Chair. Groups wishing to comment will be asked to appoint a spokesperson. Items brought forward to the attention of the City Council will be turned over to staff to provide a response outside of the City Council meeting.)
6. **Consent Agenda:** (These items are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by a single motion. If discussion is desired on any particular consent item, that item may be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately. No public comment will be permitted.)
 - 6.1 **Resolution 2026-12-** A Resolution authorizing the execution of a cooperative agreement between Bluffdale City and the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands for protecting non-federal land from wildland fire.
7. **Action or Discussion Items; Items Continued from Previous Meeting:** (These items are considered by the City Council individually. No public comment will be permitted.)

None.
8. **Public Hearing Items:** (Public comments must abide by the requirements listed above).

8.1 **Ordinance 2026-01-** An Ordinance amending Chapter 9.10.020 related to the adoption of the Wildland Urban Interface Building Standards. (*Presenter, Fred Donaldson*)

9. **Staff Reports, Additional Council Discussion, and Calendaring Items:**

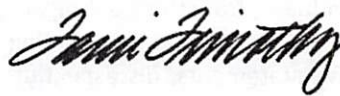
10. **Closed Meetings** - if any: (This meeting will be closed to the public for one of the stated purposes found in Utah Code § 52-4-205(1), which is usually for one of the following purposes: discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; discuss collective bargaining; discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation; discuss the purchase, exchange, sale, or lease of real property, including water rights or water shares).

11. **Adjournment.**

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

I hereby certify that the foregoing notice and agenda is posted at the Bluffdale City Hall, on the City's website (www.bluffdale.gov) and posted on the Utah State Public Notice website (www.pmn.utah.gov).

Published and posted on **February 20, 2026.**



Tami Timothy
City Recorder

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*Contact the City Recorder if you desire to give the Invocation or lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Present:

City Council: Natalie Hall, Mayor
 Wendy Aston
 Steve Austin
 Alan Lord
 Mackey Smith
 Greg Wilding

Staff: Bruce Kartchner, City Manager
 Fred Donaldson, City Attorney
 Tami Timothy, City Recorder
 Stephanie Thayer, Administrative Services Director
 Grant Crowell, Community and Economic Development Dir
 Caitlin Tubbs, Planning Manager
 Amanda Luker, Communications Specialist
 Matt Evans, Fire Chief
 Bart Barton, Emergency Manager
 Sgt. Hamer, Police Department
 Courtney Peterson, AV Tech

BLUFFDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

All members of the City Council were present.

Julia Jones offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Minutes and Agenda Approval.

2.1 February 11, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes.

2.2 Approval of this Meeting's Agenda.

Council Member Austin moved to APPROVE the City Council Meeting Minutes and meeting Agenda, as presented. Council Member Aston seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Council.

3. Mayor and Council Reports.

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Mayor Hall reported on the following:

- She and the City Council have spent many weeks at the State Capitol watching bills that would affect the City. Over 900 bills are in process, and there were only seven days left in the Legislative Session.
- She is excited about the Miss Bluffdale Scholarship Pageant. Several students from Riverton High and Summit Academy High School are participating. She had the opportunity to meet with everyone the previous Saturday. They are learning how to write resumes and interview, as well as participating in service projects. She also attended a tea party with the Little Miss Bluffdale contestants. The pageants focus on getting youth involved in the community.
- She hopes everyone has visited the three new businesses in the City. Mil's Café serves breakfast and lunch, and Snelgrove Ice Cream is next door. Mo' Bettahs is also now open.
- She is a member of the Utah Transit Authority ("UTA") Advisory Committee. Legislators are disassembling the current UTA Board, and she will no longer be on that committee as of June.
- In celebration of the nation's 250th birthday, a Constitution Bowl was held that week. There were several adult teams and a lot of participation in the elementary division. Her team beat the teachers from Summit Academy. It was fun to learn more about the constitution and encourage the City's youth to study and learn.
- She attended the Conference of Mayors to discuss local issues in Salt Lake County and how cities can come together to make things happen for their residents and businesses.
- The South Valley Interfaith Council also met to discuss ways to better the community.
- "The SpongeBob Musical" will be at Hidden Valley Middle School beginning Friday, February 27.

Council Member Smith reported on the following:

- He enjoyed attending the ribbon cuttings for the three new restaurants. He has already been to Mil's Café a few times for breakfast. It is great to see people invest and find success in the community.

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- He attended the Utah League of Cities and Towns ("ULCT") Legislative Policy Committee ("LPC") meetings at the Capitol. Mayor Hall and City Manager, Bruce Kartchner work very hard for Bluffdale, as do the City's lobbying team and local representatives.
- He attended the Planning Commission Meeting and listened to residents' thoughts on draft ordinances for shipping containers and new zones. He thanked them for their comments.
- He attended the Regional Transportation Plan update meeting with Council Member Aston. The focus was on Utah County, and they asked leaders from Saratoga Springs, Eagle Mountain, and Lehi about their road priorities. He and Council Member Aston brought up Porter Rockwell Boulevard and Redwood Road to address the needs of Bringham Station residents. They also discussed the need for more transportation between Saratoga Springs and Lehi to mitigate issues with people commuting through Bluffdale.
- He appreciated all of the residents who have reached out and helped him learn more about the City's unique neighborhoods.

Council Member Lord reported on the following:

- He has been following the Legislative Session and reached out to legislators on several issues. He encouraged citizens to also contact them with questions or comments on pending legislation.
- Utah Department of Transportation ("UDOT") recently announced an east-west freeway expansion. The City has major traffic issues on Redwood Road and Porter Rockwell Boulevard.
- He attended the ribbon cuttings and encouraged everyone to visit the new restaurants.
- A lot of residents have contacted him to discuss their concerns. He always enjoys visiting with citizens and hearing their opinions.

Council Member Wilding reported on the following:

- He expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to fight for Bluffdale's interests at the State Capitol. He thanked City Attorney, Fred Donaldson and Mr. Kartchner for their hard work in taking care of the City. The Council and Staff care deeply about the City.

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- He enjoyed the Planning Commission meeting. He also has spoken with several citizens about the proposed ordinances and appreciates their input.

Council Member Aston reported on the following:

- Other Council Members had already spoken about the events and meetings she attended, so she ceded her time to Council Member Austin.

Council Member Austin reported on the following:

- He attended the Planning Commission meeting and was very impressed by the number of residents who attended. He was grateful for their participation, as well as the Commissioners' thoughtful questions and consideration.
- He attended the Bluffdale Arts Advisory Board meeting. They are excited about "The SpongeBob Musical". Performances will continue through March 7.
- The South Valley Chamber of Commerce Board met earlier that day. He encouraged all business owners to join the Chamber.
- He encourage everyone to support local businesses.

4. Presentation Items.

4.1 Recognition of Sterling Scholars from Summit High and Riverton High Schools. (Presenter, Mayor Hall)

Mayor Hall thanked the Sterling Scholars for taking the time to attend. It is important to recognize their hard work and contribution to their school and community. She invited the students to introduce themselves and share about their Sterling Scholar experience.

Scott Sweat is the Riverton High School Business Sterling Scholar. It is an awesome opportunity to showcase his skills and what he has learned. He did both Distributive Education Clubs of America ("DECA") and Future Business Leaders of America ("FBLA") and is considering attending Brigham Young University.

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Aubrey Drussel is the Riverton High School English Sterling Scholar. She has made it to the semi-finals and will learn if she made it to finals next week. Her passion is journalism, and she is the editor in chief of the school paper.

Jack Troester is the Summit Academy Computer Technology Sterling Scholar. He is passionate about Google websites like Sheets and Docs. He plans to major in physical therapy at Utah Valley University and hopes to use his technical leadership skills in that field.

Walker Booth is the Summit Academy Business and Marketing Sterling Scholar. He loves being able to demonstrate his leadership skills on the student council and as a producer for the school's videocast. He will be pursuing a degree in television broadcasting at the University of Utah.

Addison Lanier is the Summit Academy English Sterling Scholar. She had her semi-final interview earlier that day. She loves writing fiction and is currently writing her 13th book. She hopes to publish them and give back to the craft that has helped her learn and grow. She writes fantasy and adventure novels.

Rebecca Bush is the Summit Academy Dance Sterling Scholar. The experience has helped her become a better leader and communicate with other people. Her favorite type of dance is cheer.

Mckinlee Pearson is the Summit Academy Family and Consumer Science Sterling Scholar. She loves working with families and will be attending Utah Tech University.

Edson Jones is the Summit Academy Math Sterling Scholar. He loves learning about how things work and sharing that information with others. He is excited to attend Brigham Young University as a math major.

Oscar Ibanez is the Summit Academy Skilled and Technical Sciences Sterling Scholar. He has a passion for photography, videography, and graphic design and is very involved in the school's yearbook and announcements. He has also made highlight videos for athletes to share with scouts. After completing a plumbing apprenticeship at Mountainland Technical College, he plans to attend the University of Utah.

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Madison Blaisdell is the Summit Academy Social Sciences Sterling Scholar. She is passionate about social issues and uncovering their roots to find potential solutions. She hopes to use that knowledge to solve complex problems and improve the lives of others. She had not yet decided on a school.

Samantha Farnsworth is the Summit Academy Visual Arts Sterling Scholar. She loves all visual arts but just began taking classes and was surprised at the nomination. She plans to major in sports broadcasting at Brigham Young University.

Scotlyn Bradley is the Summit Academy World Language Sterling Scholar. She has studied German for 12 years as well as Spanish. She loves learning languages.

Louden Self is the Summit Academy Theatre Sterling Scholar. He has been involved in theater since he was three years old and is currently acting in his 20th production as Jon Valjean in *Les Misérables*. He was accepted into Southern Utah University with a partial scholarship.

Photographs were taken with the City Council.

5. Public Comment.

Mayor Hall opened the Public Comment period. There were no comments. The Public Comment period was closed.

6. Consent Agenda.

6.1 Resolution 2026-12- A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Cooperative Agreement between Bluffdale City and the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands for Protecting Non-Federal Land from Wildland Fire.

Council Member Aston moved to APPROVE the Consent Agenda. Council Member Austin seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Council.

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7. Action or Discussion Items; Continued from Previous Meeting.

7.1 None.

8. Public Hearing Items.

8.1 Ordinance 2026-01 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.10.020 Related to the Adoption of the Wildland Urban Interface Building Standards. (Presenter, Fred Donaldson).

Mr. Donaldson reported that as part of the Utah Cooperative Wildfire System, the City is required to adopt building standards “consistent with the 2006 edition of the Wildland Urban Interface (“WUI”) Code issued by the International Code Council and with the alternatives or amendments approved by the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands and subsequent amendments thereof.” This code will be administered by the Building Official and apply to construction in high hazard WUI areas.

In response to a question raised by Mayor Hall, Mr. Donaldson reported that a public hearing is required because the item is a land use ordinance change.

Mayor Hall opened the public hearing period. There were no comments. The public hearing was closed.

In response to a question raised by Council Member Austin, Mr. Donaldson stated that the only WUI area in the City is a small area near Bringhurst Station, and it is not a high hazard zone. There are currently no areas in Bluffdale that will fall under the ordinance, but it must be adopted in order to participate in the program. The State is considering adopting an updated version of WUI Code, which will be automatically updated in City Code and not require an amendment.

Council Member Wilding moved to APPROVE Ordinance 2026-01 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.10.020 Related to the Adoption of the Wildland Urban Interface Building Standards. Council Member Austin seconded the motion. Vote on Motion: Council Member Wilding-Yes, Council Member Smith-Yes, Council Member Lord-Yes,

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Council Member Austin-Yes, Council Member Aston-Yes. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Council.

9. Staff Reports, Additional Council Discussion, and Calendaring Items.

City Manager, Bruce Kartchner reported that the City Council had requested a joint meeting with the Planning Commission to discuss potential zone changes and asked if the Council would like to set the meeting for April 15 or postpone it indefinitely.

Council Member Wilding stated that he did not see a need to meet with the Planning Commission but would like the City Council to discuss it again.

Council Member Smith stated that if another joint session is scheduled, they should first identify goals for the meeting. He believes they had a very comprehensive discussion during the last joint meeting. He is not opposed to another meeting but also believes the Council can continue the conversation without the Planning Commission.

Council Member Lord was in favor of adding the item to a Council agenda.

Council Member Austin stated that the Planning Commission discussed some key issues, so it might be beneficial to have another joint meeting.

Council Member Aston stated that she was not opposed to a joint meeting but did not feel it was necessary. The Planning Commission does a very good job, but they serve in an advisory capacity and the Council must make the decision. She was in favor of discussing the item at a City Council meeting.

In response to a question raised by Council Member Lord, City Recorder, Tami Timothy stated that she will forward the draft Planning Commission meeting minutes to the Council.

It was decided that the item will be discussed at a March 11 Work Session. The meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m.

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Mr. Kartchner reported that an Emergency Preparedness Neighborhood Section Leader Meeting will be held on March 3 at 6:00 p.m. There have been a number of issues in the City where that communication system was used. He encouraged everyone who is not already involved to reach out to Emergency Manager, Bart Barton and become a section leader. When the system works well, it helps both the City and residents. Mayor Hall added that meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month and last less than an hour. It is a quick, effective, efficient meeting. The ham radio club meets immediately after.

In response to a question raised by Council Member Wilding, Mr. Kartchner stated that the list of section leaders can be made available to the Council. The list is not public and should not be shared.

The Healthy Bluffdale Coalition's "Screenagers" will have an elementary-aged showing on March 7. There will also be an American250 quilting bee on March 14.

Mr. Kartchner expressed his appreciation for the Council Members who had taken time to attend LPC meetings.

Council Member Lord stated that the Healthy Bluffdale Coalition will hold a key leader orientation on March 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Mayor Hall stated that personal invitations to the event were sent via email.

10. Closed Meeting – If Any.

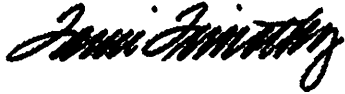
There was no Closed Meeting.

11. Adjournment.

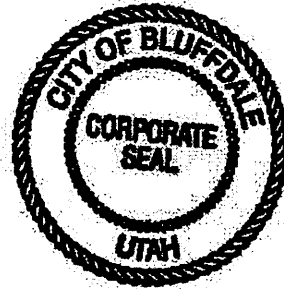
Council Member Aston moved to ADJOURN. Council Member Austin seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Council.

The Regular Business Meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.

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Tami Timothy, UCC
City Recorder



Approved: 03-11-2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Bluffdale City Council on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at Bluffdale City Hall, 2222 W 14400 S, which will begin at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible for the purpose of receiving public comment on an Ordinance amending Chapter 9.10.020 related to the adoption of the Wildland Urban Interface Building Standards. City of Bluffdale, Applicant. Fred Donaldson, staff presenter.

In addition to attendance at the City Council meeting, if you have any comments or concerns, there are several additional ways to participate:

1. **View** meeting on the City's website at www.bluffdale.com.
2. **Email** your comments to councilmeetingcomment@bluffdale.com for the City Council and include "Wildland" in the subject line of the email.
3. **Mailed** written comments will also be accepted. Please mail to the following:

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c/o Fred Donaldson
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