

**CITY OF COQUILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 2008**

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Steve Britton, Councilor E.N. "Corky" Daniels, Loran Wiese, Linda Short, Fran Capehart and Bruce Parker.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Terence O'Connor, Police Chief Dannels, Library Director Anne Conner, Finance Director Dufner, and Deputy Recorder Rene Collins

PRESS: The World, Coquille Community News, Coquille Valley Sentinel, KCBY

AUDIENCE: A roster of those present is on file in the City Recorder's Office

1. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Britton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR VACANT COUNCIL SEAT

Mayor Britton said the following people submitted letters of interest for the vacant Council position

Matthew Muenchrath
Nikole Graham
John Spencer
Dian Courtright
Amanda Davidson

It was determined by Council that each person would have 30 minutes to answer the questions to be asked.

Council determined question #14, #9 and #7 would be eliminated, with a total of 11 questions remaining to be asked.

Mayor Britton said the same questions would be asked of applicants with a time limit of 30 minutes. Candidates will draw a number to determine the order in which they will be interviewed. Candidates will be sequestered in the upstairs conference room until their interview time so as not to provide any candidate with an advantage in respect to the questions being asked. The candidates may then remain in council chambers after their interview. Candidates will complete a profile form prior to interview questions, which will provide some basic information to Council. Mayor Britton reminded the audience that this is a City Council process and not a public hearing and there will be no questions taken from the public for either Council or the candidates.

Eldon Rollins, 995 N. Folsom, asked City Council if this appointment is to fill the rest of the year or a 4-year term. Mayor Britton said it will be a 4 year term beginning at the January 5, 2009 Council Meeting. Mr. Rollins asked what Council's interpretation of the residence requirements in the charter is. Mayor Britton said that the applicant would have had to live here the entire 12 months previous to the election.

Philippa Benson, 342 E Third St, asked if Council will vote today. Mayor Britton said that would be done at the January Council Meeting.

The interviews started at 7:15 p.m.

Amanda Davidson was the first applicant to be interviewed.
John Spencer was the second applicant to be interviewed.
Matthew Muenchrath was the third applicant.

Dian Courtright was the fourth applicant.
Nikole Graham was the fifth applicant.

The interviews were concluded at 8:50 p.m.
Mayor Britton said all the applicants were all great and thanked them for submitting a letter of interest. He asked the citizens attending to give their thoughts on their choices to Council.

The Mayor said the selection will be made at the January 5th Council meeting.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Britton adjourned the Council Meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Mayor, Steve Britton

ATTEST: _____
Deputy Recorder