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**Minutes of the
Special Bountiful City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
January 6, 2014, 12 Noon**

6 Present: Mayor: Joe L. Johnson
7 Mayor-elect: Randy Lewis
8 Council Members: Richard Higginson, Beth Holbrook, John Marc Knight,
9 Fred Moss and Thomas Tolman
10 Council Members-elect: Kendalyn Harris, John Pitt
11 City Manager: Gary Hill
12 City Attorney: Russell Mahan
13 City Engineer: Paul Rowland
14 Admin. Services Director: Galen Rasmussen
15 City Recorder: Kim J. Coleman
16 Department Heads: Allen Johnson, Power
17 Gary Blowers, Streets
18 Shannon Cottam, Human Resources
19 Kent McComb, Golf Pro
20 Tom Ross, Police
21 Mark Slagowski, Water
22 Alan West, Info Tech
23 Jerry Wilson, Parks
24 Recording Secretary: Nancy Lawrence

26 Official Notice of this meeting had been given by posting a written notice of same and an
27 Agenda at the City Hall and providing copies to the following newspapers of general circulation:
28 Davis County Clipper, Standard Examiner, and on the Utah Public Notice Website.
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30 Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m., and welcomed those in attendance.
31 At the request of Mayor Johnson, those in attendance recognized the birthday of Councilwoman
32 Holbrook by singing “Happy Birthday” to her. Jack Myers, grandson of Mayor Johnson and
33 visiting Boy Scout, led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Former Mayor John Cushing offered
34 the prayer/thought.
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36 Councilman Tolman shared thoughts regarding his past twelve years as a councilman, noting
37 that when he was sworn in twelve years ago, he was close in age to the older trees in the City park –
38 and he remains still “one of the oldest”. He said it has been a wonderful privilege to serve the
39 citizens. His father worked for the City Water Department for 35 years, his great-great grandfather,
40 Thomas Briggs, served as a Bountiful councilman (1892) and his great-great grandfather Joseph
41 Holbrook was Bountiful’s first mayor. He thanked “Mayor Joe”, the other councilmembers and the
42 staff for the great working relationship which they had and expressed the hope that he had done
43 something to make the city better and safer. It was noted that he organized the Bountiful Historical
44 Commission.
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46 Councilman Moss said “It has been an honor and privilege to serve the people of Bountiful
47 for 12 years.” He expressed appreciation to the Mayor, Council and staff for the working
48 relationship which he enjoyed and said that he would miss repeating the Pledge of Allegiance to the
49 flag at the meetings. He said he will do what he can to continue to serve the City and was thankful

1 for the opportunity to become educated and gain a better understanding of City government. He
2 said he hoped all citizens would be more involved – including the privilege of voting. He
3 complimented Councilpersons Pitt and Harris on their successful campaigns and encouraged all to
4 rally around them and give them support.

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6 Mayor Johnson asked his wife, LaVon, to give a few comments and she expressed
7 appreciation for the opportunity they have had to serve the City. She stated that she felt Joe has
8 been a good mayor and thanked the many residents who have sent letters and notes of appreciation.
9 Mayor Johnson expressed appreciation to all that he has worked with—staff, elected officials, and
10 residents and his colleagues at work, and noted that it was heartwarming to have made many new
11 friends during his twelve years of service. He said he is optimistic about the future of the City and
12 used the example of geese flying in formation as a model for giving and receiving support. He said
13 that he will “stay in formation” as he continues to enjoy the great City of Bountiful.

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15 Mr. Coleman administered the Oath of Office to Randy Lewis (Mayor), Kendalyn Harris
16 (City Council) and John Pitt (City Council). The outgoing officials left the podium and the new
17 officials took their official places. At this time Shawna Andrus presented Mayor Johnson with a
18 scrapbook which included all news articles related to him and his service since his election 12 years
19 ago. Councilmen Tolman and Moss were each presented with a plaque, and Mayor Johnson was
20 presented with a replica of the gavel which he had used the past 12 years.

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22 Mayor Lewis expressed appreciation to the outgoing officials for their dedicated, wonderful
23 service. He noted the many years of service and institutional knowledge and thanked each for their
24 individual contributions. It was noted that Mayor Johnson was the longest serving mayor in the
25 history of Bountiful.

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27 Councilman Higginson said that it had been a privilege to serve with the three out-going
28 officials and noted that the relationship was like being in a family. He expressed appreciation for
29 the orderly manner in which officials switched places, and for the opportunity to work together in
30 friendship and service.

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32 Councilman Knight thanked the out-going officials for their service and said that it was a
33 pleasure to work with them. He pointed out that Bountiful was recognized as one of the best cities
34 in the State and credited that reputation to the staff and elected officials.

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36 Councilwoman Holbrook paid tribute to the officials leaving office and said that she was
37 proud to be a part of the continuing electorate of the City. She referred to Councilman Moss’s
38 amazing ability to explore and solve problems and to Councilman Tolman’s historical presence in
39 the City.

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41 Councilman Pitt thanked his family and friends who have worked with him during the
42 election and said that he was anxious to return to office and serve the residents of Bountiful. He
43 commented on the dignity of the recent campaign and pledged to always remember that friendship
44 is more important than politics.

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46 Councilwoman Harris thanked her husband and children for their support during the

1 campaign and expressed appreciation individually to Mayor Johnson and Councilman Moss, and
2 pledged to work hard as she assumes her new duties.
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4 Mayor Lewis said that he is looking forward to working with the Council and staff. He said
5 that he is very impressed with the employees of the City and challenged them and the elected
6 officials to focus on teamwork for the next 100 days. He thanked his family for their support and
7 expressed appreciation for them. He closed his remarks by stating: "I love Bountiful. Let's go to
8 work".
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10 The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m. on a motion made by Councilwoman Holbrook and
11 seconded by Councilman Higginson. Voting was unanimous with Councilpersons Harris,
12 Higginson, Holbrook, Knight, and Pitt voting "aye".
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18 RANDY LEWIS, Mayor
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21 KIM J. COLEMAN, City Recorder
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