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Minutes of the
BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL

January 14, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Randy Lewis
Councilmembers Millie Segura Bahr, Kate Bradshaw, Kendalyn Harris,
Richard Higginson, Chris Simonsen
City Manager Gary Hill
City Engineer Lloyd Cheney
City Planner Francisco Astorga
City Attorney Clinton Drake
Asst. City Manager Galen Rasmussen
Police Chief Tom Ross
City Recorder Shawna Andrus
Parks Director Brock Hill
Assistant City Engineer Todd Christensen
Recording Secretary Maranda Hilton
Utah State House Rep. Ray Ward
Utah State House Rep. Melissa Ballard
Utah State Senator Todd Weiler

23 Official notice of the City Council Meeting was given by posting an Agenda at the temporary
24 City Hall locations (805 South and 150 North Main Street) and on the Bountiful City Website and the
25 Utah Public Notice Website and by providing copies to the following newspapers of general
26 circulation: Davis County Clipper and Standard Examiner.
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Work Session– 6:00 p.m.
South Davis Metro Fire Station Conference Room

31 Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. He
32 welcomed the representatives from the State Legislature and thanked them for being in attendance.
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**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – REPRESENTATIVE MELISSA BALLARD,
REPRESENTATIVE RAY WARD & SENATOR TODD WEILER**

36 Representative Ward gave an update on the upcoming legislative session and said that Utah is
37 looking good economically and the budget is looking good as well. He mentioned the new tax bill
38 that was recently passed and that signatures are being collected to try and put it to a citizen’s
39 initiative, which means things are still unsettled at the moment, but they will know what’s happening
40 with that by the time the session starts. He talked about the renewable energy portfolio update he’s
41 been working on, and also a bill that will help make health insurance for kids more accessible in Utah
42 (right now Utah is 41st in the nation).

43 Representative Ballard said she has been excited to see so much collaboration between the
44 legislature and civic and community entities. She said the budget appropriations committee is doing
45 an excellent job finding areas of overspending and correcting those things. She talked about a bill that
46 will get all charter and public schools on the same financial information system which will save the
47 state \$75,000 for every \$1million spent. She is also working on a water bill that will hold

1 municipalities accountable for their water loss.

2 Senator Weiler said he's working on a bill that will allow the courts the option of replacing
3 juvenile court judges with district court judges as they retire. He also explained that with the new tax
4 reform, cities do not get any extra tax revenue from the increase in food tax or the increase in gas tax.
5 They will, however, receive revenue from the taxing of services like Netflix, etc. He also explained
6 that if enough verifiable signatures are turned in by next Tuesday, January 21, and if they stick, then
7 that will put a halt to the entire proposed state budget because it is based on the addition of that new
8 tax revenue.

9 Mr. Gary Hill expressed his concern about the things happening in California with PG&E and
10 how to protect Bountiful's power utility from a similar fate. He sees a growing trend of government
11 immunity being stripped away and that is a cause of concern. Senator Weiler said that one of his
12 primary goals is to make sure Utah doesn't become like California and being subject to the issues it is
13 currently facing. He feels Utah isn't anywhere close to that line. Representative Ward admitted that
14 it's a tough issue – for example, who takes responsibility if something bad happens when lines are
15 running through hot, dry forests? He said utilities just need to make sure they are doing things
16 correctly and staying on top of repairs. Senator Weiler said he is surprised at the number of people he
17 hears talking about decreasing government immunity and thanked the Council for their service,
18 saying he knows how tough it can be.

19 Representative Ballard said she is excited about the prospect of hydrogen power becoming
20 more widely available and used.

21 The Mayor thanked all the legislators for being at the meeting tonight and for their work on
22 behalf of the City. He excused them from the remainder of the meeting.

23 Mr. Hill took a minute to educate the Council about a few more potential issues to keep an eye
24 on. Specifically a group of builders that are pushing for criminal penalties for Councilmembers who
25 purposely vote against items that the builders feel they should not vote against and for some
26 automatic rezoning laws. Obviously if these things get passed they would have a large impact on the
27 City. He also mentioned a water metering bill that he said "is going to keep coming back" especially
28 with the high population growth and the scarcity of water. Councilwoman Bradshaw added that there
29 are several other water themed bills about water banking, watershed quality management, etc., so
30 water is a big issue right now.

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32 **COUNCIL RETREAT AGENDA REVIEW – MR. GARY HILL**

33 Mr. Hill explained that the agenda for the upcoming Council Retreat is not finalized yet, but
34 that they should have it soon. He asked for suggestions about where to go to dinner on Thursday
35 night and the Council agreed that going to Robintino's would be a good show of support for the
36 recent reopening of the restaurant.

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38 The work session was closed at 6:52 p.m.

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40 **Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**
41 **South Davis Metro Fire Station Conference Room**

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43 Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., and welcomed those in attendance;
44 especially thanking the County Commissioners and former Mayor Joe Johnson for being there.

45 Mr. Tom Tolman led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Chad Gardner from the Orchard Stake,

1 offered a prayer.
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4 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

5 The public comment section was opened at 7:06 p.m.
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7 David Irvine (2041 Mapleview Drive) thanked Councilman John Marc Knight for his many
8 years of faithful service to our community.
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10 The public comment section was closed at 7:08 p.m.
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12 **APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD DECEMBER 10, 2019**

13 Councilman Higginson made a motion to approve the minutes from December 10 and
14 Councilwoman Bradshaw seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw,
15 Harris, Higginson and Simonsen voting “aye”.
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17 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

18 Councilman Higginson none

19 Millie Segura Bahr none

20 Councilwoman Harris welcomed the new Councilmember, and reported that the
21 TedXBountiful event scheduled for February 1st is already sold out and she expects it will be a
22 wonderful event.

23 Councilman Simonsen announced several upcoming events being organized by the Bountiful
24 Service Council, April 16 will be the “Great Utah Shakeout”, July 17 will be the “Handcart Days”
25 celebration (earlier than usual, so make note), March 25 there will be a concert of the USAF Band,
26 and March 21 will be the Utah Food Drive. He also said if anyone wants to volunteer or participate in
27 any of these events please let him know and we can arrange it.

28 Councilwoman Bradshaw expressed appreciation for the Bountiful PD who allowed her to go
29 on a “ride-along” and learn more about what they do to protect and serve in the City. She also
30 thanked City water crews who worked tirelessly through the night when a water main broke on 400
31 North.
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33 **BCYC REPORT**

34 Abbey Neilson (Viewmont HS) said the BCYC would attend a leadership conference in
35 March and they are excited to hear speakers and meet other youth councils from around Utah.

36 Grace Klobberdanz (Viewmont HS) said the BCYC will have the opportunity to go to the State
37 Capital next month and talk to the representatives and learn more about the process of bills being
38 passed during the legislative session.
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40 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF:**

41 **a. WEEKLY EXPENDITURES >\$1,000 PAID DECEMBER 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2019**

42 **b. NOVEMBER 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT**

43 Councilwoman Harris made a motion to approve the weekly expenditures and the November
44 Financial Report and Councilman Higginson seconded the motion. The motion passed with
45 councilmembers Bradshaw, Harris, Higginson and Simonsen voting “aye”.
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1 **SWEARING IN OF RECENTLY ELECTED OFFICIALS – COUNCILWOMAN MILLIE**
2 **SEGURA BAHR, COUNCILWOMAN KATE BRADSHAW AND COUNCILMAN RICHARD**
3 **HIGGINSON**

4 Recently elected City Councilmembers Millie Segura Bahr, Kate Bradshaw, and Richard
5 Higginson were sworn in by City Recorder, Shawna Andrus.
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7 **RECOGNITION OF RETIRING COUNCILMAN JOHN MARC KNIGHT**

8 The Mayor gave each of the Councilmembers time to share thoughts about John Marc Knight.
9 Each one expressed their appreciation for his years of service and for the kind of person he is. He was
10 noted for his ability to be very direct and to-the-point, for his passion about the issues he voted on
11 over the years, for his great love for the City of Bountiful and its leaders, for his kindness, dedication
12 and integrity, and for his colorful language at times. Many Councilmembers also mentioned Mr.
13 Knight’s wife, Denise, in their appreciative words, noting that she was such a wonderful support to
14 them and that she was always part of the team.

15 Mrs. Denise Knight remarked that she is very proud of her husband and the decisions he made
16 while on the Council. She said he was very passionate about the issues and always contemplated and
17 studied them so he could do his best. She said it was an honor for her to serve alongside all of the
18 other Councilmembers and said the Knight’s will always have their back.

19 Mr. Knight was presented with a plaque commemorating his years of service and with a letter
20 from the Mayor. He then stood and offered some remarks. He shared lessons he learned during his
21 time in service and also reflected on the many things that were accomplished in the City while he was
22 in office. He mentioned Centerpointe Legacy Theater, the Brickyard Bark Park and Creekside Park
23 all being approved and built, the success of the recycling program and deer relocation program, the
24 relocations of the Bountiful History Museum and the Bountiful Davis Arts Center to Main Street, and
25 extending the RDA fund for 20 years allowing tens of millions of dollars to come to Bountiful to
26 improve and beautify the City. He thanked the current Councilmembers, Mayor Lewis, Gary Hill, Joe
27 Johnson, Tom Hardy, Tom Tolman, Scott Meyer, Beth Holbrook, John Pitt, Fred Moss, Chief Tom
28 Ross, Jerry Wilson, Gary Blowers, Allen Johnson, and Shawna Andrus for their dedication and
29 support throughout the years of serving together. He said he is so proud of Bountiful and what has
30 been accomplished. His final piece of advice to the Council was to never make a decision based on
31 how it will affect their election results. He thanked his family for all their support and love, and told
32 Councilwoman Bahr that now it was her turn to start her list of accomplishments.
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34 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS – MR. FRANCISCO**
35 **ASTORGA**

36 a. **MR. LYNN JACOBS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

37 b. **MR. SCOTT SCHLEGEL TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

38 Mr. Francisco Astorga recommended Mr. Lynn Jacobs be appointed to the Planning
39 Commission, saying his background in transportation engineering will be a valuable asset to the
40 commission.

41 Mr. Astorga also recommended Mr. Scott Schlegel be appointed to the Administrative
42 Committee, noting how willing he is to serve in that capacity and that he will do a great job.

43 Councilman Simonsen made a motion to approve the appointment of Lynn Jacobs to the
44 Planning Commission and Scott Schlegel to the Administrative Committee. Councilwoman Harris
45 seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bahr, Bradshaw, Harris, Higginson
46 and Simonsen voting “aye”.

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2 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH HANSEN ALLEN & LUCE TO**
3 **PERFORM GROUNDWATER MONITORING AT THE BOUNTIFUL SANITARY**
4 **LANDFILL FOR 2020-2023 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,760 WITH A TWO-YEAR**
5 **RENEWAL OPTION – MR. TODD CHRISTENSEN**

6 Mr. Todd Christensen explained that groundwater monitoring is done in order to make sure
7 that the landfill is not contaminating the groundwater in Bountiful. A consultant is used for this and
8 Bountiful City has contracted with Hansen Allen & Luce (HAL) since 2014. They have done an
9 excellent job and now the contract is up and it's time to either find another consultant or renew a
10 contract with them. The Engineering Department got bids from a few companies and they
11 recommend that the contract with HAL be renewed for the years 2020-2023 and also sign a two-year
12 renewal option at the end of it.

13 Councilwoman Bradshaw made a motion to approve the contract with Hansen Allen & Luce
14 and Councilman Higginson seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bahr,
15 Bradshaw, Harris, Higginson and Simonsen voting "aye".

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17 **ADJOURN TO A CLOSED SESSION**

18 Councilman Higginson made a motion to adjourn to a closed session to discuss the acquisition
19 or sale of real property, pending litigation and/or to discuss the character and/or competency of an
20 individual(s) (Utah Code § 52-4-205). Councilwoman Bahr seconded the motion. The motion passed
21 with a roll call vote as follows:

22 Bahr "aye"
23 Bradshaw "aye"
24 Harris "aye"
25 Higginson "aye"
26 Simonsen "aye"

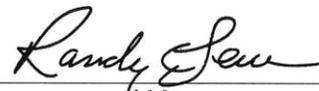
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28 The regular session of City Council was adjourned to a closed session at 7:55 pm.

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30 The regular session of City Council was reopened at 8:56 pm

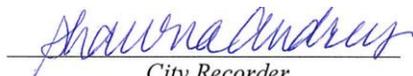
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32 **ADJOURN**

33 Councilman Higginson made a motion to adjourn and Councilwoman Bahr seconded the
34 motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bahr, Bradshaw, Harris, Higginson and Simonsen
35 voting "aye".

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37 The regular session of City Council was adjourned at 8:56 pm



Mayor



City Recorder