

Minutes of the
BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL RETREAT

Friday, January 16, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.

Official notice of the City Council Meeting was given by posting an Agenda at City Hall and on the Bountiful City Website and the Utah Public Notice Website and by providing copies to the following newspapers of general circulation: Davis County Journal and Standard Examiner.

Bountiful City Council Retreat – 8:30 a.m.
Mae’s Gathering Place, 67 North Main Street, Bountiful, Utah

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| Present: | Mayor | Kate Bradshaw |
| | Councilmembers | Dan Bell, Beth Child, Richard Higginson, Matt Murri |
| | City Manager | Gary Hill |
| | Asst. City Manager | Tyson Beck |
| | City Attorney | Brad Jeppsen |
| | Public Works Director | Lloyd Cheney |
| | Parks Director | Brock Hill |
| | HR Director | Jessica Sims |
| | Water Director | Kraig Christensen |
| | Streets Director | Charles Benson |
| | Police Chief | Ed Biehler |
| | Senior Planner | Amber Corbridge |
| | Recording Secretary | Maranda Hilton |
| Excused: | Councilmember | Millie Segura Bahr |
| | Planning Director | Francisco Astorga |
| | Power Director | Allen Johnson |
| | IT Director | Greg Martin |

**WELCOME, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, PRAYER/THOUGHT & WELCOME BY
MAYOR BRADSHAW**

Mayor Bradshaw opened the meeting at 9:02 am and welcomed everyone.

SNOWPLOW NAMING – MR. GARY HILL

Mr. Charles Benson showed an example of what the finished nameplates will look like for the snowplows. The vinyl decals for the plates will be made in-house.

Mr. Gary Hill presented the results from the Council vote for their favorite names. After some discussion, the Council solidified the top names for 10 of the snowplows and the brine truck, and asked staff to determine the best way to reveal the names over social media once the trucks are ready.

**AMERICA 250 AND BOUNTIFUL’S SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS – MAYOR KATE
BRADSHAW**

Mayor Bradshaw explained that there is a huge effort to organize national and state celebrations for the 250th anniversary of our nation. It is being marketed as America250. Utah is giving out small grants to help cities fund their celebrations, however, in order to receive the grant, Bountiful would have to pass a resolution, and we have a policy of not passing arbitrary resolutions

1 or signing proclamations, so Bountiful will forego the grant. She explained that she talked to both the
2 state coordinator and to Mr. Gary Hill about ways Bountiful can participate in this celebration. The
3 state is happy for Bountiful to use their America250 branding package for any events they decide to
4 host. Mayor Bradshaw said the Council needs to decide how we want to approach this; rebrand our
5 existing and relevant events under the America250 umbrella, create new programs or events,
6 advertise the statewide events, or a mixture of these strategies. Many cities are partnering with the
7 state and just putting out social media posts about all the state-sponsored events. Other cities are
8 rebranding their regular July 4th or Pioneer Day celebrations.

9 Councilmember Child suggested the Council appoint a group to oversee and organize the
10 America250 marketing efforts. The many volunteer organizations that make up the Bountiful
11 Community Service Committee (BCSC) are already hosting a lot of events that could be organized
12 under this celebration, and the right people could bring them all together and make it more
13 coordinated. The Council liked this idea and discussed ways to encourage the organizations to
14 participate. They decided a meeting with representatives from the various organizations would be a
15 good way to start brainstorming ideas and to share the vision of what this could be.

16 The Council had a discussion about how to navigate which events the City will officially
17 promote and which ones they will not in order to avoid discrimination. They talked about having a
18 strict “neutral content” policy for the events and creating an application and establishing an
19 application period for any organizations wanting to participate in America250. They also specified
20 that City promotion would be for this year only and not continue in coming years for other
21 organizations’ events.

22 Mayor Bradshaw proposed that she strategize with Councilmember Child and Mr. Gary Hill
23 to find a coordinator and start finding organizations to include.

24 25 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION – MR. GARY HILL**

26 Mr. Gary Hill led a discussion about what economic development means to each of the
27 Councilmembers and the Mayor, and why they feel it is an important piece of the health of the city.
28 They also talked about how important sales tax revenue should be, why Main Street matters even
29 though it does not generate very much revenue, the impacts of letting properties fall into disrepair,
30 and how every decision the Council makes should be looked at through an economic lens.

31 Councilmember Bell stated that one of his objectives is to create an economic development
32 plan that clearly lays out the goals of the City with metrics and beneficial details. Councilmember
33 Child said she agreed and would love to have a plan in place that helps communicate what is
34 important and gives good direction for the future. Mr. Gary Hill said they would start by taking the
35 comments from the Council discussion and begin shaping a policy that aligns with their goals.

36 37 **BOUNTIFUL GREENWAY AND ORCHARD DRIVE STUDY – MR. LLOYD CHENEY**

38 This item was tabled until a future meeting.

39 40 **CONCERTS IN THE PARK – MR. TYSON BECK**

41 This item was tabled until a future meeting.

42 43 **WATER INFRASTRUCTURE TOUR – MR. KRAIG CHRISTENSEN**

44 Mr. Kraig Christensen passed out maps of the Bountiful City water system and told everyone
45 they would meet at the Mueller Park Water Treatment plant and proceed from there.

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ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 pm.

Mayor Kate Bradshaw

City Recorder

PENDING