

# **BOUNTIFUL CITY**

## **OVERVIEW**



**INFORMATION AND HISTORY**

**2025**



# HISTORY OF BOUNTIFUL CITY

On the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1847, Peregrine Sessions, with his family, moved about nine miles north of the newly established Mormon settlement of Salt Lake City and camped. He had traveled beyond the Hot Springs to find feed for his flocks and herds. Here he constructed a dugout with skins for a roof and wintered, he and his family being the sole occupants of the place until the spring of 1848. This dugout was located at approximately 250 North and 280 West. He was thus the founder of Utah's second settlement and the first white man to make a home in what we now know as Davis County.

Sessions was not left long in seclusion, for in the spring and summer newcomers arrived in droves and by the end of the year some three score heads of families were definitely located in this beautiful spot. These settlers were all Mormons and most of them claimed English descent. A roster clearly bears out this thought: Call, Barlow, Hatch, Moss, Tolman, Holbrook, Stoker, Pace, to name a few, indicates their origin.

Though rudely taught themselves, they believed in education, for in the fall of 1848, Anson Call and Joseph Holbrook built a house of bulrushes and clay on the banks of the Jordan River and their children were given the rudiments of the three Rs (reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic) by the latter's wife, Hannah. In November 1849 at a ward meeting, the people voted to erect a schoolhouse and John C.L. Smith was hired to teach at \$30.00 per month. Thus, the second school in Utah was also established.

The place was first known as Session's Settlement, but with the ecclesiastical designation of North Canyon Ward, both titles being employed rather indiscriminately until 1855, when it was officially named Bountiful. A more fitting appellation could not have been chosen for what was even then called the garden spot of Utah.

The townsite had been laid out by Jesse W. Fox and the people wished to have it enclosed as a precaution against hostile Indians. They voted in 1855 to build a wall entirely around it. This was done and the result was an earthwork of mud and straw some three miles in length, eight feet high on the outside and four feet thick at the top, rather an imposing undertaking for those times. Assessments were made according to ability to pay; one man being assessed \$1,100.00. The wall when constructed encompassed generally that area commonly bounded by 4<sup>th</sup> North, 2<sup>nd</sup> West, 5<sup>th</sup> South and 4<sup>th</sup> East.

Settlers continued to pour in from the eastern states and from England. They came with ox teams, with handcarts and a foot and they were welcomed with that hearty spirit of brotherhood that only the pioneer knows how to display. Increased population demanded larger places of worship, so the foundation of the Bountiful Tabernacle was laid in 1857, the work proceeding until 1863, when the edifice was dedicated by President Brigham Young. Most of the timber came out of Meeting House Hollow in Holbrook Canyon and the adobes were made from clay in the "dobe yard down on the bottoms." At the time of its construction, this Tabernacle was the finest in the Church. No other building in Utah has finer acoustic properties than this imposing old monument to pioneer enterprise.

The sixties, the seventies and the eighties saw the young community continue to grow. Secular and religious interests were inextricably mixed; the church increased in numbers, the schools flourished and multiplied. Instead of the original one ward, there were now four: Centerville and East, West and South Bountiful. School districts were laid out along the same broad lines, the parents paying personally for the tuition of their children. East Bountiful came to be known as Bountiful; and West and South Bountiful had the Post Office designation of Woods Cross, so named, it is reported, because Daniel Wood, enraged because the railroad had diagonally crossed his farm, had exclaimed, "Yes, and pretty damned cross too!"

By 1890, the citizens of East Bountiful determined that they needed something stronger than precinct government to take care of their increasing population. They petitioned the Territorial Legislature and were granted a charter to organize a city corporation. This was in 1892 and Joseph L. Holbrook was elected for the first Mayor with the following as Councilmen: Edwin Pace, Thomas Briggs, Stearns Hatch, J.L. Fackrell and Arthur Riley, with Joseph T. Mabey as City Marshall, R.E. Egan as City Recorder and Jed Stringham as Treasurer.

Succeeding Mayors and their terms of office are as follows:

1892-1897	Joseph L. Holbrook
1898-1899	David O. Willey
1900-1901	John Fisher
1902-1909	Jed Stringham
1910-1911	Amos Cook
1912-1913	Charles R. Mabey
1914-1917	Richard Stringham
1918-1919	Quayle Cannon
1920-Sept. 13, 1922	Leo J. Muir (Resigned)
Sept. 13, 1922-1923	Ernest Madsen (Appointed)
1924-1925	James E. Burns
1926-July 1, 1927	Ernest Madsen (Resigned)
July 1, 1927-Dec. 1927	J. A. Taylor (Appointed)
1928-1929	B. L. Kesler
1930-1939	J.C. Stocks
1940-1941	S. Lloyd Riley
1942-1943	J.A. Taylor
1944-1945	L. Glen Riley
1946-1947	Leo S. Holbrook
1948-1949	V. B. Waddoups
1950-1953	V. T. Rice
1954-1957	George K. Fadel
1958-1961	Harold L. Pope
1962-1965	Matt A. Galt
1966-1977	Morris F. Swapp
1978-1981	Elmer W. Barlow
1982-1989	Dean S. Stahle
1990-1993	Robert D. Linnell

1994-2001  
2002-2013  
2014-2021  
2022-current

John R. Cushing  
Joe L. Johnson  
Randy C. Lewis  
Kendalyn Harris

During the many years since it was organized, the City has met every obligation imposed upon it. Its officials have been wide awake and forward looking; they have been honest and painstaking and there has never been a hint of graft or incompetence. It has been an honor to serve the people and pay has been no consideration.

During that time, elementary schools were established, and junior high schools and two high schools were built.

Streets have been cleared of weeds and debris; oiled surfaces have supplanted the mud, and sidewalks have been laid. A water system was begun in 1906 and it has increased incapacity until today most of the water of the mountain streams goes into city reservoirs, to say nothing of other rights acquired from owners of pumped wells and the use of water from Weber Basin Water Conservancy District.

In 1907, electric lights came to Bountiful through the efforts of its citizens. This system was purchased by the City, which now owns its own plant. The first real hard surface road in Utah was laid down between the town and the Salt Lake County line through the efforts of officials of Bountiful, who also were able to induce private property owners to permit the cut through the bluff at the Hot Springs. Other citizens of this flourishing community organized and carried out a campaign to acquire the Cemetery and beautify it. Now it is one of the most beautiful spots dedicated to the dead in the state.

Possibly no other place in Utah is growing so rapidly as this city set on the hills between the mountains and the sea. Other people have finally discovered that, for a dwelling place - an ideal spot in which to rear a family - it has few equals and is surpassed by none. The result has been homes by the hundreds in the last fifteen years, modern homes that please the eye and satisfy the desire for comfort. One is safe in prophesying that, shortly, family dwellings will be built to the topmost lake terrace, where contented inhabitants will gaze down upon the City of Bountiful and the shimmering salt sea as the setting sun gilds the sky and the mountains with gold and exclaim, "Here at last is paradise on earth!"

.....Charles R. Mabey

# FORM OF GOVERNMENT

The City of Bountiful operates under a “council-manager” form of government, which is also sometimes referred to as “city manager by ordinance.” Under this form of government, the legislative body is made up of elected officials, and the day-to-day operations of the city are handled by a professional administrator who is hired by and reports directly to the city council.

The council-manager form of government is the most common form of city government in the United States. The city council functions as the city’s legislative body, adopting laws and policies as allowed by federal and state law. The mayor is elected directly by the city’s residents and serves as the head of the council. The city manager is a career administrator who serves as chief administrative officer of the organization. This role includes hiring and supervision of all staff, preparation of the annual budget, and acting as the city council’s primary advisor. Gary Hill was appointed as Bountiful City Manager in December 2012.

Additional information on the form of government and the roles of the mayor, council, and city manager can be found in the Bountiful City Code, Title 2 – Administration and City Government ([www.bountifulutah.gov](http://www.bountifulutah.gov) > Government > Executive & Legal City > Download City Code).

**BOUNTIFUL CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS**  
**January 2024 – December 2025**

<b>Name</b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>
<b>Kendalyn Harris</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
<b>Beth Child</b>	<b>Council Member</b>
<b>Cecilee Price-Huish</b>	<b>Council Member</b>
<b>Kate Bradshaw</b>	<b>Council Member</b>
<b>Matt Murri</b>	<b>Council Member</b>
<b>Richard Higginson</b>	<b>Council Member</b>

# Bountiful City Council

2025

## BUDGET COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>Beth Child, Chair</b> Matt Murri Cecilee Price-Huish
<b>PARKS, RECREATION &amp; ARTS</b>	<b>Kate Bradshaw, Chair</b> Beth Child Mayor Kendalyn Harris
<b>POWER</b>	<b>Cecilee Price-Huish, Chair</b> Mayor Kendalyn Harris Richard Higginson
<b>WATER</b>	<b>Matt Murri, Chair</b> Beth Child Kate Bradshaw
<b>STREETS &amp; SANITATION</b>	<b>Richard Higginson, Chair</b> Kate Bradshaw Cecilee Price-Huish
<b>FINANCE &amp; ADMINISTRATION, RDA</b>	<b>Mayor Kendalyn Harris, Chair</b> Richard Higginson Matt Murri

## LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE COUNCIL</b>	Beth Child
<b>HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION</b>	Matt Murri
<b>POWER COMMISSION</b>	Cecilee Price-Huish
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>	Richard Higginson
<b>RECREATION BOARD</b>	Kate Bradshaw
<b>SOUTH DAVIS METRO FIRE AGENCY BOARD</b>	Mayor Kendalyn Harris
<b>CENTERPOINT ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL</b>	Beth Child
<b>YOUTH COUNCIL LIAISON</b>	Cecilee Price-Huish
<b>ULCT LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE</b>	Mayor Kendalyn Harris Kate Bradshaw Richard Higginson
<b>SOUTH DAVIS SEWER DISTRICT BOARD</b>	Mayor Kendalyn Harris
<b>BOUNTIFUL DAVIS ART CENTER</b>	Kate Bradshaw
<b>MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT BOARD</b>	Matt Murri



## Bountiful City Condensed Budget Summary FY 2024-25

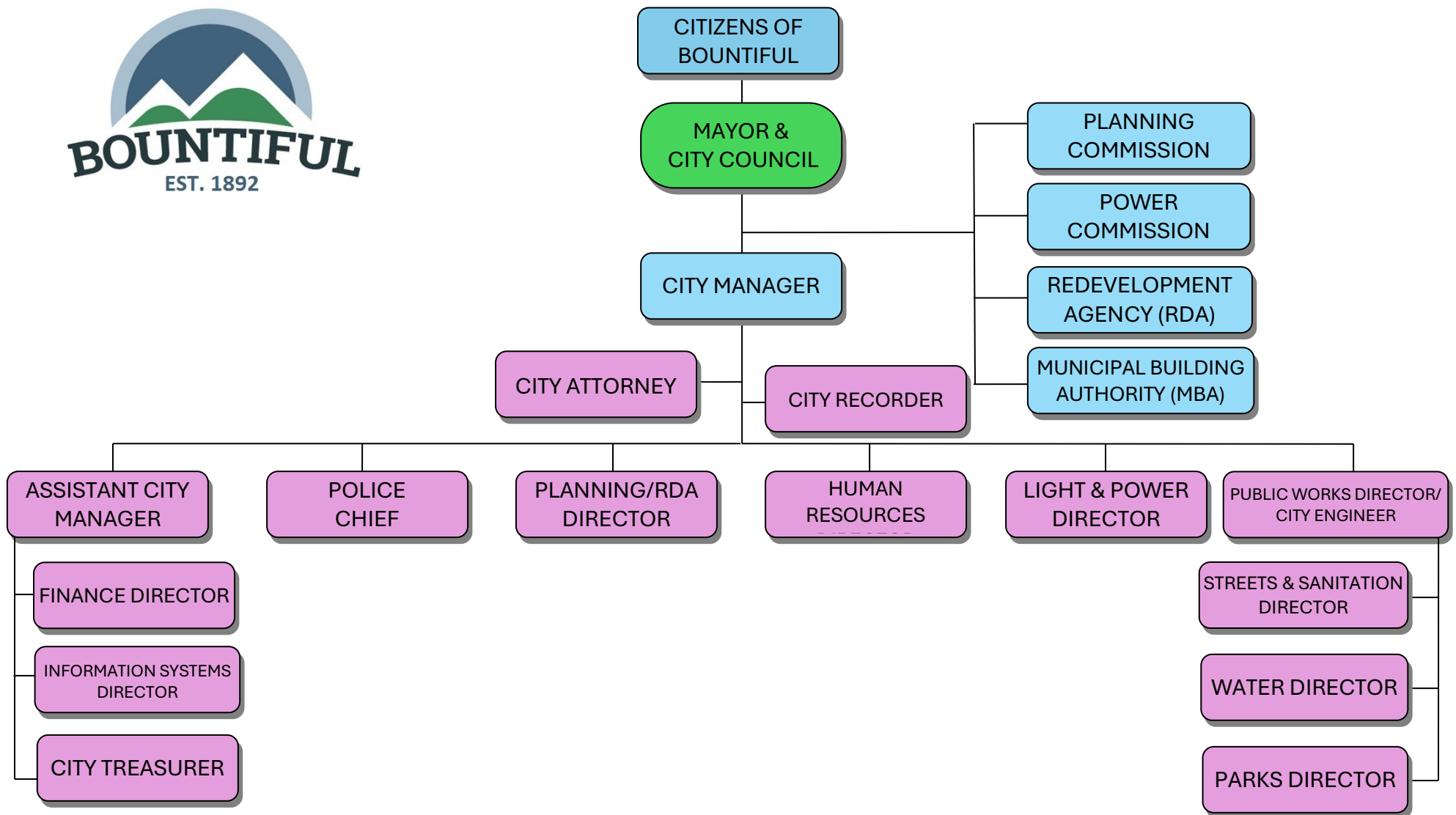
REVENUES:	TOTAL
Property Taxes & Fees-in-Lieu of Property Taxes	3,877,963
Property Tax - Debt Service	541,950
Sales Taxes, Transient Room Tax & Recreation, Arts & Parks (RAP) Taxes	12,089,000
Utility Franchise, Municipal Energy Sales Taxes & E911 Telephone Revenue	3,990,000
Licenses & Permits (Business Licenses, Building & Street Opening Permits, Subdivision Fees)	658,650
Refuse Collection Fees & Landfill Charges	3,793,192
Grants & Intergovernmental (Liquor Fund Allotment; Class C Road, Grants; Local Highway Transit; Bail Forfeitures)	3,505,340
Cemetery Lot Sales and Related Fees	727,725
Interest Income	4,066,513
Contribution in Aid from outside entities	600,000
Fiber Fees	405,500
Recycling Fees	628,560
Storm Water Fees	2,008,818
Sale of Water	6,200,000
Golf Course Fees & Cart Rental	1,979,000
Sale of Electricity	33,557,804
Miscellaneous Income (Lease & Rental Income; Other)	2,320,105
Use of Fund Balance or Net Position	26,857,192
Inter-City Transfers	6,820,083
<b>Sub-total - Revenues</b>	<b>114,627,395</b>
Adjustment for Inter-City Revenue & Transfers	(6,820,083)
<b>NET REVENUES</b>	<b>107,807,312</b>
EXPENDITURES & EXPENSES:	TOTAL
Legislative (Mayor, Council and Community Engagement)	3,062,165
Executive & Legal (City Manager, City Recorder; Civil and Prosecution)	770,077
Administration (Human Resources; Payroll; Information Technology; Finance; Utility Billing/Customer Service)	1,601,758
Police (Police and Dispatch Services)	10,997,579
Fire & Emergency Medical Services (provided via Interlocal agreement with the South Davis Metro Fire Agency)	2,774,537
Streets (Includes construction, maintenance and snowplowing)	7,356,878
Engineering & Planning (Public Works; Building Inspection; Licensing and Code Enforcement)	1,298,501
Parks, Trails, & General Government Buildings	2,504,860
Debt Service	559,596
Fiber	22,894,751
Storm Water	2,395,274
Water	7,275,619
Light & Power	39,556,787
Golf Course	2,044,377
Sanitation, Recycling & Landfill	5,977,183
Cemetery	695,725
Recreation Arts and Parks (RAP) Tax	928,800
Cemetery Perpetual Care	115,000
Landfill Closure	45,600
Internal Service (Computer Replacement, Liability Insurance, Worker's Compensation)	1,772,328
<b>Sub-total - Expenditures &amp; Expenses</b>	<b>114,627,395</b>
Adjustment for Inter-City Revenue & Transfers	(6,820,083)
<b>NET EXPENDITURES &amp; EXPENSES</b>	<b>107,807,312</b>

## Bountiful City Miscellaneous Statistics

Statistic/Data Measured		Unit of Measure	Basis	Fiscal Year 2023-2024	Fiscal Year 2022-2023	Fiscal Year 2021-2022
Date of Incorporation				December 14, 1892		
Form of government				Council-Manager by Ordinance		
Area (Square miles)				14		
Population	Total (Utah estimate)			45,438		
	Percentage of population age 65 and older			16.3%		
	Percentage of population under age 5			8.3%		
	School age population			20.4%		
Property Values	Real Property (Market Value)		Calendar Year	\$5,017,284,840	\$4,983,857,107	\$3,825,760,467
	Personal Property (Market Value)		Calendar Year	\$103,799,517	\$80,497,158	\$81,387,925
	Centrally Assessed Property (Market Value)		Calendar Year	\$24,830,467	\$38,690,679	\$40,280,333
Miles of streets (total)			Fiscal Year	160	160	160
Miles of streets (overlayed)			Fiscal Year	N/A	5	4.20
Miles of streets (reconstructed)			Fiscal Year	N/A	0.47	0.39
Number of street lights			Fiscal Year	N/A	2,099	2,073
City employees	Full-time equivalent positions		Fiscal Year	233	224	298
Total Payroll	Full and part time positions		Fiscal Year	N/A	\$16,914,622	\$15,091,031
Fire protection:	Number of stations (operated by South Davis Metro Fire Service Area)		Fiscal Year	2	2	2
	Calls for Service (total service area)		Calendar Year	N/A	7,533	N/A
	Fire apparatus (assigned to stations in Bountiful)		Fiscal Year	5	5	5
	EMS apparatus (assigned to stations in Bountiful)		Fiscal Year	4	4	4
Police protection:	Number of stations		Fiscal Year	1	1	1
	Number of patrol units		Fiscal Year	24	24	24
	Armed Law Enforcement		Fiscal Year	38	38	39
	Non-Armed Law Enforcement		Fiscal Year	24	24	24
	Hazardous and Non-hazardous citations written		Calendar Year	N/A	3,357	3,040
	Arrests		Calendar Year	N/A	800	877
Municipal water department:	Average daily gallons consumed		Fiscal Year	N/A	3,512,670	3,366,819
	Number of service lines		Fiscal Year	11,110	11,105	11,055
	Miles of water mains		Fiscal Year	N/A	178	180
	Number of fire hydrants		Fiscal Year	N/A	1,716	1,707
Sanitation & Recycling:	Number of Sanitation collection trucks		Fiscal Year	N/A	15	14
	Tons of waste collected and landfilled		Fiscal Year	N/A	67,540	89,508
	Tons of recyclables collected (service began December 1, 2008)		Fiscal Year	N/A	1,955	2,072
Storm Water:	Miles of Encased Storm Drains		Fiscal Year	N/A	72.86	72.74
	Miles of Concrete lined open ditch		Fiscal Year	N/A	1.37	1.37
	Miles of storm drains inspected		Fiscal Year	N/A	4.00	6.96
	Miles of streets cleaned		Fiscal Year	N/A	160.00	160.27
Power and light:	Miles of distribution & transmission lines		Fiscal Year	N/A	267	249
	Number of connections		Fiscal Year	17,303	17,259	17,179
	Kilowatt hours sold		Fiscal Year	N/A	291,431,986	273,365,941
	Electric Generation Capacity		Fiscal Year	38.6 MW	38.6 MW	38.6 MW
Building Permits Issued:	Total single family and multi-family permits issued		Fiscal Year	N/A	11	66
Recreation and culture:	Number of parks		Fiscal Year	18	18	18
	Number of picnic areas		Fiscal Year	29	29	29
	Number of tennis courts		Fiscal Year	18	18	18
	Number of soccer fields		Fiscal Year	12	12	9
	Number of ball diamonds		Fiscal Year	12	12	9
	Number of Trail Heads		Fiscal Year	9	9	3
	Number of swimming pools (South Davis Recreation District)		Fiscal Year	1	1	1
	Number of ice rinks (South Davis Recreation District)		Fiscal Year	1	1	1
	Number of Libraries (Davis County)		Fiscal Year	1	1	1
	Number of golf courses (18 holes)		Fiscal Year	1	1	1
	Number of art centers (Bountiful Davis Arts Center)		Fiscal Year	1	1	1
			Fiscal Year	N/A	7	11
Ordinances Passed by City Council			Fiscal Year	N/A	18	22
Resolutions Passed by City Council			Fiscal Year	N/A	18	22
Registered (active) voters				N/A	26,295	26,633
Ballots Cast				N/A	18,624	13,285
Percentage of registered voters voting				N/A	70.83%	49.88%

# CITY OF BOUNTIFUL, UTAH

## ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



# OFFICIALS OF BOUNTIFUL UTAH

2025

Kendalyn Harris . . . . . Mayor  
Beth Child . . . . . Councilmember  
Cecilee Price-Huish . . . . . Councilmember  
Kate Bradshaw . . . . . Councilmember  
Matt Murri . . . . . Councilmember  
Richard Higginson . . . . . Councilmember  
Gary R. Hill . . . . . City Manager  
Galen D. Rasmussen . . . . . Assistant City Manager  
Bradley A. Jeppsen . . . . . City Attorney  
Lloyd Cheney . . . . . City Engineer/Public Works Director  
Francisco Astorga . . . . . City Planner, RDA Director  
Sophia Ward . . . . . City Recorder  
Greg Martin . . . . . Information Technology Director  
Hunter Stone . . . . . City Treasurer  
Tyson Beck . . . . . Finance Director  
Charles Benson . . . . . Streets & Sanitation Director  
Jessica Sims . . . . . Human Resource Director  
Brock Hill . . . . . Parks Director  
Allen Johnson . . . . . Light & Power Director  
Ed Biehler . . . . . Police Chief  
Kraig Christensen . . . . . Water Director

## OTHER AREA OFFICIALS

Greg Stewart . . . . . Fire Chief, South Davis Metro Fire Service Area  
Tif Miller . . . . . Director, South Davis Recreation District  
David J. Williams . . . . . District Judge  
E. Blaine Rawson . . . . . District Judge

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