

Minutes of the
BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL
September 9, 2025 – 6:00 p.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: The City Journal and Standard Examiner.

Work Session – 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Present:	Mayor	Kendalyn Harris
	Councilmembers	Kate Bradshaw, Beth Child, Richard Higginson, Matt Murri
	City Manager	Gary Hill
	Asst. City Attorney	Galen Rasmussen
	City Attorney	Brad Jeppsen
	City Engineer	Lloyd Cheney
	Planning Director	Francisco Astorga
	Chief of Police	Ed Biehler
	Recording Secretary	Maranda Hilton
Excused:	Councilmember	Cecilee Price-Huish

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm and apologized for the late start, which was due to some technical issues with online streaming.

DISCUSSION ON STATUTORY REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY’S EVENT
APPLICATION PROCESS – MR. BRADLEY JEPPSEN

Mr. Bradley Jeppsen explained that there has been an application to change the City’s event application process and regulations regarding filming. In response, staff have looked at the regulations and made some broader suggestions concerning events in general. He explained that in discussing these issues, it’s important to understand that restricting events can encroach on people’s constitutional rights of speech. So, any regulations must allow for those rights to be exercised to some degree.

He explained that the current process requires an application to be submitted at least ten business days before the event, after which it is reviewed by the departments and approved, with no fees required. Event applications are generally approved, unless significant road closures are being proposed, and sometimes the applicant is required to have insurance before being approved.

He explained the staff recommendation first; a broader regulation for all events taking place in the City. It proposes the creation of fees associated with applications that need to be expedited, defines “impacted neighbors” as those living within 400 yards and/or having access to their home blocked. Different types of events would also be defined in this update; single events, multi-day events and ongoing events.

The second option would only apply to filming and require no filming past 5 pm, that all parking be off-site, that notice be given to neighbors within 500 feet of the site, and that there be a 10-day business comment.

After some discussion, the Council gave Mr. Jeppsen direction on how to proceed with the drafting of an amendment. Most of them liked the staff option better but had a few issues they wanted to see addressed. They asked Mr. Jeppsen to look into more robust noticing requirements, off-site parking restrictions, how impacts to neighbors can be minimized, and how to determine appropriate fees to compensate staff time.

The work session ended at 7:05 pm.

Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Present:	Mayor	Kendalyn Harris
	Councilmembers	Kate Bradshaw, Beth Child, Richard Higginson, Matt Murri
	City Manager	Gary Hill
	Asst. City Attorney	Galen Rasmussen
	City Attorney	Brad Jeppsen
	City Engineer	Lloyd Cheney
	Planning Director	Francisco Astorga
	Water Director	Kraig Christensen
	Recording Secretary	Maranda Hilton
Excused:	Councilmember	Cecilee Price-Huish

WELCOME, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND THOUGHT/PRAYER

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm and welcomed those in attendance. Mr. Dan Bell led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Steven Rogers, Bountiful North Canyon Stake, offered a prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment period was opened at 7:10 pm.

Mr. David Harrison (285 East 1100 South) said that the Power Department installed the wrong light in a streetlight near his home, and he brought the issue to the Council back in May, but despite reassurances from the Power Department that they would fix it, nothing has been done yet.

Mr. Gary Davis (2814 South 500 West) made some suggestions about the event application changes being discussed during the work session; he feels the hours between 9 am and 5 pm are too limiting, and he thought a provision offering the Mayor of Bountiful a non-speaking role in film should be added. He also announced that the South Davis Metro Fire is hosting their annual Fire Prevention Night at Station 81 on Wednesday, September 10th from 6 to 8 pm. He also encouraged everyone to come sit in on the CERT class that begins at 6:30 pm.

The public comment period was closed at 7:14 pm.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON AUGUST 12TH, 2025

Councilmember Murri made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and Councilmember Bradshaw seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting “aye.”

BCYC REPORT

The BCYC City Manager gave a short report about the latest BCYC activities, including a general planning meeting held on August 5th and a Back-To-School social held on August 19th. He said they will tour the Bountiful landfill on September 16th and help clean up the Kimball Mill on September 27th.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Murri did not have a report.

Councilmember Child reminded people about the Freedom’s Light Festival taking place at Bountiful Park on September 18th - 20th.

Councilmember Bradshaw reported that the BDAC has a new curated and judged exhibit that showcases college artists. She encouraged everyone to go check it out, along with an exhibit in the basement with plein air pieces. She also reported that the Recreation District is proposing a 5% property tax increase, and the Truth in Taxation hearing will be held November 17th, at 6:30 pm at the recreation center. She said the budget documents are available on the public notice website for anyone interested in knowing more.

Councilmember Higginson thanked everyone who attended the Planning Commission meeting last week and utilized the comment period for the updated General Plan draft. He said he believes the Planning Commission will be very thoughtful and will deliver a good product to the Council once they have made some changes.

Mayor Harris asked Eric and Julie Hattabaugh to present the youth who participated in the American Legion Boys State and Girls State this year. The students each shared what they gained from this experience. Mr. Hattabaugh also announced that on September 21st at the Jeep Posse building, there will be a celebration for all those who attended Boys and Girls State.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF:

a. **EXPENDITURES GREATER THAN \$1,000 PAID AUGUST 6TH, 13TH, 20TH and 27TH, 2025**

b. **JULY 2025 EXPENDITURE REPORT**

Councilmember Higginson made a motion to approve the expenditures paid August 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th, 2025 and the July Financial report. Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting “aye.”

HONOR NEVE BAWDEN FOR EARNING A NATIONAL SCIENCE AWARD – MAYOR KENDALYN HARRIS

Mayor Harris invited Ms. Neve Bawden to come forward and introduce herself and her accomplishments.

Ms. Bawden explained how she was supported by her parents and many mentors as she pursued competing in science fairs in junior high. She won every science fair and was sent to compete at internationals at only 14 years old. She has now competed at the international level for 3

1 consecutive years and hopes to again this year. Her project deals with using a gene editing tool to
2 alter a protein from a glioblastoma cell which hinders tumor growth without harming healthy cells in
3 the body and has been very successful in lab mice.

4 Mayor Harris thanked Ms. Bawden for representing her community in such an outstanding
5 way, and congratulated her on her accomplishments, saying “You’re going to change the world.”
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7 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF REPAIR PARTS FROM**
8 **MOUNTAINLAND SUPPLY COMMAND IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$28,341 – MR.**
9 **KRAIG CHRISTENSEN**

10 Mr. Kraig Christensen explained that the water system in Bountiful has many different pipe
11 materials and sizes that require different repair techniques and processes. He explained that ahead of
12 “leak season”, staff likes to make sure they have all the necessary parts on hand for when
13 emergencies happen. They received bids back from 2 vendors and recommend accepting the low bid
14 from Mountainland Supply.

15 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve the purchase from Mountainland Supply
16 and Councilmember Child seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw,
17 Child, Higginson, and Murri voting “aye.”
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19 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 RAM 1500 FROM YOUNG RAM**
20 **OF LAYTON IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$48,661 – MR. KRAIG CHRISTENSEN**

21 Mr. Christensen explained that this will be a staff vehicle assigned to the metering supervisor.
22 The trucks are replaced on a five-year rotation and taken to auction, however, this time the retired
23 truck will be handed down to a seasonal meter maintenance worker for use for use before being taken
24 to auction. Staff recommends accepting the bid from Young Ram of Layton.

25 Councilmember Higginson made a motion to approve the purchase from Youn Ram of Layton
26 and Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers
27 Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting “aye.”
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29 **ADJOURN**

30 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember
31 Higginson seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child,
32 Higginson, and Murri voting “aye.”
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34 The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Mayor Kendalyn Harris

City Recorder