

Minutes of the  
BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL  
June 9th, 2026 – 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**

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| Present: | Mayor                   | Kate Bradshaw  |
|          | Councilmembers          | Mille Segura Bahr, Dan Bell, Beth Child, Richard Higginson, Matt Murri |
|          | City Manager            | Gary Hill  |
|          | Asst. City Manager      | Tyson Beck   |
|          | City Engineer           | Lloyd Cheney   |
|          | City Attorney           | Brad Jeppsen   |
|          | Planning Director       | Francisco Astorga  |
|          | Finance Director        | David Burgoyne   |
|          | Streets Director        | Charles Benson   |
|          | Chief of Police         | Ed Biehler   |
|          | Cemetery Superintendent | Geno Flanary   |
|          | Water Director          | Kraig Christensen  |
|          | Recording Secretary     | Maranda Hilton   |

Mayor Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

**AMERICA250 UPDATE – MR. TYSON BECK**

Mr. Tyson Beck explained that the City has budgeted funds between \$10k and \$15k for the America250 celebration this year. Most of that budget will be used to have banners made for City Hall, Main Street, and Town Square. Other City resources will also be utilized, such as Parks, Streets and Police employees helping with event preparation, clean-up, and safety needs. The City Recorder is doing a lot to help with social media posts and calendaring updates on the website, and Mr. Beck is helping the effort as directed by the Mayor and City Manager.

Mayor Bradshaw commended the City for doing a good job of leveraging the budget with volunteer efforts and in-kind donations to make the most of this celebration. She thanked Ms. Rhonda Perkes and Mr. Jamie Dester for chairing the America250 committee and recognized the wonderful job they are doing.

Ms. Perkes gave an update on the committee happenings and thanked the City staff for their help. She asked if the America250 information could be displayed more prominently on the City’s webpage, because many people have commented that it is hard to find. She also asked if the Council would help think of ways to promote the July 4<sup>th</sup> events, since celebrations for the 4<sup>th</sup> are new this year. She also shared that both the “Read, White and Blue” and “Red, White and Move” challenges will enter participants into a drawing for some really great prizes. There are guided hikes and bike rides happening every week and a special event just for seniors on June 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be a kids’

1 bike parade on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, and every Wednesday evening through September there will be veterans  
2 giving tours from 6 pm until dusk at the Veterans Park.

3 Mr. Dester expressed his appreciation for all the work happening in the subcommittees and  
4 thanked the chairs of those committees. He added details about the July 4<sup>th</sup> event which includes a  
5 free hot dogs and chips for the first 1,000 people at Bountiful Park, and several tents with activities  
6 happening at the park; making pantry packs for the Food Pantry, a kids activity tent, and a concert by  
7 Philharmonia at 7:30 pm. He announced that several blood drives are being hosted by various  
8 organizations in the hope to have 250 pints donated, and that the 9/11 annual Day of service will be  
9 tied to the America250 celebration this year as well. He said if anyone wishes to donate money to  
10 help fund the events, they can write a check to Bountiful City and put “America250” in the “for” line.

11 Mayor Bradshaw said several businesses have donated very generously to help with the food  
12 for the events and thanked everyone who has spent many hours putting it all together. She  
13 encouraged everyone to spread the word and share social media posts.

14 Councilmember Child added that she received very positive feedback while she was  
15 volunteering at the mini museum during the Chalk Art Festival and is excited about the summer full  
16 of amazing community events.

17 Mr. Gary Hill said that staff will work on making the America250 information more visible  
18 on the website.

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20 The work session ended at 6:57 pm.

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

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26 Present: Mayor Kate Bradshaw  
27 Councilmembers Mille Segura Bahr, Dan Bell, Beth Child, Richard  
28 Higginson, Matt Murri  
29 City Manager Gary Hill  
30 Asst. City Manager Tyson Beck  
31 City Engineer Lloyd Cheney  
32 City Attorney Brad Jeppsen  
33 Planning Director Francisco Astorga  
34 Finance Director David Burgoyne  
35 Streets Director Charles Benson  
36 Cemetery Superintendent Geno Flanary  
37 Parks Director Brock Hill  
38 Water Director Kraig Christensen  
39 IT Director Greg Martin  
40 HR Director Jessica Sims  
41 Power Elec. Engineer Luke Veigel  
42 Chief of Police Ed Biehler  
43 South Davis Fire Chief Jeff Larsen  
44 Recording Secretary Maranda Hilton

1 **WELCOME, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND THOUGHT/PRAYER**

2 Mayor Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and welcomed those in attendance.  
3 Mr. Brad Jeppsen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilmember Child offered a thought and a  
4 prayer.

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6 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

7 The time for public comment was opened at 7:05 pm.  
8 No comments were made.  
9 The time for public comment was closed at 7:05 pm.

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11 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON**  
12 **MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

13 Councilmember Murri made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous City Council  
14 meeting, and Councilmember Higginson seconded the motion. The motion passed with  
15 Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting “aye.”

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17 **BCYC REPORT**

18 No one was present to report.  
19 Councilmember Murri explained that they were in the middle of reorganizing the group for the  
20 upcoming school year.

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22 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

23 Councilmember Bell reported that the Recreation District Board met last night and approved  
24 the interlocal agreement with Bountiful City for administrative services. He added that the Board  
25 members expressed their great appreciation for the services the City provides them. He announced  
26 that the Rec District will be hosting three outdoor movies this summer in Town Square; June 13<sup>th</sup>  
27 “Zootopia”, July 11<sup>th</sup> “National Treasure”, and August 1<sup>st</sup> “Project Hail Mary”. Lastly, he reported  
28 that the Davis School District will likely be approving their interlocal agreement with the Rec District  
29 for their share of the lap pool costs very soon.

30 Councilmember Bahr did not have a report.

31 Councilmember Child reported that the BDAC won the “Best Gallery in Davis” award.

32 Councilmember Murri reported that the Mosquito Abatement District has been spraying for  
33 mosquitos and is prioritizing the control of mosquitos that are prone to carry the West Nile Virus.

34 Councilmember Higginson expressed thanks to the volunteers who helped with the “Mini  
35 Museum” during the Chalk Art Festival over the weekend, and to the chalk artists who chose to  
36 depict patriotic themes this year. He expressed how much he enjoyed seeing the businesses on Main  
37 Street so busy. He announced that the Bountiful Farmer’s Market will be opening in less than 2  
38 weeks.

39 Mayor Bradshaw announced that she will be leading a group bike ride to Elephant Rock this  
40 Friday at 6 am as part of the America250 “Red, White and Move” contest. She said there is a hike or  
41 bike ride happening every week for the next several weeks and encouraged everyone to participate.

1 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF:**

- 2 **A. EXPENDITURES GREATER THAN \$1,000 PAID ON MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> AND 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**
- 3 **B. APRIL 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT**

4 Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve the expenditures, and the April financial  
5 report and Councilmember Higginson seconded the motion. The motion passed with  
6 Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting “aye.”

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8 **INTRODUCTION OF SOUTH DAVIS METRO FIRE CHIEF LARSEN – MAYOR KATE**  
9 **BRADSHAW**

10 Mayor Bradshaw introduced the newly appointed South Davis Metro Fire Chief Jeff Larsen.  
11 She expressed her excitement for his appointment and explained that she has been able to spend a lot  
12 of meaningful time with Chief Larsen and the firefighters since being appointed to serve on the Fire  
13 Board as part of her mayoral duties. She said that Chief Larsen grew up in Bountiful and has had a  
14 long career in various emergency services jobs, and she expressed her confidence in his ability to lead  
15 the fire district well at this time.

16 Chief Larsen thanked the Mayor and Council for inviting him to the meeting and expressed  
17 what a privilege it is to be appointed as the Fire Chief. He shared his desire to focus on the career  
18 development of his firefighters and on succession planning for the Fire District. He said he looks  
19 forward to the next phase.

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21 **CONSIDER FOR ADOPTION – FY 2026 AMENDED BUDGET AND FY 2027 FINAL**  
22 **BUDGET WITH RELATED ITEMS – MR. TYSON BECK**

23 Mr. Tyson Beck explained the yearly budget creation process and said that the City’s  
24 balanced budget was projected to be \$104M for FY2027. He went over the main sources of revenue  
25 and the main expenses of the City, and went over the key elements of the FY2027 budget and how it  
26 differs from FY2026. He also talked about the breakdown of property tax revenues, explaining that  
27 only 7% of what owners pay goes to the City; most of the property tax funds go to the school district.  
28 Lastly, he explained the changes made since the tentative budget originally came before the Council;  
29 the budget increased by \$654,000.

30 Councilmember Child asked how often the City does a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for  
31 the employees. Mr. Gary Hill said the City tries to make a moderate adjustment every year, which  
32 helps avoid big jumps when a market study is done.

33 Mr. Beck invited Mr. Kraig Christensen to present on the proposed water rate increases.  
34 Mr. Beck invited Mr. Luke Veigel to present on the proposed power rate increases.

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- 36 **A. FY 2026 PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING TRANSFERS FROM THE LIGHT**
- 37 **AND POWER FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND BY \$100,000**

38 Mr. Beck explained that the transfer from the Light & Power Fund to the General Fund  
39 is 10% of electric metered sales, so the increase of \$100,000 is directly attributable to electric  
40 metered sales being higher than anticipated. He explained that this transfer helps fund the  
41 operations of the City and keep property taxes lower.

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43 The public hearing was opened at 8:12 pm.  
44 No comments were made.  
45 The public hearing was closed at 8:13 pm.  
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**B. FY 2026 PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDING THE FY 2026 BUDGET**

Mr. Beck explained the proposed amendments to the FY2026 budget including increases to the General Fund of \$541k for increased Parks Department expenses, to the Golf Enterprise Fund of \$216k, the Cemetery Enterprise Fund of \$63k, the RDA Fund of \$523k, and the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund of \$200.

The public hearing was opened at 8:19 pm.

No comments made.

The public hearing was closed at 8:19 pm.

**C. FY2027 PUBLIC HEARING ON TRANSFER FROM LIGHT AND POWER FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND**

The public hearing was opened at 8:20 pm.

Mr. Ron Mortensen (resident) said that his understanding was that both the metered rate fee and the customer service charge fee would be increased by 4%, and that the Power Department would only retain 3.6% of that increased revenue with 0.4% of the revenue going to the City’s General Fund.

The public hearing was closed at 8:21 pm.

**D. FY 2027 PUBLIC HEARING ON COMPENSATION INCREASES FOR EMPLOYEES INCLUDING EXECUTIVE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

Mr. Beck explained that state law requires the City to list out and approve all executive municipal officers who will be receiving an increase in compensation, whether as part of the COLA or as a merit increase, in the FY2027 budget. He presented the list of all such employees.

The public hearing was opened at 8:23 pm.

No comments made

The public hearing was closed at 8:23 pm.

**E. FY 2027 PUBLIC HEARING ON FY 2027 BUDGET**

The public hearing was opened at 8:23 pm.

Mr. Gary Davis (resident) said that after having sat through most of the budget meetings, he wanted to thank the Council and each of the department heads for all the effort and work that they put in to create the budget.

The public hearing was closed at 8:25 pm.

**F. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2026-05 APPROVING COMPENSATION INCREASES FOR EMPLOYEES INCLUDING EXECUTIVE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

Mayor Bradshaw suggested that the Council pause to discuss this item and the next before moving forward with the consideration of Ordinance No. 2026-06.

Councilmember Higginson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-05 and Councilmember Child seconded the motion.

Councilmember Bell said he thought the COLA adjustments were fair, but commented that by the time the COLA is passed, the employees have already been living with increased

1 inflation for an entire year. Councilmember Higginson and Mayor Bradshaw both said they  
2 agreed with that comment.

3 The motion passed with Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and Murri  
4 voting “aye.”

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6 **G. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2026-06 ADOPTING FY 2026**  
7 **AMENDMENTS AND FY 2027 FINAL BUDGETS, PROPERTY TAX RATES,**  
8 **COMPENSATION SCHEDULES, AND RELATED ITEMS**

9 **I. AMEND THE CURRENT FY 2026 BUDGET**

10 **II. ADOPT FY 2027 BUDGET AS A FINAL BUDGET, INCORPORATING**  
11 **CHANGES AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS FROM THE**  
12 **TENTATIVE BUDGET, A SCHEDULE OF FEES, TAXES, AND**  
13 **EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION SCHEDULES AND BENEFITS; AND**  
14 **ADOPTION OF PROPERTY TAX RATES ON REAL PROPERTY FOR**  
15 **2026 AS WELL AS FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL POLICIES**  
16 **INCLUDED.**

17 Councilmember Bell expressed his concern that “Gardens Growing Good” did not meet  
18 the criteria for RAP Tax grant funds, because it does not offer a “broad community benefit”, yet  
19 the committee chose to grant it \$12,615.

20 Mayor Bradshaw said that the committee decided to offer the grant money to Gardens  
21 Growing Good, despite it not offering a broad benefit to the community, because they hope to  
22 see it grow into an organization that will eventually benefit more and more in the community.  
23 She said she appreciated Councilmember Bell for raising his concern.

24 Councilmember Child echoed that sentiment, adding that none of the organizations on  
25 the list benefit everyone, and she felt comfortable knowing that this larger expenditure was for a  
26 one-time need for fencing and a shed that will help them be successful this year and hopefully  
27 grow into something bigger.

28 Councilmember Higginson said he agreed that Gardens Growing Good should be  
29 offered the grant this year, but if they are unable to grow, perhaps it should not be offered in the  
30 future.

31 Councilmember Bell said he appreciated the comments, but he still felt unsure that  
32 Gardens Growing Good met the requirements for a grant and felt the RAP Tax grant committee  
33 should do its best to uphold the criteria that has been established in the code. He said, however,  
34 this would not preclude him from supporting their decision or from adopting the FY2027  
35 budget as a whole.

36 Councilmember Murri said he would like to discuss the water restriction fine schedule at  
37 some point, as it was brought up in public comment at the previous meeting. Mr. Gary Hill said  
38 that staff looks very closely at the fines and restrictions every year to decide best to penalize  
39 people for overwatering, and he would be happy to have that discussion with the Council, but it  
40 would be for the coming year. Councilmember Bell said he would like to discuss this as well  
41 and see a rate tier study done for next year.

42 Councilmember Bahr asked if the City is still helping fund the Concerts in the Park,  
43 since they did not receive a RAP Tax grant. Mr. Beck explained that the City is still funding the  
44 Concerts, but it is through the General Fund, it has not ever been through a RAP Tax grant.

45 Councilmember Higginson said he would like to have 1% of capital expenditures going  
46 toward public art in addition to the 5% of RAP Tax funds, and said he would like to make a

1 motion to adopt the budget with that amendment. After some discussion about it, the  
2 Councilmembers did not support that change and Councilmember Higginson said he would not  
3 pursue the issue further.

4 Mayor Bradshaw asked Mr. Beck to address the public comment that was made earlier  
5 concerning the Light and Power rate increases. Mr. Beck said that Mr. Mortensen was correct in  
6 his assessment; the 4% increase would be for metered sales and for customer charge fees. Mr.  
7 Gary Hill added that Mr. Mortensen's math was correct as well; 3.6% of the revenues would  
8 stay with the utility and 0.4% would be transferred to the General Fund of the City.

9 Councilmember Higginson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2026-06, saying  
10 that he is very proud of the amazing services and quality of life Bountiful City provides to its  
11 residents while maintaining very low property taxes and Councilmember Bell seconded the  
12 motion and the comment. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child,  
13 Higginson, and Murri voting "aye."  
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15 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2026-11, APPROVING EMPLOYER**  
16 **CONTRIBUTIONS TO UTAH RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (URS) FOR TIER 2 HYBRID**  
17 **PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES – MS. JESSICA SIMS**

18 Ms. Jessica Sims explained that this resolution would allow the City to pick up the optional  
19 employee contribution to URS for Tier 2 public safety employees. The City has elected to do this  
20 three prior times; this time an additional 1.25% is being proposed.

21 Councilmember Bell clarified that this decision has no financial impact to the City, because  
22 these contributions are just 401K funds that are being reclassified. Ms. Sims answered that currently,  
23 because Tier 2 rates are lower than Tier 1 rates, and we budget based on Tier 1 rates, he is correct that  
24 there is no budgetary impact to the City. However, if Tier 2 rates ever become higher than Tier 1  
25 rates, that would change, and this resolution holds us responsible for those contributions in  
26 perpetuity. Mr. Gary Hill added that, yes, in order to make this contribution equal for Tier 1 and Tier  
27 2 employees, the 401k is reduced by the amount contributed.

28 Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-11 and Councilmember  
29 Bahr seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson,  
30 and Murri voting "aye."  
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32 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE**  
33 **DAVIS BLVD BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT FROM METHODS CONSULTING**  
34 **IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$77,929 – MR. LLOYD CHENEY**

35 Mr. Lloyd Cheney explained that the current budget includes \$350k for work on the Davis  
36 Blvd Bridge. The bridge is 50 years old, and it is time to do some major repairs and improvements.  
37 He said that staff received two proposals back and are pleased to recommend Methods Consulting for  
38 the contract.

39 Councilmember Bahr asked if widening the bridge is part of the project. Mr. Cheney said that  
40 staff had not considered that in the scope of the project, but that they could take a look at it and have  
41 the consulting firm evaluate the possibilities.

42 Councilmember Higginson asked if there is a corresponding easement on the ground that  
43 correlates to the bridge above. Mr. Cheney explained that the Davis Aqueduct runs underneath the  
44 bridge, so the City does not have an easement, but they have a license with the Bureau of  
45 Reclamation for the bridge itself. The 50-year license expires next year, so staff are working on  
46 getting that extended another 25-30 years.

1 Councilmember Child made a motion to approve the purchase of engineering services from  
2 Methods Consulting and Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with  
3 Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting “aye.”  
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5 **ADJOURN TO A MEETINGS OF THE RDA BOARD WITH A SEPARATE AGENDA**

6 Councilmember Bahr made a motion to adjourn to a meeting of the RDA Board with a  
7 separate agenda. Councilmember Higginson seconded the motion. The motion passed with  
8 Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting “aye.”  
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10 The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm.

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*Mayor Kate Bradshaw*

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*City Recorder*

