

# **BOUNTIFUL CITY** INFORMATION AND HISTORY

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## **Bountiful City Government Overview**



Bountiful City was incorporated in 1892 and under Utah law is city of the third class. Bountiful City has adopted a Council/Manager form of government, also sometimes referred to as "City Manager by Ordinance." In this form of government, the legislative body is made up of elected officials and the Council appoints a City Manager to act as the Chief Administrative Officer of the City. The primary responsibility of the City Manager is to oversee all daily operations of the City.

The Council/Manager form of government is the most common form of city government in the United States. The City Council, made up of six individuals, functions as the City's legislative body adopting laws and policies as allowed by federal and state law. The Mayor serves as the head of the Council. The Bountiful City Council is also designated as the Board of Directors of the Redevelopment Agency of Bountiful and has the powers and duties as are specified in the Utah Neighborhood Development Act (See Bountiful City Code Title 9). 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  $\rightarrow$  Government  $\rightarrow$  Executive and Legal  $\rightarrow$ Download City Code, and in Section 10-36-301 to 303 of the Utah Code). The Mayor and City Council are elected at-large by the voters of Bountiful City for a term of four years. Three Council positions will be filled in this election. The City's elected positions are designed so three Council members are elected in one election, and the Mayor and the two other Council members are elected two years later, thus maintaining some experience and continuity on the Council regardless of election outcome in any given year.

City Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, often with a work session starting at 6:00 p.m. and the regular session starting at 7:00 p.m. (the date and time of Council Meetings are subject to change). All meetings are held in compliance with the provisions of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act.

# Mayor and City Council



Kendalyn Harris

Millie Segura Bahr

Jesse Bell

Kate Bradshaw

**Richard Higginson** 

Cecilee Price-Huish

Mayor Elected 2021\*

Councilwoman Elected 2019\*

Councilman Elected 2021\*

Councilwoman Elected 2019\*

Councilman Re-elected 2019\*

Councilmember Elected 2021\*

\*Four-year terms

# City Council Budget Committee Assignments



PUBLIC SAFETY	Kate Bradshaw, Chair	
	Jesse Bell	
	Cecilee Price-Huish	
PARKS, RECREATION & ARTS	Jesse Bell (Chair)	
	Richard Higginson	
	Kate Bradshaw	
Power	Richard Higginson (Chair) Mayor	
	Kendalyn Harris	
	Cecilee Price-Huish	
WATER	Millie Segura Bahr (Chair)	
WAILR	Kate Bradshaw	
	Richard Higginson	
STREETS & SANITATION	Cecilee Price-Huish (Chair)	
STREETS & GANITATION	Millie Segura Bahr	
	Mayor Kendalyn Harris	
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION, RDA	Mayor Kendalyn Harris (Chair)	
I INANCE & ADMINISTRATION, INDA	Jesse Bell	
	Millie Segura Bahr	

### LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

COMMUNITY SERVICE COUNCIL	Jesse Bell	
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION	Millie Segura Bahr	
Power Commission	Richard Higginson	
PLANNING COMMISSION Cecilee Price-Huis		
SOUTH DAVIS RECREATION BOARD Kate Bradshaw		
South Davis Metro Fire Agency	Mayor Kendalyn Harris	
CENTERPOINT ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL BOARD	Millie Segura Bahr Cecilee Price-Huish	
YOUTH COUNCIL LIAISON	Jesse Bell	
ULCT LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE	Mayor Kendalyn Harris Richard Higginson	
South Davis Sewer District Board	Mayor Kendalyn Harris	
BOUNTIFUL DAVIS ART CENTER	Cecilee Price-Huish	
MOSQUITO ABATEMENT BOARD	Richard Higginson	



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# **Bountiful City Officials**



#### **Elected Officials**

Kendalyn Harris	Mayor
Millie Segura Bahr	. Councilmember
Jesse Bell	.Councilmember
Kate Bradshaw	. Councilmember
Richard Higginson	.Councilmember
Cecilee Price-Huish	.Councilmember

#### Appointed/Other City Officials

#### **Other Area Officials**

Dane Stone .......Fire Chief, So. Davis Metro Fire Area Tif Miller ..... Director, South Davis Recreation District

### **Bountiful City History**



On the 27th day of September, 1847, Perrigrine 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 r's (reading, writing and arithmetic) 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 was also established the second school in Utah.

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:

1. Joseph L. Holbrook       1892-1897 Incl.         2. David O. Willey       1898-1899 Incl.         3. John Fisher       1900-1901 Incl.         4. Jed Stringham       1902-1909 Incl.         5. Amos Cook       1910-1911 Incl.         6. Charles R. Mabey       1912-1913 Incl.         7. Richard Stringham       1914-1917 Incl.         8. Quayle Cannon       1918-1919 Incl.         9. Leo J. Muir       1920-Sept. 13, 1922 (Resigned)         10. Ernest Madsen       Sept. 13, 1922-1923 (Appointed)         11. James E. Burns       1926-July 1, 1927 (Resigned)         13. J. A. Taylor       July 1, 1927-Dec. 1927 (Appointed)         14. B. L. Kesler       1930-1939 Incl.         16. S. Lloyd Riley       1940-1941 Incl.         17. J. A. Taylor       1942-1943 Incl.         19. Leo S. Holbrook       1944-1945 Incl.         19. Leo S. Holbrook       1948-1949 Incl.         22. George K. Fadel       1954-1957 Incl.         23. Harold L. Pope       1958-1961 Incl.         24. Matt A. Galt       1962-1965 Incl.         25. Morris F. Swapp
27. Dean S. Stahle 1982-1989 Incl.
29. John R. Cushing 1994-2001 Incl.
30. Joe L. Johnson
32. 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 have been established and junior high schools and two high school have been built.

Streets have been cleared of weeds and debris; oiled surface 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

## Bountiful City Condensed Budget Summary FY 2022-23



#### BOUNTIFUL CITY BUDGET SUMMARY (condensed)

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

REVENUES:	TOTAL
Property Taxes & Fees-in-Lieu of Property Taxes	3,925,761
Property Tax - Debt Service	8,679,604
Sales Taxes & Recreation, Arts & Parks (RAP) Taxes	11,538,589
Utility Franchise, Municipal Energy Sales Taxes & E911 Telephone Revenue	3,570,000
Licenses & Permits (Business Licenses, Building & Street Opening Permits, Subdivision Fees)	653,150
Refuse Collection Fees & Landfill Charges	3,132,447
Grants & Intergovernmental (Liquor Fund Allotment; Class C Road, Grants; Local Highway Transit; Bail Forfeitures)	3,430,800
Cemetery Lot Sales and Related Fees	853,500
Interest Income	737,137
Contribution in Aid from outside entities	320,000
Recycling Fees	582,000
Storm Water Fees	2,008,818
Sale of Water	5,305,000
Golf Course Fees & Cart Rental	1,702,500
Sale of Electricity	28,075,817
Miscellaneous Income (Lease & Rental Income; Other)	2,135,068
Use of Fund Balance or Retained Earnings	3,907,556
Inter-City Transfers	4,087,214
Sub-total - Revenues	84,644,961
Adjustment for Inter-City Revenue & Transfers	(4,087,214)
NET REVENUES	80,557,747

EXPENDITURES & EXPENSES:	TOTAL
Legislative (Mayor, Council and Community Engagement)	4,026,525
Executive & Legal (City Manager, City Recorder; Civil and Prosecution)	623,020
Administration (Human Resources; Payroll; Information Technology; Finance; Treasury & Utility Billing/Customer Service)	1,289,356
Police (Police and Dispatch Services)	10,372,103
Fire & Emergency Medical Services (provided via Interlocal agreement with the South Davis Metro Fire Agency)	2,541,250
Streets (Includes construction, maintenance and snowplowing)	7,568,059
Engineering & Planning (Public Works; Building Inspection; Licensing and Code Enforcement)	1,249,268
Parks, Trails, & General Government Buildings	2,390,320
Use of Fund Balance (Capital Improvement Fund)	5,276,319
Debt Service	679,904
Recycling	657,200
Storm Water	2,337,284
Water	5,538,000
Light & Power	30,610,115
Golf Course	1,958,022
Sanitation & Landfill	4,213,568
Cemetery	764,500
Recreation Arts and Parks (RAP) Tax	1,303,739
Cemetery Perpetual Care	122,000
Landfill Closure	4,800
Internal Service (Computer Replacement, Liability Insurance, Worker's Compensation)	1,119,609
Sub-total - Expenditures & Expenses	84,644,961
Adjustment for Inter-City Revenue & Transfers	(4,087,214)
NET EXPENDITURES & EXPENSES	80,557,747

#### NOTES:

The Bountiful Redevelopment Agency is a separate legal entity with a separately presented and adopted budget.

# Bountiful City Miscellaneous Statistics



Statistic/Data Measured	Unit of Measure	Current as of:	Data or Statistic
Date of Incorporation		June 2020	December 14, 1892
Form of government		June 2020	Council-Manager by Ordinance
Area (Square miles)		June 2020	14
Population	Total (Utah estimate)	June 2020	44,098
	Percentage of population age 65 and older	2010	16.3%
	Percentage of population under age 5	2010	8.3%
	School age population	2010	20.4%
Property Values	Real Property (Market Value)	January 2020	\$3,401,821,536
	Personal Property (Market Value)	January 2020	\$72,986,246
	Centrally Assessed Property (Market Value)	January 2020	\$39,771,403
Miles of streets (total)		June 2020	160
Miles of streets (overlayed)		June 2020	7
Miles of streets (reconstructed)		June 2020	0.44
Number of street lights		June 2020	2,162
City employees	Full-time positions	June 2020	180
	Part-time positions	June 2020	76
	Total Employees	June 2020	256
Fire protection:	Number of stations (operated by South Davis Metro Fire Service Area)	June 2020	2
	Number of fire calls	2019	671
	Number of EMS calls	2019	3,080
	Fire apparatus	2019	5
	EMS apparatus	2019	4
Police protection:	Number of stations	June 2021	1
	Number of patrol units	June 2020	24
	Citations written (hazardous and non-hazardous)	2019	4,767
	Major Offenses	2019	735
	Arrests	2019	875
	Dispatch Phone Volume	2019	106,918
Municipal water department:	Average daily gallons consumed	June 2020	4,127,000
	Number of service lines	March 2021	11,059
	Miles of water mains	June 2020	178
Sanitation & Recycling:	Number of Sanitation collection trucks	June 2020	13
	Tons of waste collected and landfilled	June 2020	98,704
Storm Water:	Tons of recyclables collected (service began December 1, 2008)	June 2020	2,797
Storm water:	Miles of Encased Storm Drains	June 2020 June 2020	72
	Miles of Concrete lined open ditch Miles of storm drains inspected	June 2020	4
	Miles of streets cleaned	June 2020	160
Power and light:	Miles of distribution & transmission lines	June 2020	249
i ower and igne.	Number of connections	June 2021	17,264
	Kilowatt hours sold	June 2021	267,283,693
Building Permits Issued:	Total single family and multi-family permits issued	June 2020	33
Recreation and culture:	Number of parks	June 2020	17
	Number of picnic areas	June 2020	29
	Number of tennis courts	June 2020	18
	Number of soccer fields	June 2020	6
	Number of ball diamonds	June 2020	8
	Number of Trail Heads	June 2020	2
	Number of swimming pools (South Davis Recreation District)	June 2020	1
	Number of ice rinks (South Davis Recreation District)	June 2020	1
	Number of Libraries (Davis County)	June 2020	1
	Number of golf courses	June 2020	1 (18 holes)
	Number of art centers (Bountiful Davis Arts Center)	June 2020	1
Ordinances Passed by City Council		June 2020	8
Resolutions Passed by City Council		June 2020	16
Registered (active) voters		March 2020	25,226
Ballots Cast		2020 General Election	25,367
Pecentage of registered voters voting		2020 General Election	90.39%