

Minutes of the
BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL
April 14, 2026 – 7:00 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.

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

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 Attorney	Brad Jeppsen
	City Engineer	Lloyd Cheney
	Finance Director	David Burgoyne
	Asst City Planner	Amber Corbridge
	Water Director	Kraig Christensen
	Chief of Police	Ed Biehler
	Streets Director	Charles Benson
	Recording Secretary	Maranda Hilton
Excused:	Planning Director	Francisco Astorga

WELCOME, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND THOUGHT/PRAYER

Mayor Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed those in attendance. Mr. Pete Shay led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Mark Hanson, Bountiful Heights Stake, offered a thought and a prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The time for public comment was opened at 7:06 pm.

Ms. Claudia Lindeburg (resident) raised concerns that the City is allowing more commercial development to be built in an area that still has many commercial properties sitting empty. She also voiced concerns for the tenants of the Hidden Gardens complex whose landlord has not maintained their units and was permitted to build more housing. She said the construction has also been very disruptive to the current tenants. She said she feels the Council cares more about developers than the residents.

Ms. Marla Keller (resident) spoke in favor of the changes be considered for the intersection at Bountiful Blvd and 1800 South. She said she was not in favor of it being changed to a 4-way stop and thanked the Council for considering better signage, flashing lights and trimming back foliage. She also suggested rubble strips be added and the word “STOP” be painted on the road. She emphasized that there is a huge problem at that intersection.

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2 Ms. Isabelle Schmidt (resident) on behalf of the Bountiful Neighbors Network, shared
3 concerns about the recent ICE detainment that took place outside of EOS Gym. She stated that ICE
4 agents knelt on Mr. Ahad's back and then Bountiful Police came to help. She asked the Council not
5 to enter into an agreement with either ICE or DHS. She said that they want transparency from
6 Bountiful City and want to see a plan put in place. They want to know to what extent Bountiful
7 Police will collaborate with ICE in the future, if ICE claims will be investigated, if ICE needs to
8 produce a warrant before asking for help, if the Police will step in if they see excessive force being
9 used, how many calls Police will assist with each day, if police incident reports will be made, and if
10 those reports will be available to the public. She also shared concerns about the safety of bystanders,
11 detainees and of officers at the scene of ICE detentions.

12 Mr. Pete Shay (resident) shared that there has been an effort to repeal Prop 4, and that Senate
13 Districts 15 and 12 have now fallen below the threshold to put Prop 4 on the ballot. He encouraged
14 anyone who signed the petition to repeal Prop 4, and has now changed their mind or felt misled about
15 the petition, to remove their signatures by going to protectutahvoters.com and filling out the blank
16 forms available. He cautioned that they only have 8 days left to take their names off.

17 Ms. Evelyn Davies (resident) shared that she was disturbed by the recent ICE detainment that
18 took place over the weekend and asked why the Bountiful Police are assisting ICE agents at all. She
19 said ICE agents have committed numerous human rights violations all over the country in the past
20 year and asked if this is the kind of behavior Bountiful wants to be associated with and asked how
21 long the Council will let this happen in our community.

22 The time for public comment was closed at 7:15 pm.
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24 Mayor Bradshaw asked Police Chief Ed Biehler if he would share more information about the
25 ICE detainment.

26 Chief Biehler first thanked everyone for their concerns about his officers and for their positive
27 remarks, emails and calls. He explained that Bountiful Police received a 911 call from an outside law
28 enforcement agency asking for help with a person who was resisting arrest, so officers were
29 dispatched to the area. He explained that officers did not know which agency had called for help until
30 they arrived at the scene. When officers arrived at the scene, the man was already in handcuffs but
31 still passively and verbally resisting arrest. A short time later, the police supervisor got the man off
32 the ground and into a police car and he was brought to the police parking lot, where ICE agents tried
33 to ask him questions, but he did not want to talk. Police transferred him to a safer vehicle because he
34 was combative and causing damage and then transported him to the jail. Chief Biehler said that
35 "excessive force" was not used; but some force was used by an ICE agent for a short time, using his
36 knee while getting the suspect into handcuffs. Additionally, Chief Biehler gave more details about the
37 suspect, Mr. Kalil Fahad Ali. Mr. Ali had been stopped earlier in the day for an NCIC warrant for a
38 final deportation order, but the outside agency did not act at that time and instead notified ICE about
39 it. ICE was able to find him in his car at the EOS parking lot. Mr. Ali was resistant and placed in
40 handcuffs. Mr. Ali arrived in the U.S. in 2013. In 2014 and in 2016 he was convicted of numerous
41 third-degree felonies (both Class-A and Class-B), mostly having to do with drug distribution.
42 Because of those felony arrests he was put into the court system for deportation and in 2020 an
43 Atlanta court ordered his removal, which he appealed, but the appeal was denied by a Board of
44 Immigration in 2021. Since then, he has had a final deportation order against him.

45 Mayor Bradshaw thanked him for his time.

46 Councilmember Child asked Chief Biehler how ICE has historically operated in Bountiful

1 when they have had to make arrests, etc. Chief Biehler explained that the Bountiful Police have a
2 relationship with ICE, just as they have a relationship with any other federal, state or local entities,
3 which is generally very limited. Generally, if the Police need help identifying a person of interest
4 who is not a citizen of the United States, they may ask ICE to use their database to help them with an
5 identification, but Chief Biehler added that he cannot think of a time that ICE ever then got involved
6 and took someone away. He further explained that ICE asks for police assistance perhaps a few times
7 a year, mostly because they need help transporting an individual to the jail, as was the case with this
8 latest incident.

9 Chief Biehler invited anyone with questions for him to meet in the lobby, and he stayed and
10 answered questions as the meeting continued in the chambers.

11 **BCYC REPORT**

12 Ms. Brenna Buttars reported that the BCYC had a successful Bunny Hop activity last month.
13 She announced that the first week in May will be their annual Kimball Mill cleanup and that
14 applications just opened for next year's BCYC.
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16 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

17 Councilmember Higginson did not have a report.

18 Councilmember Murri reported that anyone can request a free spray from the Mosquito
19 Abatement District website as we head into mosquito season.

20 Councilmember Child reported that the BDAC has opened the Davis School District student
21 art show and encouraged everyone to go see the amazing art that the students created.

22 Councilmember Bahr did not have a report.

23 Councilmember Bell reported that the SDRD reported \$573k in net income, which is good,
24 and above what was estimated. He also said the Rec Board is still working on an interlocal agreement
25 with the school district which should help with the swimming pool expenses. He explained that April
26 23rd is the 19th anniversary of the Recreation Center and said they will be celebrating by charging
27 \$2.50 admission that day in honor of America250. They have also planned a lot of fun activities for
28 America250 called the "Red, White and Move" contest which will conclude on Labor Day. He added
29 that he is excited about the progress being made on the budget and how busy the youth sports
30 programs are right now.
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32 Mayor Bradshaw reported that several planning meetings have taken place for the
33 America250 celebration. She thanked everyone who is volunteering their time and resources to make
34 these events come to life and added that the City website now has an America250 page and that the
35 banners that will line Main Street have been ordered.
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37 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF:**

38 a. **EXPENDITURES GREATER THAN \$1,000 PAID ON MARCH 18TH, 25TH, AND** 39 **APRIL 1ST, 2026**

40 b. **FEBRUARY 2026 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

41 Councilmember Higginson made a motion to approve the expenditures and the February 2026
42 Financial Report, and Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with
43 Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting "aye."
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2 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF WATER PIPES FROM**
3 **MOUNTAINLAND SUPPLY CO. IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$56,984 – MR. KRAIG**
4 **CHRISTENSEN**

5 Mr. Kraig Christensen explained that as the Water Department gets ready for construction
6 season to begin, they will need to purchase more C900 pipe for water line replacement projects. He
7 said they went out to bid for the pipe and recommend the lowest bid from Mountainland Supply Co.
8 He added that all three of the companies who submitted bids told the City the prices would only be
9 good for 30 days, instead of the normal few weeks, due to increasing fuel costs. So, Mr. Christensen
10 received approval from the City Manager to purchase the pipe before costs increase.

11 Councilmember Bahr made a motion to approve the purchase of pipes from Mountainland
12 Supply Co. and Councilmember Higginson seconded the motion. The motion passed with
13 Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting “aye.”
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15 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A PUMP AND**
16 **MOTOR BY WIDDISON WELL SERVICES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$47,280 – MR.**
17 **KRAIG CHRISTENSEN**

18 Mr. Christensen explained that an alarm went off at the 100 East well when the power cable
19 the goes to the motor grounded out on the motor and caused a failure that went up into the panel and
20 damaged some fuses. He said this well is a critical part of the Bountiful water system, so he asked the
21 City Manager to approve the repair so they can get this well back online as soon as possible. He got
22 two bids back and chose the low bidder, Widdison Well Services, to do the repair.

23 Councilmember Higginson said he’s grateful the City has a policy in place that allows us to
24 save time and money by having the City Manager approve urgent items.

25 Councilmember Higginson made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of a pump
26 and motor by Widdison Well Services and Councilmember Child seconded the motion. The motion
27 passed with Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting “aye.”
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29 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06 AND PROCLAMATION NO.**
30 **2026-01 REGARDING WATERING RESTRICTIONS – MR. KRAIG CHRISTENSEN**

31 Mr. Christensen explained that the snowpack this year is insufficient to produce the water
32 needed to make it through the summer and peak flow rate has already been reached for runoff at the
33 treatment plant, so the Water Department recommends issuing a proclamation regarding watering
34 restrictions for outdoor use of culinary water. He added that they have tried to keep some guiding
35 principles in mind as they drafted this proclamation; domestic water uses and fire protection demands
36 will be the top priority, and community areas should be watered enough to reduce costly damage. He
37 said that if the Council approves Resolution No. 2026-06, the Water Department will place door
38 hangers at the affected properties, so residents are aware of the restrictions. The restrictions will be in
39 effect from May 15th, 2026, until April 15th, 2027, and stipulate that even-numbered homes will water
40 on even-numbered days, and odd-numbered homes will water on odd-numbered days, with no one
41 being allowed to water on Wednesdays. Watering times will be restricted to 20 minutes per zone, or
42 40 minutes for rotary sprinklers, and a max flow rate of 5 gal/min for hand watering or filling pools.
43 People cannot water between the hours of 10 am and 6 pm. It is also not permitted to use culinary
44 water where secondary water is provided. There will be a fine schedule in place for people found to
45 be in violation of this resolution.

1 Mr. Lloyd Cheney added that the last time the City instituted watering restrictions, residents
2 responded very well and he felt confident that our community would again rise to the occasion to
3 help keep our reservoirs at a safe level. He said he hopes those using secondary water will also use
4 those resources responsibly.

5 Councilmember Higginson said he was concerned that people will already be watering their
6 lawns before this restriction takes effect on May 15th. Mr. Christensen said that is a possibility, but
7 the City was trying to be consistent with the irrigation districts who will begin their service on May
8 15th this year.

9 Councilmember Higginson asked why Wednesday was chosen for the “No Watering” day.
10 Mr. Christensen said they chose a weekday when staff is working, so it will be easier to monitor
11 compliance with the restriction.

12 Councilmember Bell said he appreciates staff and Council efforts to conserve water this year
13 and expressed his confidence that residents will step up and sacrifice to help. He said he felt the
14 Proclamation should state more clearly that these restrictions regard culinary water only, since
15 Bountiful City does not have any power to restrict the secondary water which all comes from other
16 entities. He pointed to items 3, 4, 5, and 6 in the resolution, and asked if the word “culinary” could be
17 added for clarity’s sake. He also asked if the resolution could list out the names of the secondary
18 water providers, which he felt would help residents understand that the City does not provide
19 secondary water and has been a point of confusion for many.

20 Councilmember Child added that the date on page 34 needed to be corrected and the
21 resolution number needed to be updated as well.

22 Mayor Bradshaw said she saw no problem with making those changes and Mr. Brad Jeppsen
23 read an amended resolution to the Council for approval that corrected the date and resolution number
24 and added the word “culinary” in the appropriate places. It did not list out the secondary water
25 districts. Councilmember Bell said he was alright with leaving out the naming of the water districts
26 this year and adding it to any future proclamations.

27 Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-06 regarding watering
28 restrictions and Councilmember Higginson seconded the motion. The motion passed with
29 Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting “aye.”
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31 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZING THE FIRST OF TWO POTENTIAL LEASE**
32 **EXTENSIONS UNDER THE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOUNTIFUL JEEP POSSE – MR.**
33 **TYSON BECK**

34 Mr. Tyson Beck explained that the contract between the City and the Jeep Posse for the lease
35 of their building has two possible 10-year extensions built into it. The Jeep Posse would like the City
36 to authorize the first of those extensions after 20 years of leasing it. Staff recommend the
37 authorization of the extension.

38 Councilmember Child expressed her gratitude for the Jeep Posse and their commitment to our
39 community. Mayor Bradshaw also thanked them for all they do.

40 Councilmember Murri asked if other organizations can also use that building. Mr. Beck said
41 the Lion’s Club uses the building sometimes, so it could be possible, it would just take a conversation
42 with the Jeep Posse.

43 Councilmember Bahr made a motion to approve the lease extension with the Jeep Posse and
44 Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bahr, Bell,
45 Child, Higginson, and Murri voting “aye.”
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3 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTING HBME, LLC AS THE CITY'S INDEPENDENT**
4 **AUDIT FIRM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026-2030, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$186,000 –**
5 **MR. DAVID BURGOYNE**

6 Mr. David Burgoyne explained that under Utah State law, Bountiful must undergo an annual
7 independent financial audit and the City's current contract with the firm Keddington & Christensen
8 has expired. Staff reached out to 12 different firms and used a rubric to evaluate each of the
9 responses. Based on the scores, staff is recommending that the City hire HBME, LLC, who is not the
10 lowest bidder. The lowest bidder did not have the best response to the RFP compared to the other
11 bidders and thus received a lower score based on the rubric. Mr. Burgoyne added that the contract
12 with HBME will save the City \$9,000 compared to the cost of last year's audit, and that this contract
13 will be for 5 years, with the option of five additional 1-year renewals.

14 Councilmember Bell and Councilmember Higginson thanked Keddington & Christensen for
15 their wonderful services in previous years and said they looked forward to working with HBME.

16 Councilmember Bell made a motion to appoint HBME, LLC as the City's independent audit
17 firm and Councilmember Higginson seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers
18 Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting "aye."
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20 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPOSED INTERSECTION MODIFICATIONS AT THE**
21 **INTERSECTION OF MUELLER PARK ROAD AND BOUNTIFUL BOULEVARD, AS**
22 **RECOMMENDED BY THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – MR. LLOYD CHENEY**

23 Mr. Lloyd Cheney explained that the Traffic Safety Committee reviewed this item recently
24 and had a robust discussion about what the best course of action is for this intersection. It was staff's
25 recommendation, based on MUTCD manual guidelines, that this intersection be converted into a 4-
26 way stop. Staff reviewed the accident history for this intersection, and it meets the requirement for a
27 4-way stop. However, the Traffic Safety Committee voted not to follow staff's recommendation and
28 instead made the following recommendations: install 36", flashing stop signs, reduce foliage, and
29 refresh the stop line paint.

30 Councilmember Bahr elaborated that the Committee, after looking at the data, did not feel it
31 made sense to convert this intersection to a 4-way stop. They felt that this was a good first step in
32 trying to do something to make this intersection safer that would not disrupt the flow of traffic.

33 Mr. Charles Benson explained that adding a stop sign to the eastbound side of the intersection
34 was a concern for his snowplow drivers, since it is a steep and slippery road in the winter. But he
35 added that his drivers would deal with whatever the Council decided to do there.

36 Councilmember Child said she does not feel the recommendation is enough and would like to
37 see this become a 4-way stop. She explained that she has been concerned about this intersection for
38 25 years and it would be a shame if another 25 years goes by without examining it after this meeting,
39 so if the motion for the Committee's recommendation passes tonight, she would like to add the
40 provision that it comes with a mandatory evaluation in 12 months. She said she would be voting
41 "nay" on this recommendation.

42 Councilmember Bell added that this was a complicated issue for him, he has heard from
43 residents who feel both ways about it and the accident data is hard to decipher. He said he went to
44 this intersection to observe it the other day and it made him wonder if flashing stop signs will do
45 anything to improve it.

1 Mayor Bradshaw shared that she reflexively treats this intersection as a 4-way stop just to
2 protect herself, and said she believes many people do the same who are familiar with it.

3 Mr. Cheney said that driver expectation is a significant indication that an intersection should
4 be a 4-way stop, and he feels this intersection will eventually become one.

5 Councilmember Higginson made a motion to approve proposed intersection modifications,
6 including the provision to evaluate the effects after 12 months, and Councilmember Murri seconded
7 the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bahr, Higginson, and Murri voting “aye” and
8 Councilmembers Bell and Child voting “nay.”
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10 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05 APPROVING AN AGREEMENT**
11 **BETWEEN DAVIS COUNTY AND THE CITY FOR FUNDING ENHANCED PEDESTRIAN**
12 **CROSSINGS – MR. LLOYD CHENEY**

13 Mr. Cheney explained that the approval of this resolution is a requirement for receiving the
14 funding the City was awarded for the enhanced pedestrian crossings that the Council approved at the
15 meeting on March 10th, 2026.

16 Councilmember Child made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-05 and
17 Councilmember Bahr seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bahr, Bell,
18 Child, Higginson, and Murri voting “aye.”
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20 **ADJOURN**

21 Councilmember Bahr made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember Child
22 seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and
23 Murri voting “aye.”
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25 The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Mayor Kate Bradshaw

City Recorder