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**Minutes of the
BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL**

March 25, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

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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	Kendalyn Harris
	Councilmembers	Kate Bradshaw, Matt Murri, Cecilee Price-Huish
	City Manager	Gary Hill
	Asst City Manager	Galen Rasmussen
	City Attorney	Brad Jeppsen
	City Engineer	Lloyd Cheney
	Planning Director	Francisco Astorga
	Parks Director	Brock Hill
	Streets Director	Charles Benson
	Recording Secretary	Maranda Hilton
Excused:	Councilmember	Richard Higginson
	Councilmember	Beth Child

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

COMMUNITY GARDEN – MR. GARY HILL

Mr. Gary Hill explained that in June 2024 the Council discussed a potential community garden in Bountiful. The Council was in favor of a community garden if an organization came forward that was willing and able to manage the garden. In February, a group of residents presented, to certain members of City management and staff, a proposal to manage a garden. He explained that there remains a question about the extent of the City’s role in the creation, maintenance and financing of the garden, so the goal of this work session is to get further direction on those things from the Council. Specific items needing to be discussed are whether the group would need to obtain its own insurance, who will prepare the garden beds, who will collect the fees, and who will address concerns and/or settle disputes.

Mayor Harris voiced Councilmember Child’s wishes for her, due to her being absent from the meeting. She explained that Councilmember Child was in favor of the City providing land and water for the garden but would prefer the group to take care of fee collection, insurance, and maintenance. She also suggested we use this season as a trial run to see how it goes and adjust as needed for next year.

Mr. Gary Hill said he met with Councilmember Higginson, also absent from the meeting, and conveyed that Councilmember Higginson was in favor of helping facilitate and educate about a community garden, but nothing more than that.

1 Councilmember Bradshaw expressed her concerns that asking the Parks department to take on
2 extra tasks for the garden, especially at a time in the season when they are short-staffed and busy with
3 other priorities, would be adding too much to their plate. She said she would like to provide an
4 opportunity for a garden but wished for the City to be very cautious about overcommitting staff time
5 and resources to it.

6 Councilmember Price-Huish expressed her excitement for and confidence in the group of
7 residents who want to manage the garden. She advocated for the City to help prepare the plot, use
8 City liability insurance to cover the operations of the garden, and collect the fees. She said the
9 number of plots would not be very high, so even though it is more work for City staff, she felt it was
10 achievable. Most of all she expressed her desire that the garden move forward.

11 Councilmember Murri said he was in favor of facilitation only and also voiced his concern
12 that anything beyond that would be a burden to Parks staff.

13 Ms. Joy Ames, one of the organizers, said that insurance would cost somewhere between
14 \$500 and \$700 per year, which she felt they could afford. She also offered the idea of not starting the
15 garden this year, due to the lack of adequate time to prepare, but that they use this year to get
16 organized and garner interest from residents and give the Parks department more time to irrigate and
17 prepare the plot. Ms. Lori Partridge added that they could borrow a tiller from Centerville City, and
18 that tilling the plot only takes about two hours.

19 Councilmember Bradshaw said that, for her, this comes down to whether this garden will be a
20 private entity or a public one. She envisioned the garden to be a group that the City partners with, like
21 the BDAC, and not a City-run operation, like the farmers market.

22 Councilmember Price-Huish said that she would like the City to help with a few things, but is
23 not advocating that the garden be operated by the City. However, she conceded that since no other
24 Councilmembers supported that idea, she was fine with simply making the decision to move forward
25 with facilitation. The other Councilmembers agreed that they would like to move forward, taking the
26 time to figure out what the model of facilitation should look like and creating clear rules and
27 responsibilities.

28 Mr. Gary Hill asked one more question, who should pay for the water usage in the garden.
29 After a little discussion, staff said they would research what the cost of water is for agricultural uses
30 and for cities and bring that back to the Council later.

31 The Council also liked the idea of the group creating a small sample garden to help with
32 marketing this year.

33 **GENERAL PLAN – MR. FRANCISCO ASTORGA**

34 Mr. Francisco Astorga asked the Council to look over the goals and actions in the updated
35 general plan and provide any feedback.

36 Councilmember Bradshaw asked why the goals and actions do not use the specific language
37 of the place types they worked on previously. Mr. Astorga explained that staff decided to keep the
38 language in this section compliant with State regulations to make sure the Department of Workforce
39 Services would approve it.

40 Councilmember Price-Huish asked if the terms “pedestrian facilities”, “non-motorized
41 transportation”, and “multi-modal transportation” could all be changed to “active transportation” to
42 achieve greater clarity. Mr. Astorga said staff would look at it and make the changes.

43 That was all the time they had for discussion, so they decided to come back to this item at a
44 later work session.

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1 The work session ended at 6:59 pm.
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4 **Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**
5 **City Council Chambers**
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7 Present:	Mayor	Kendalyn Harris
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11	City Attorney	Brad Jeppsen
12	City Engineer	Lloyd Cheney
13	Planning Director	Francisco Astorga
14	Streets Director	Charles Benson
15	Power Director	Allen Johnson
16	Water Director	Kraig Christensen
17	Police Lieutenant	Michael Sheldon
18	Recording Secretary	Maranda Hilton
19 Excused:	Councilmember	Richard Higginson
20	Councilmember	Beth Child

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

23 Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm and welcomed those in attendance. Mr.
24 John Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Bud Matheson, Bountiful Heights Stake, offered a
25 prayer.
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27 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

28 The public comment period was opened at 7:09 pm.
29 No comments were made.
30 The public comment period was closed at 7:10 pm.
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32 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON**
33 **FEBRUARY 25TH, 2025**

34 Councilmember Price-Huish made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous
35 meetings and Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers
36 Bradshaw, Murri and Price-Huish voting “aye.”
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38 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

39 Councilmember Murri did not have a report.

40 Councilmember Price-Huish reported on the BCYC leadership conference at USU last week.
41 She said it was an incredible opportunity for the kids to receive training from leaders all around the
42 state. She also expressed how excited she was to see many members of the Power Commission here
43 tonight to honor Mr. Paul Summers.

44 Mayor Harris reported that the South Davis Fire District was recognized as “Hazmat Team of
45 the Year” at the recent State of Utah Conference, and they also just got a new ladder truck, which is
46 very nice.

1 Councilmember Bradshaw reported that South Davis Recreation District just updated their
2 website to make it more mobile-friendly and easier to navigate. She also acknowledged that our state
3 representatives, Ray Ward, Melissa Ballard and Todd Weiler, all voted with cities on a few tough
4 bills during the recent legislative session, and she expressed her appreciation for their support.

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6 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF:**

7 a. **EXPENDITURES GREATER THAN \$1,000 PAID FEBRUARY 19th, 26th, MARCH**
8 **5th, 12th 2025**

9 b. **JANUARY 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT**

10 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve the expenditures and the January
11 financial report and Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with
12 Councilmembers Bradshaw, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

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14 **RECOGNIZE POWER COMMISSIONER PAUL SUMMERS FOR HIS 17 YEARS OF**
15 **SERVICE – MAYOR KENDALYN HARRIS**

16 Mayor Harris recognized Mr. Paul Summers for his 17 years on the Power Commission, and
17 for his life that has been full of service in so many other capacities.

18 Mr. Summers expressed what a privilege it has been to serve the City and to serve alongside
19 so many wonderful people.

20 Councilmember Bradshaw said that Mr. Summers truly exemplified the Rotary Motto
21 “Service Above Self” and she thanked him for his example in our community.

22 Mr. Allen Johnson said how much he appreciated Mr. Summers’ dedication, sacrifice and
23 expertise.

24 Mr. David Irvine lauded Mr. Summers for being someone who exemplified the principles
25 found in the Sermon on the Mount. He said Mr. Summers is a true friend.

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27 **RECOGNIZE JAN WHITTAKER FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE AS A BHS DRILL**
28 **COACH AND INDUCTION INTO THE UHSAA CIRCLE OF FAME – MAYOR**
29 **KENDALYN HARRIS**

30 Mayor Harris recognized Ms. Jan Whittaker for her years of teaching and coaching at
31 Bountiful High School, and for her induction into the UHSAA Circle of Fame. She thanked Ms.
32 Whittaker for helping build the confidence of our community’s most precious asset – our youth.

33 Ms. Whittaker thanked the Mayor and Council, and said teaching at BHS was the very best
34 job in the world, and she felt honored to be there among so many amazing students being honored
35 tonight.

36 Councilmember Price-Huish said Ms. Whittaker’s reputation for excellence is known across
37 the nation, and thanked her for putting Bountiful on the map.

38 Councilmember Bradshaw said what an inspiration it was growing up in the Whittaker’s
39 neighborhood and being a student at BHS while Ms. Whittaker was there. She lauded Ms.
40 Whittaker’s ability to coach and motivate students and said Ms. Whittaker was a great example what
41 it takes to be a champion and a team member.

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43 **RECOGNIZE THE BOUNTIFUL HIGH SCHOOL DRILL AND GIRLS’ BASKETBALL**
44 **TEAMS FOR THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES – MAYOR KENDALYN HARRIS**

45 Mayor Harris recognized the BHS Girls Basketball Team for their state championship win.

46 Coach Joel Burton spoke about how amazing the season was, and how hard the girls worked,

1 knowing from the start that they wanted to win a third championship in a row.

2 Mayor Harris told the team that the Council was very excited about their season, following
3 them the entire season and cheering them on.

4 Mayor Harris then recognized the BHS Drill Team for their state championship win.

5 Coach Alba Butler shared how the team had laser focus on every step as their season
6 progressed and went on to achieve every one of their goals. She said this has been the best team she
7 has ever worked with as far as work ethic and mindset goes, and that they are all kind and amazing
8 individuals. The assistant coach shared that she had Ms. Jan Whittaker as her coach when she was in
9 school, and expressed how her legacy continues to impact the school.

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11 **APPOINT TAYLOR COOK TO THE BOUNTIFUL CITY COMMUNITY SERVICE**
12 **COUNCIL – MAYOR KENDALYN HARRIS**

13 Mayor Harris read a statement from Councilmember Child saying how disappointed she was
14 to not be there tonight, but that she knew Ms. Taylor Cook would be a great addition to the
15 Community Service Council; she is dedicated, talented and driven.

16 Mayor Harris thanked Ms. Cook for her willingness to serve in this capacity, and praised Ms.
17 Cook and her husband Mr. John Cook for being so willing to do the things that do not always receive
18 any appreciation.

19 Councilmember Price-Huish said she admired how the Cooks are teaching their young
20 children about serving, bringing them along to participate in everything they do.

21 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve the appointment of Ms. Taylor Cook to
22 the Bountiful City Community Service Council, and Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The
23 motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

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25 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A TACO WATER PUMP FROM**
26 **JOHNSON CONTROLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$69,089 – LIEUTENANT**
27 **MICHAEL SHELDON**

28 Lt. Michael Sheldon explained that the water system at the public safety building is from
29 1996 and needs to have its TACO brand water pump replaced. He said that staff recommends
30 Johnson Controls for the project because they are already very familiar with the system.

31 Councilmember Price-Huish made a motion to approve the purchase of a water pump and
32 Councilmember Bradshaw seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers
33 Bradshaw, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

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35 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A LAARS NEOTHERM NT2H800**
36 **CONDENSING BOILER FROM JOHNSON CONTROLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF**
37 **\$44,854 – LIEUTENANT MICHAEL SHELDON**

38 Lt. Sheldon explained that the boiler in the public safety building was also installed in 1996
39 and needs to be replaced. The typical lifespan of a boiler is 15 to 25 years, which has been surpassed.
40 The boiler being recommended is a commercial one that is much more efficient and will pass new
41 efficiency standards.

42 Councilmember Murri made a motion to approve the purchase of a condensing boiler and
43 Councilmember Price-Huish seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers
44 Bradshaw, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

1 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF 15 FIRE HYDRANTS FROM**
2 **FERGUSON WATERWORKS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$52,875 – MR. KRAIG**
3 **CHRISTENSEN**

4 Mr. Kraig Christensen explained that hydrants play a significant role in the water system for
5 both fire protection and for use when flushing out dirty water events. As staff has planned for this
6 year’s pipe projects, they feel buying hydrants in bulk will be more efficient and help save the City
7 money. They reached out to three local vendors and recommend the low bid from Ferguson Water
8 Works.

9 Councilmember Price-Huish asked how many hydrants there are in the City. Mr. Christensen
10 said there are around 4,000 hydrants.

11 Councilmember Price-Huish asked why hydrants are sometimes painted different colors. Mr.
12 Christensen said that each water system has a different color scheme, which makes it easier for
13 services to quickly identify which city or district a hydrant belongs to if there is an issue.

14 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve the purchase of 15 fire hydrants and
15 Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw,
16 Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”
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18 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH ALL STAR STRIPING**
19 **/ ROAD SAFE SYSTEMS INC. IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$160,048 – MR. CHARLES**
20 **BENSON**

21 Mr. Charles Benson explained that each year the roads in Bountiful get restriped. This year
22 will be the first year of a contract extension with All Star Striping / Road Safe Systems. They striped
23 for us last year, and staff would like to extend their contract. This extension would have a \$10,000
24 increase over last year, due to increased costs. This expense is included in the FY2026 budget.

25 Councilmember Murri made a motion to approve the contract extension with All Star
26 Striping/Road Safe Systems and Councilmember Price-Huish seconded the motion. The motion
27 passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”
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29 **CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF DISPATCH LIGHTING**
30 **EQUIPMENT FROM SHUPE ELECTRIC IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$33,571 – MR.**
31 **ALLEN JOHNSON**

32 Mr. Allen Johnson explained that the lighting system in the Power dispatch center is failing,
33 and technology has changed enough that finding replacement parts is not an option. Staff put out for
34 bids to replace the system and recommend the low bid from Shupe Electric.

35 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve the purchase of dispatch lighting
36 equipment and Councilmember Price-Huish seconded the motion. The motion passed with
37 Councilmembers Bradshaw, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”
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39 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF NORTHWEST SUBSTATION RELAY**
40 **PANELS FROM SPECIALTY ELECTRONICS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$180,375 –**
41 **MR. ALLEN JOHNSON**

42 Mr. Johnson explained that these panels are for the Northwest Substation project. Staff
43 received several bids and recommended going with the low bid from Specialty Electronics. It will be
44 included in next year’s budget.

1 Councilmember Price-Huish made a motion to approve the purchase of relay panels and
2 Councilmember Bradshaw seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers
3 Bradshaw, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”
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5 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF ECHO HYDRO TRANSMISSION**
6 **MATERIALS FROM ANIXTER-WESCO IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$36,841 – MR.**
7 **ALLEN JOHNSON**

8 Mr. Johnson explained that a suspension insulator failed on the line that goes out to the Echo
9 Hydro, making two that have failed. Staff would like to do additional maintenance to ensure this line
10 will work properly and not cause any more problems. These parts will be used in the Fall and will go
11 in next years’ budget. Staff received 2 bids and recommend the low bid from Wesco.

12 Councilmember Bradshaw asked if staff would do this repair work or if the City will hire a
13 contractor. Mr. Johnson said they will have a contractor do it; a contractor will do a much better job
14 because they do this type of work all the time.

15 Councilmember Bradshaw said she appreciated that they take maintenance of this line
16 seriously, not just for the City’s benefit, but for the benefit of the surrounding areas that would be
17 affected by an incident.

18 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve the purchase of transmission materials
19 for the Echo Hydro line and Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with
20 Councilmembers Bradshaw, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”
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22 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF 50 DISTRIBUTION POWER POLES**
23 **FROM STELLA-JONES IN THE TOAL AMOUNT OF \$62,325 – MR. ALLEN JOHNSON**

24 Mr. Johnson explained that these are the typical butt-treated poles they purchase to keep in
25 inventory for replacement throughout the year, and they are still single-source item form Stela-Jones.

26 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve the purchase of 50 distribution power
27 poles and Councilmember Price-Huish seconded the motion. The motion passed with
28 Councilmembers Bradshaw, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”
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30 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTIONAL BORING BID FROM SALT CITY**
31 **DRILLING IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$306,376 – MR. ALLEN JOHNSON**

32 Mr. Johnson explained that this contract will be for direction boring for failed streetlights, and
33 for a distribution project (Feeder 573). Several bids were received, and staff recommended
34 contracting with Salt City Drilling.

35 Councilmember Price-Huish made a motion to approve the bid from Salt City Drilling for
36 directional boring, and Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with
37 Councilmembers Bradshaw, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”
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39 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF DISPATCH CENTER INVERTERS**
40 **FROM LTI POWER SYSTEMS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$32,118 – MR. ALLEN**
41 **JOHNSON**

42 Mr. Johnson explained that the dispatch center must be kept running 24 hours a day, so there
43 is a battery bank used in case power goes out. One of the batteries has failed, so staff would like to
44 replace both inverters to make sure we have that backup in place.

1 Councilmember Bradshaw asked if this was a planned budget item. Mr. Johnson said it was
2 not planned, but that it will come out of the contingency fund and no adjustment to the budget is
3 necessary.

4 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve the purchase of dispatch inverters and
5 Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw,
6 Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

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8 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A SOUTHWEST BATTERY BANK**
9 **FROM POWER & TEL IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$24,632 – MR. ALLEN JOHNSON**

10 Mr. Johnson explained that staff checks all the batteries at the substations on a quarterly basis,
11 and in this last check they found two that was going bad and need to be replaced. The batteries
12 typically last longer than this, so this was not a planned budget item, but it also will fall under
13 contingency funds.

14 Councilmember Murri made a motion to approve the purchase of a battery bank and
15 Councilmember Bradshaw seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers
16 Bradshaw, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

17 Councilmember Price-Huish thanked Mr. Johnson for how well he explains high-level
18 concepts so that they can understand what is going on with the power system.

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20 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE RELEASE OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS ON**
21 **LOT 166 OF THE BOUNTIFUL RIDGE SUBDIVISION, PHASE 1 – MR. LLOYD CHENEY**

22 Mr. Lloyd Cheney explained that a resident, Mr. Tran, requested a release of public utility
23 easement so he can build a garage. Mr. Cheney said that staff found no issue with the release, since
24 Mr. Tran’s lot is very unusual and has ample utility easements. All other utility providers have signed
25 off on the release as well.

26 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve the release of the utility easements and
27 Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw,
28 Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

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30 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOUNTIFUL CITY**
31 **AND LUCKY SLICE FOR THE PROPERTY AT 135 S MAIN STREET – MR. BRADLEY**
32 **JEPPSEN**

33 Mr. Brad Jeppsen explained that the City would like to lease the property at 135 S Main Street
34 to Lucky Slice for the operation of a restaurant. Lucky Slice has agreed to the hours of operation that
35 the City requested, which is a change to page 4 of the original agreement document.

36 Mayor Harris expressed what a fan the Council is of the restaurant and how excited everyone
37 is to see it on Main Street.

38 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve the updated lease agreement, with the
39 amended hours of operation, between Bountiful City and Lucky Slice and Councilmember Price-
40 Huish seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Murri, and Price-
41 Huish voting “aye.”

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43 **ADJOURN**

44 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember Price-
45 Huish seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Murri and Price-
46 Huish voting “aye.”

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.



Kendalyn Harris
Kendalyn Harris, Mayor

Sophia Ward
City Recorder