

Minutes of the  
**BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL**  
January 8, 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.

**Special Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.**  
**City Council Chambers**

Present: Mayor Kate Bradshaw  
Councilmembers Dan Bell, Beth Child, Matt Murri, Richard Higginson  
City Attorney Brad Jeppsen  
City Recorder Sophia Ward  
Recording Secretary Maranda Hilton

Mayor Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

## **WELCOME, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND THOUGHT**

Councilmember Child led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilmember Higginson offered a prayer.

## **EXPLANATION OF SELECTION PROCESS- MR. BRAD JEPSEN**

City Attorney Mr. Brad Jeppsen explained the voting process for selecting a new Councilmember. He stated that state law requires a majority vote of the Council, meaning three votes. If no candidate received a majority in the first round, a second vote would be held among the top candidates. If a tie remained after two rounds, the Mayor would cast a tie-breaking vote. Once a candidate was selected, the Council would make a formal motion to appoint the individual.

## **CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERESTED INDIVIDUAL TO FILL A VACANT COUNCIL SEAT**

**A. ORDER OF APPLICANTS:**

Each candidate was given three minutes to address the Council, followed by questions from Councilmembers. Candidates spoke in the following order:

Mr. Mitch Perkins  
Ms. Aubry Bennion  
Ms. Rhonda Perkes  
Mr. Layne Papenfuss  
Ms. Pamela Stavros  
Ms. Millicent Bahr  
Mr. Jason Steenblik

Following the presentations, Mayor Bradshaw thanked all candidates for their willingness to serve. Councilmembers Bell, Child, and Higginson commented on the high quality of the applicants and encouraged continued civic involvement regardless of the outcome.

1           Councilmember Higginson requested that any willing candidate be given an  
2           opportunity to explain why they should be appointed in comparison to Ms. Bahr, who  
3           previously served four years on the City Council. He asked Mayor Bradshaw if the Council  
4           would support this approach. Mayor Bradshaw presented the request to the Council, and after  
5           receiving their input, determined that any candidate who wished to respond would be allowed  
6           to do so. Candidates were given two minutes each to speak, in reverse order.  
7           Candidates spoke in the following order:

8           Mr. Jason Steenblik  
9           Ms. Millicent Bahr  
10           Ms. Pamela Stavros  
11           Mr. Layne Papenfuss  
12           Ms. Rhonda Perkes  
13           Ms. Aubry Bennion  
14           Mr. Mitch Perkins  
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16           Following discussion, the Council conducted the first round of voting, with results  
17           read by City Recorder Sophia Ward:

18           Councilmember Higginson voted for Rhonda Perkes  
19           Councilmember Murri voted for Millicent Bahr  
20           Councilmember Child voted for Rhonda Perkes  
21           Councilmember Bell voted for Millicent Bahr  
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23           Mayor Bradshaw invited Ms. Perkes and Ms. Bahr to each speak for one additional  
24           minute and answer follow-up questions. A coin toss by Mr. Jeppesen determined the speaking  
25           order.

26           Ms. Perkes spoke again for one minute and was asked follow-up questions.  
27           Ms. Bahr spoke again for one minute and was asked follow-up questions.  
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29           The Council then conducted the second round of voting, with results read by Ms.  
30           Ward:

31           Councilmember Higginson voted for Rhonda Perkes  
32           Councilmember Murri voted for Millicent Bahr  
33           Councilmember Child voted for Millicent Bahr  
34           Councilmember Bell voted for Millicent Bahr  
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36           Mr. Jeppesen asked each Councilmember to verbally confirm their vote and declared  
37           that a majority had been reached. Millicent Bahr was selected to fill the vacant City Council  
38           seat.

39           Councilmember Higginson made a motion to appoint Millicent Bahr to the Bountiful  
40           City Council. Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with  
41           Councilmembers Bell, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting “aye.”

42           Mayor Bradshaw congratulated Ms. Bahr and expressed appreciation to all candidates  
43           for their participation, reminding them that she would love to hear from them and find ways  
44           for them to serve as well.  
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1      **ADJOURN**

2      Councilmember Bell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Child seconded  
3      the motion.

4      The motion passed with Councilmembers Bell, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting "aye."

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6      The special meeting ended at 7:59 pm.

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Mayor Kate Bradshaw



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Sophia Ward  
City Recorder

