

Minutes of the
BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL
June 10, 2025 – 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

Present:	Mayor Pro Tem	Matt Murri
	Councilmembers	Kate Bradshaw, Beth Child, Cecilee Price-Huish
	City Manager	Gary Hill
	Asst City Manager	Galen Rasmussen
	City Attorney	Brad Jeppsen
	City Engineer	Lloyd Cheney
	Planning Director	Francisco Astorga
	Streets Director	Charles Benson
	Parks Director	Brock Hill
	Asst City Engineer	Todd Christensen
	Senior Planner	Amber Corbridge
	Asst Planner	DeAnne Morgan
	Recording Secretary	Maranda Hilton
Excused:	Mayor	Kendalyn Harris
	Councilmember	Richard Higginson

Mayor Pro Tem Murri opened the meeting at 6:03 pm, welcomed those in attendance.

FOREST SERVICE TRAIL NAMING GUIDELINES – MS. AMBER CORBRIDGE

Ms. Amber Corbridge explained that several of the new trail names have been submitted to and rejected by the Forest Service. Staff now have a better understanding of the guidelines the Forest Service uses to evaluate the trail names and would like direction from the Council on how to proceed with naming.

Councilmember Bradshaw asked if the Trails Committee could come up with a few new names for each of the unnamed trails that follow the guidelines so that Council has a good list to choose from. Ms. Corbridge reminded the Council that the Trails Committee will not be meeting in July. Mr. Gary Hill suggested they survey the Trails Committee members and have staff bring a list of three to four names per trail to the next Council meeting. Mr. Corbridge said they can do that.

Councilmember Bradshaw brought up the fact that two trails were going to be named for people in our community and asked how the City should handle informing their families about the change. Mr. Hill said that he had already spoken to and received assurances from Jesse Bell's family, and that he would also speak to King Green's family about the situation. He reminded the Council that we will still have King's Crossing bridge named for Mr. Green, so that is good. Councilmember

1 Bradshaw suggested having the Bell and Green families offer trail name suggestions that follow the
2 Forest Service guidelines as well.

3
4 **HEALTHY UTAH DESIGNATION- MR. GARY HILL**

5 Mr. Gary Hill explained that Mayor Harris and Councilmember Price-Huish have taken on the
6 task of applying to become a “Healthy Utah Community” as designated by Get Healthy Utah and the
7 Utah League of Cities and Towns. He asked the Council to weigh in on whether they are supportive
8 of creating a committee made up of organizations and individuals in the community to help with that
9 process.

10 Councilmember Price-Huish said the minimum number of people required for the committee
11 is four. She said perhaps four to six people would be a good number to start with and it can be
12 changed later as they become more established. She envisions inviting people who work in education,
13 healthcare, and mental healthcare to be involved.

14 Councilmember Bradshaw said that one of our residents is the director of the “Every Kid
15 Outdoors” program and might be a great person to have involved as well. She also suggested
16 involving the BCYC and people from the farmers market community or avid gardeners.

17 Councilmember Murri asked if becoming a “City of Trees” would help us achieve this
18 designation as well. Councilmember Price-Huish said it may qualify as “beautifying a section of your
19 community that can help promote gathering” which is one of the requirement options.

20 Councilmember Child liked that idea and also asked if the staff who help with the farmers
21 market would be good people to put in charge of this committee. Mr. Gary Hill said he did not know
22 who would be over it yet, but that he would find someone.

23 The entire Council was in favor of creating the committee and having it be focused on
24 promoting existing programs and organizations for the time being. Mr. Hill asked each
25 Councilmember to please send him names of people and organizations so staff can begin to prepare
26 appointments for the committee. He explained that if he can get names by next Tuesday, they will
27 send out invitations by the end of the week and send the formal letter this week.

28
29 The meeting ended at 6:46 pm.
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39
40
41
42
43
44

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

Present:	Mayor Pro Tem	Matt Murri
	Councilmembers	Kate Bradshaw, Beth Child, Cecilee Price-Huish
	City Manager	Gary Hill
	Asst City Manager	Galen Rasmussen
	City Attorney	Brad Jeppsen
	City Engineer	Lloyd Cheney
	Planning Director	Francisco Astorga
	Streets Director	Charles Benson
	Water Director	Kraig Christensen
	Power Accountant	Tyrone Hansen
	Elect. Engineer	Luke Veigel
	Asst Planner	DeAnne Morgan
	Recording Secretary	Maranda Hilton
Excused:	Mayor	Kendalyn Harris
	Councilmember	Richard Higginson

WELCOME, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND THOUGHT/PRAYER

Mayor Pro Tem Murri called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed those in attendance. Mr. Cacey Bowen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. John Cook, BCYC Advisor, offered a prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The time for public comment began at 7:02 pm.

Mr. Cacey Bowen gave a short presentation about the Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Committee; how they are organized and what roles they fill during emergencies and disasters. He also announced the Davis County Amateur Radio Day being held on June 26th and 27th.

The time for public comment ended at 7:05 pm.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON MAY 27TH, 2025

Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve the minutes from May 27th, 2025, and Councilmember Price-Huish seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Price-Huish reported that the City will have enough power to cover all the peak summer usage, thanks to the thoughtful, long-term planning of the Power Director. She also

1 reported that the food truck league has started its summer rotation at Town Square every Tuesday and
2 Friday night, the Farmers' Market will kick-off next Thursday, and the Concerts in the Park series
3 will begin next week, and the Coats for Kids Car Show by the Bountiful Rotary will be this weekend.
4 She also announced the passing of former Bountiful Mayor, Joe Johnson, and called him a dear
5 friend, mentor, and joyful example of a public servant. She conveyed her love to his wife and family.

6 Councilmember Child thanked Mr. Cacey Bowen for his report on the Neighborhood
7 Emergency Preparedness Committee and thanked that organization for all they do for the community.
8 She reported that the Chalk Art Festival was a great success and encouraged everyone to attend the
9 Car Show. She also reported that the Main Street Merchants have several events coming soon. She
10 expressed her gratitude for everyone who gives of their time to make Bountiful such a wonderful
11 place to be.

12 Councilmember Bradshaw expressed her appreciation for Mayor Joe Johnson's influence in
13 Bountiful, saying that he was not only instrumental in bringing the Recreation District to Bountiful,
14 but that he was always willing to spend time sharing insights and mentoring her. She gave a shoutout
15 to the Streets Director for his compassion and willingness to help a resident who was in a tough
16 situation, saying that he is part of what makes Bountiful so amazing. She reported that the BDAC has
17 new banners out front, which have the upcoming art show information on them, and she encouraged
18 everyone to go check out everything the BDAC has to offer. Finally, she reported that the SDRD
19 Board met last night, and that financially the district is on better footing and is turning their attention
20 toward the future; how to fund maintenance and expansion projects, and how to ensure this resource
21 is managed well moving forward.

22 Mayor Pro Tem Murri offered his thoughts and prayers to the Higginson family as
23 Councilmember Richard Higginson is still recuperating. He reported that the Bountiful History
24 Museum is looking for more volunteers so they can expand their hours of operation. He encouraged
25 anyone with an upcoming event to have the Mosquito Abatement District come spray, free of charge.
26 He expressed his appreciation for Mayor Joe Johnson and the personal impact he had on him and
27 everyone in the community. He expressed his love for the Johnson family.

28 29 **BCYC REPORT**

30 Mr. John Cook, BCYC Advisor, reported that the BCYC spent over 850 hours on BCYC
31 events and giving community service during their previous year. The new year has just begun and
32 they have 59 students from 9 schools: 18 seniors, 15 juniors, 12 sophomores, and 14 freshmen. The
33 BCYC has restructured, creating four committees for the students to serve on; Youth-led Events,
34 Community Support, Service, and Engagement. They held their kick-off meeting last week, and 28
35 members helped at the Chalk Art Festival. Upcoming, they will help at the Food Pantry, help with
36 Handcart Days, and work on getting new sweatshirts and t-shirts ordered.

37 38 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF:**

39 **A. EXPENDITURES GREATER THAN \$1,000 PAID ON MAY 21ST, 28TH, AND JUNE** 40 **4TH, 2025**

41 **B. APRIL 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT**

42 Councilmember Price-Huish made a motion to approve the expenditures and the April 2025
43 report and Councilmember Child seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers
44 Bradshaw, Child, Murri, and Price-Huish voting "aye."

45 46 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT AT 921 AND 965**

BARTON COURT (1525 EAST) – MRS. DEANNE MORGAN

Mrs. DeAnne Morgan explained the lot line adjustment at 921 and 965 Barton Court and outlined the conditions of approval.

Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve the lot line adjustment as presented and Councilmember Child seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL OF BLACK FOREST PAVING AT THE UNIT PRICES NOTED IN THE BID TABULATION – MR. LLOYD CHENEY

Mr. Lloyd Cheney explained that this contract is for some small paving projects throughout town. Six companies submitted bids and staff recommends accepting the proposal from Black Forest Paving, the low bid.

Councilmember Bradshaw asked how the construction on 200 East is going and when residents can expect to see it completed. Mr. Cheney answered that they have until construction season is over to complete that project.

Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve the proposal from Black Forest Paving and Councilmember Price-Huish seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE ORIGINALLY ADOPTED FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGETED TRANSFER OF \$3,072,651 TO \$3,222,651 FROM LIGHT & POWER FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY – MR. GALEN RASMUSSEN

Mayor Pro Tem Murri explained that the next three items will not be voted on tonight but will have public hearings.

Mr. Galen Rasmussen explained that this item is an amendment to the existing transfer that was adopted last year. He said that this fund transfer is a reimbursement to the General Fund for services provided to the enterprise fund, which include payroll and employee benefits, accounting, budgeting, information technology, legal and insurance work, engineering and planning, building maintenance, and utility billing and customer service. The amended amount of the transfer is \$3,222,651, which is 8.1% of total Power Department expenses and is based on 10% of metered sales. He also explained that the transfer helps to fund essential services and provides a way for tax-exempt entities to contribute to the funding of these services.

The public hearing was opened at 7:36 pm.

Dr. Ronald Mortensen, PhD said he would like the City to provide residents with the total amount of payments made to the Power Department each year by the tax-exempt entities and to answer the following questions and post the answers on the City’s website.

- a. Is the \$3M reimbursement made by these entities on top of the payments they make for electricity that they actually use and are billed for?
- b. Do tax-exempt entities pay a special power rate in order to create the excess revenue needed to cover that \$3M transfer? If not, what rate do they pay?
- c. If the tax-exempt entities do not cover the full \$3M transfer, doesn’t that mean that all customers are helping fund it?

The public hearing was closed at 7:37 pm.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGETED
TRANSFER OF \$3,164,831 FORM THE LIGHT & POWER FUND TO THE GENERAL
FUND OF THE CITY – MR. GALEN RASMUSSEN**

Mr. Galen Rasmussen explained that the proposed fund transfer for the 2025-2026 fiscal year is \$3,164,831, which amounts to 7.2% of the Power Department's expenses and is based on 10% of metered sales.

The public hearing was opened at 7:39 pm.

Dr. Ronald Mortensen, PhD asked the following questions.

- a. Given that Rocky Mountain Power has to pay taxes on its property, pay corporate income taxes, and pay dividends to its shareholders, and Bountiful power does not have to pay for any of those things, why are Rocky Mountain Power's rates lower?
- b. Why is Bountiful Power's flat-rate customer charge 24% higher than Rocky Mountain Power's?
- c. Why is Rocky Mountain Power able to offer energy saving rebates and incentives to their customers but Bountiful Power does not offer those benefits?

The public hearing was closed at 7:41 pm.

Councilmember Price-Huish asked why the fund transfers were being continued to the June 24th meeting. Mr. Gary Hill explained that originally all the budget and transfer items were going to be presented and voted on today, and the respective public hearings were noticed for this date; however the Mayor was unable to attend this meeting and asked to move them to the June 24th meeting. The public hearings still had to take place tonight because of public notice laws, but public hearings will also be held on June 24th.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET AND THE
PROPOSED RATE INCREASES FOR WATER AND POWER – MR. GALEN RASMUSSEN**

Mr. Galen Rasmussen went over the timeline of budget preparation for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The tentative budget was approved on May 13th and is currently open to the public for review, and will be up for adoption at the June 24th meeting.

He pointed out that there is no property tax increase being proposed this year. There are some proposed rate and fee increases, including a Police Department fingerprinting fee, Planning department kitchen deed restriction fee, Storm Water department storm water rate, Water department metered water rates, Light and Power department electric metered sales rates, Golf department weekend greens fees, Landfill department dump fees, and Cemetery department natural boulder niche rates. The budget also includes a 5% cost of living adjustment to employee salaries, employee merit increases, employee medical coverage increases, and one new position being created at the Golf department.

Mr. Kraig Christensen presented about the need for the metered water sales rate increase to help fund ongoing maintenance needs for the aging water system, and fund special projects to rehabilitate several wells and reservoirs. Bountiful City currently has 11,139 metered water connections, 260 Pressure Reducing Valves (PRVs), 181 miles of main lines, 15 reservoirs, 14 booster stations, 9 wells, and 1 water treatment plant.

Councilmember Price-Huish asked how Bountiful will compare to other city's rates if we

1 approve the increase. Mr. Lloyd Cheney said Bountiful has historically been at the lower end of rates
2 in Davis County, but this increase will put us about in the middle.

3 Mr. Tyrone Hansen presented about the Power department's proposed rate and fee increases,
4 explaining that they are asking for a 3% rate increase and 10% fee increase to generate revenue to
5 help them maintain and improve their infrastructure and provide safe, economical, and reliable power
6 for their customers. He mentioned the inflated cost of supplies and materials contributing to the need
7 for more revenue. The City of Bountiful currently has 6 substations, 42 miles of 46KV transmission
8 lines, 90 miles of 15KV overhead distribution lines, 135 miles of 15KV underground distribution
9 lines, and 75 miles of street light circuits. He also addressed the comment about Rocky Mountain
10 Power rates being lower than Bountiful Light & Power rates. He explained that it is not a direct
11 comparison, because of differing structures and schedules, but by his calculations Bountiful rates will
12 still be 2.6% lower on average after the 3% increase is approved.

13 Mr. Luke Veigel presented about how they maintain and replace their aging lines and poles,
14 fix outages, work to keep trees trimmed.

15
16 The public hearing was opened at 8:22 pm.

17
18 No comments were made.

19
20 The public hearing was closed at 8:22 pm.

21
22 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to continue the public hearing for budget items to
23 June 24th, 2025, and Councilmember Child seconded the motion. The motion passed with
24 Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Murri, and Price-Huish voting "aye."

25 Mayor Pro Tem Murri asked who would address the questions that were brought up during
26 the public hearings. Mr. Garu Hill said residents could come speak with either Mr. Rasmussen or
27 himself.

28
29 **ADJOURN**

30 Councilmember Price-Huish made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember
31 Bradshaw seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Murri,
32 and Price-Huish voting "aye."

33
34 The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Mayor Kendalyn Harris

City Recorder