

Minutes of the
BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL
May 13, 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.

Site Visit – 6:00 p.m.
Mueller Park Water Treatment Plant

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

Present:	Mayor	Kendalyn Harris
	Councilmembers	Kate Bradshaw, Beth Child, Richard Higginson, Matt Murri, Cecilee Price-Huish
	City Manager	Gary Hill
	Asst City Manager	Galen Rasmussen
	City Engineer	Lloyd Cheney
	Finance Director	Tyson Beck
	Streets Director	Charles Benson
	Recording Secretary	Maranda Hilton
Excused:	Planning Director	Francisco Astorga

WELCOME, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND THOUGHT/PRAYER

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and welcomed those in attendance. Mr. Robert Peterson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Marla Keller, Mueller Park Stake, offered a prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The period for public comment began at 7:09 pm.

Mr. Ron Mortensen (Bountiful) asked Mr. Rasmussen to please explain the details of the salary increases for the Mayor and Councilmembers, and the classification of the Mayor into Tier 1 of the Utah Retirement System, as included in the proposed budget.

Mr. Gary Davis (2814 South 500 West) said the wind took out the power on his street, and his battery backup system for his HAM radios worked as intended. He thanked the Power Department for doing such a good job restoring power quickly to the area affected.

Mr. David Harrison (285 East 1100 South) said that the new streetlight on his street is far too bright, and he asked where he could find the City ordinance regarding streetlight specifications and requirements. He asked the Council to please check to make sure the Power Department used the correct bulb for a streetlight in a residential area.

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3 Mr. Robert Peterson (291 E 1100 South) said he agreed with his neighbor Mr. Harrison,
4 saying that he and his wife have to wear eye masks to sleep.

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6 Mr. Kasey Keller (1937 E Maple Hollow Way) said that the intersection of 1800 South and
7 Bountiful Blvd should have flashing stop signs on the NB and SB lanes to help prevent accidents. He
8 shared that his wife, Marla, was involved in an accident in January, and he has known of other
9 accidents and seen many near misses in recent years. He asked the Council to consider signs that will
10 help alert drivers who are unfamiliar with the area that they need to stop at 1800 South.

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12 The period for public comment ended at 7:18 pm.

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14 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON**
15 **APRIL 21, 22, 23 AND 24, 2025, 2025**

16 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meetings
17 and Councilmember Child seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw,
18 Child, Higginson, Murri and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

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20 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

21 Councilmember Murri reported that the Bountiful Museum is developing kiosks that digitize
22 Bountiful’s history. He suggested bringing one of the kiosks to City Hall for a short time.

23 Councilmember Price-Huish reported that the BCYC will host its “Stomp on Main” event on
24 Friday night from 8-10 pm at Town Square. All youth in 9th-12th grade are invited to attend. She also
25 reported that she and Mr. John Cook have been busy interviewing the 60+ students who applied to be
26 in BCYC next year, and she is very enthused by her interactions with these amazing kids, and
27 thankful for all they do in support of their community. Lastly, she wished to recognize and thank the
28 remarkable group of people who put flags on all the veteran graves at the Bountiful Cemetery every
29 Memorial Day.

30 Mayor Harris reported that there will be a Memorial Day program at the Bountiful Veterans
31 Park on Memorial Day at 11 am. She also reported that the Davis Loan Fund is available for small
32 businesses who need gap financing. Anyone interested can find the information to apply online. She
33 reported that the SDMPD rescued a hiker last week and thanked all the first responders who are
34 always there when we need them. She reported that the sewer district entered into an agreement with
35 a company called Opal, who will oversee operations of the Wasatch Front Recovery Project plant for
36 the next three years. The sewer district is also undergoing some facility upgrades at their south plant,
37 including a new administration building.

38 Councilmember Murri asked if the agreement with Opal will help relieve some of the
39 increasing rates at the sewer district. Mayor Harris said she hopes it will as it allows them to focus
40 more on their core operations, but the effect of turning the recovery plant over to a third party
41 remains to be seen.

42 Councilmember Child said that there are many organizations and volunteers involved in the
43 upcoming summer events who wish to convey their appreciation to the City for its incredible support
44 year after year.

45 Councilmember Bradshaw reported that the BCYC will open a new show on May 30th at 6
46 pm, which is focused on art and healing. She also reported that the annual Trail Day will take place

1 Saturday May 31st from 8-11am, with four different projects going on during that time. She invited
2 everyone to sign up via signugenius.com and to get more information. She also reported that the
3 SDRD is still making progress on their budget and having discussions about what's on the horizon.
4 Councilmember Higginson did not have a report.

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6 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF:**

7 **A. EXPENDITURES GREATER THAN \$1,000 PAID APRIL 16, 23, AND 30, 2025**

8 **B. MARCH 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT**

9 Mayor Harris asked if the tree trimming expenses on the report were part of the fire
10 fuel mitigation project. Mr. Rasmussen said that crews had only just begun work on the fire
11 fuel mitigation project, so no funds had been paid as of yet. The expenses on the report are
12 just for the regularly scheduled tree trimming.

13 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve the expenditures and the March
14 financial report. Councilmember Price-Huish seconded the motion. The motion passed with
15 Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting "aye."
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17 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2025-03 ALLOWING BOUNTIFUL CITY TO**
18 **RENEW AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR CITY EMPLOYEE**
19 **SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE SOUTH DAVIS RECREATION DISTRICT – MR.**
20 **TYSON BECK**

21 Mr. Tyson Beck explained that Resolution No. 2025-03 would allow the continued agreement
22 with the Recreation District for City employee services. The City currently provides accounting,
23 finance, accounts payable, HR, payroll, IT, lawn care & irrigation, parking lot plowing & sweeping,
24 and field maintenance & lighting services. For the next fiscal year, it is proposed the cost of
25 administering these services will be \$20,839/month. This is a 5.52% increase from the past year. The
26 recreation board met last night and approved the agreement.

27 Mayor Harris asked about the reason we offer a 10% discount, and said she felt the City
28 should be charging what it costs us and not subsidizing the district for these services. Mr. Beck
29 answered that the compensation to the City is calculated based on estimated employee hours spent
30 working on recreation tasks and what the City estimates they will pay in wages, which means the
31 actual cost of working on recreation tasks is not known. The discount allows us to make sure we are
32 not accidentally overcharging for those services. Also, the City feels having the rec center in
33 Bountiful is a huge benefit to our residents and our community, so providing these services as a way
34 to help them operate and do well is another reason for the discount.

35 The Council felt comfortable with keeping the discount the same for now, and
36 Councilmember Price-Huish suggested it could be discussed at the annual retreat in January if there
37 was a desire for that.

38 Councilmember Price-Huish made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-03 and
39 Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw,
40 Child, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting "aye."
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42 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 TENTATIVE BUDGET AND**
43 **RELATED ITEMS**

44 Mr. Galen Rasmussen explained that according to state law, the tentative budget for the
45 upcoming fiscal year must be adopted by the Council. If the tentative budget is adopted tonight, it
46 will be available for public inspection through the month of June and then considered for adoption as

1 the final budget on June 24th. The amended Utility Transfer for FY2024-2025, and the Utility
2 Transfer for FY2025-2026 will both be considered for adoption on June 10th, with public hearings for
3 each item.

4 Mr. Rasmussen explained some of the key points of the tentative budget, which include no
5 property tax increase, fee increases for various City services, a 5% cost of living adjustment for
6 employees, merit increases for eligible employees, and one new full-time position added at the golf
7 course.

8 In reply to the questions asked during the public comment period by Mr. Mortensen, Mr. Hill
9 answered that the mayor is in Tier 1 of the Utah Retirement System because she worked for the
10 University of Utah at some point prior to 2012. The designation to Tier 1 is not decided by the City,
11 but rather by the State according to their code. He also explained that the wages for the Council and
12 Mayor have not been increased for at least twelve years, so this adjustment is an effort to catch up
13 with past inflation, and to stay just above the minimum required salaries as set by the State.

14 Councilmember Higginson made a motion to approve the FY 2025-2026 tentative budget and
15 Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw,
16 Child, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

17 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to set the time and place of the utility transfer
18 items, for the final adoption of the FY2025-2026 budget and the reopening of the FY2024-2025
19 budget for adjustment, and the compensation schedule of employees and executive officers for June
20 10th, 2025, at City Hall. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Child. The motion passed with
21 Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

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23 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL FROM TAYLOR ELECTRIC FOR THE**
24 **2025 MUELLER PARK ROAD RETAINING WALL CONTRACT AT THE UNIT PRICES**
25 **NOTED IN THE BID TABULATION – MR. LLOYD CHENEY**

26 Mr. Lloyd Cheney explained that it is time to fix a slope failure at 1800 South and Mueller
27 Park Road. Last fall, the City had an engineering firm figure out why the failure happened and
28 provide plans for how to fix it. The type of wall that will be used is a good option because it is fairly
29 simple to construct and will be very effective in this situation. The City received eleven proposals for
30 the project, which is heartening, and staff is recommending the low bid from Taylor Electric. They
31 have a good amount of civil engineering project experience and come with positive references.

32 Councilmember Price-Huish made a motion to approve the proposal from Taylor Electric for
33 the 2025 Mueller Park Road retaining wall, and Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The
34 motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, Murri and Price-Huish voting
35 “aye.”

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37 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2025-04, AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**
38 **WITH DAVIS COUNTY FOR 2025 ELECTIONS – MR. GARY HILL**

39 Mr. Gary Hill explained that this interlocal agreement allows the County to provide election
40 services for the City. The cost of the election services depends on whether a preliminary election is
41 held. The City will cover other election costs, but they are very minimal.

42 Councilmember Child made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-04 and
43 Councilmember Price-Huish seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers
44 Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, Murri and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

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2 **ADJOURN TO A MEETING OF THE RDA BOARD WITH A SEPARATE AGENDA**

3 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember Child
4 seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, Murri
5 and Price-Huish voting “aye.”
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7 The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Mayor Kendalyn Harris

City Recorder