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Minutes of the  
BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL

April 9, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Randy Lewis  
Councilmembers Kate Bradshaw, Kendalyn Harris, Richard  
Higginson, Chris Simonsen  
City Manager Gary Hill  
Assistant City Manager Galen Rasmussen  
City Attorney Clinton Drake  
City Planner Chad Wilkinson  
City Engineer Lloyd Cheney  
Power Director Allen Johnson  
Police Chief Tom Ross  
Recording Secretary Maranda Hilton

Others Present:  
Fire Chief SDFD Jeff Bassett  
UVU Fire Academy/Provo Fire Dan Cather

Excused:  
Councilman John Marc Knight

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: Davis County Clipper and Standard Examiner.

**Work Session – 6:00 p.m.**  
**Planning Conference Room**

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

**WILDFIRES – CHIEF BASSETT**

Chief Bassett was joined by Dan Cather of the Utah Valley University Fire & Rescue Academy to show via a computer simulation how wildland fires in certain parts of Bountiful can spread rapidly. They showed two simulations; one in Cave Hollow and another in Indian Springs. Both of these locations are difficult for the fire department to access, and fires in these areas spread quickly and could potentially affect a large number of homes. Mill Creek Canyon is another place with no access making it impossible for fire crews to safely combat a wildland fire.

Chief Bassett and Mr. Cather talked about many other factors that affect the ability to combat these fires and to save homes and lives including availability of resources (helicopters, trucks, fire fighters, water, etc.), weather conditions (temperature, humidity, wind speed and direction), traffic bottlenecks, amount of time elapsed before a call to 9-1-1, defensible space around homes, amount of fuel the fire has available (structures, cheat grass, oak brush, trees, etc.), ability to get people out of their homes quickly and more. Wind can be one of the biggest factors because it can cause hot embers to carry the fire to other locations, spreading the fire much more rapidly. Another factor is

1 how many fires may already be burning in the US, which directly affects the ability to get helicopters  
2 to help fight local inaccessible fires.

3 Chief Bassett talked about the Wildfire Protection Plan which coordinates efforts with the  
4 Police Department to help get people out and get firetrucks into position more quickly. They also  
5 work with the Water Department to divert water to an area when more is needed by the firetrucks.

6 They have community involvement projects that help people get rid of dead wood and other  
7 fuels around homes, allowing homeowners to dump it at the landfill for free or use a wood chipper to  
8 get rid of it. Creating defensible space around homes can be a huge help in slowing the spread of a  
9 wildland fire. It not only makes homes less likely to catch fire, it also gives firefighters more space to  
10 work in as they combat the fire.

11 The main takeaways from the presentation were that these fires can spread very rapidly and be  
12 uncontrollable, so it's important to educate residents about what they can do to help protect their  
13 homes and neighborhoods. The Fire Department works with communities every year to help them  
14 create defensible spaces, and can do walk-throughs to help individual homeowners create a plan for  
15 their home. A free book is also available on the Utah Forestry, Fire and State Lands website with  
16 information about landscaping practices.

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18 **VETERANS PARK UPDATE – COUNCILMAN SIMONSEN**

19 Councilman Simonsen presented an update on the Veterans Park to the City Council and  
20 Mayor. He showed a computer rendering of what the park is planned to look like, talked about the  
21 reasons Bountiful needs a Veterans Park, and how the current plan will honor veterans from all  
22 branches of the military who served in many different ways. The next step in the park's creation is for  
23 the Veterans Park Committee to raise funds to cover construction costs. The committee will host an  
24 open house on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the 4<sup>th</sup> North Park pavilion to get the word out to the public  
25 and start fundraising efforts. The public can donate money to the Veterans Park fund by purchasing  
26 pavers, trees, benches, flag poles and statues that will go in the park.

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28 The work session of the City Council was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.  
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30 **Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**  
31 **City Council Chambers**

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33 Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.  
34 Chad Wilkinson, Bountiful City Planner, led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Richard  
35 Higginson gave a prayer.  
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37 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

38 The public comment section was opened at 7:05 pm.  
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40 Councilman Higginson stood before the Council, as member of the public, to state that he  
41 disagrees with the South Davis Recreation District's decision to start charging senior citizens  
42 \$10/year for walking passes at the Rec Center. When the Rec Center was built, they promised  
43 seniors that they would never have to pay to walk there, and he feels it should remain free for them.  
44 He asked the Council to please find a way to reverse the decision.  
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46 The public comment section was closed at 7:06 pm.

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2 **APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – FEBRUARY 26, MARCH 26 & APRIL 2**  
3 **(Water Budget Committee), 2019**

4 Councilman Higginson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Councilman  
5 Simonsen seconded the motion. The motion passed with councilmembers Bradshaw, Harris,  
6 Higginson and Simonsen voting “aye”.

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8 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

9 Councilwoman Bradshaw did not have a report, but suggested that the Council gift a bouquet  
10 of Hotwheels™ cars to Councilman Knight, who is currently in the hospital. The Council agreed and  
11 liked that idea.

12 Councilman Simonsen did not have a report.

13 Councilwoman Harris did not have a report.

14 Councilman Higginson did not have a report.

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16 **BCYC REPORT**

17 Abby Nielsen, a member of the BCYC, reported on the Council’s activities in March. They  
18 participated in a leadership conference where they learned new skills, heard from distinguished  
19 speakers, and met youth from other councils across Utah. Their upcoming activity is hosting an  
20 Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at Bountiful City Park.

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22 **“BOUNTIFUL HOMECOMING” – AL HESS**

23 Al Hess, at the request of Mayor Lewis, gave a short report about some fun Bountiful City  
24 history. Al Hess bought the property at 150 North Main Street twenty years ago, which he has  
25 developed into the Main Street Business Centre. In 1930, Mayor of Bountiful, Dr. J.C. Stocks  
26 negotiated with a Mr. Rogers (the owner of a plumbing company located at 150 North Main Street) to  
27 move all City services there because they didn’t have sufficient space where they had been leasing  
28 from the bank on 100 South. So, for about 30 years, City services and the library, jail and fire station  
29 were located at that address. With the current renovation of City Hall, many City services have once  
30 again moving to 150 North Main Street, leasing space at the Main Street Business Centre. It’s like  
31 they are “coming home”!

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33 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF WEEKLY EXPENDITURES >\$1,000 PAID MARCH 18, 25 &**  
34 **APRIL 1, 2019**

35 Councilman Simonsen made a motion to approve the weekly expenditures and  
36 Councilwoman Bradshaw seconded the motion. The motion passed with councilmembers Bradshaw,  
37 Harris, Higginson and Simonsen voting “aye”.

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39 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A BID FROM HUNT ELECTRIC INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF**  
40 **\$168,657 FOR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM DIRECTIONAL DRILLING & IN THE AMOUNT**  
41 **OF \$485,240 FOR STREETLIGHT DIRECTIONAL DRILLING – MR. ALLEN JOHNSON**

42 Mr. Allen Johnson, Power Department Director, presented to the Council a bid from Hunt  
43 Electric to place conduit, install boxes and hook up streetlights on eleven streets that are currently  
44 without streetlights, and eight other streets that will receive updated streetlights. This project will take  
45 most of the summer.

1 Councilman Higginson made a motion to approve both bids from Hunt Electric and  
2 Councilwoman Bradshaw seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw,  
3 Harris, Higginson and Simonsen voting “aye”.

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5 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A NEW RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**  
6 **SYSTEM FROM UCS WIRELESS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,785 – MR. ALLEN JOHNSON**

7 Mr. Johnson explained that it is time to update the radio system for the Power Department.  
8 The current radios often fail and it is getting harder and harder to find parts for them for repairs. They  
9 wish to use the same radio system that the Streets Department recently switched to. This will have a  
10 big benefit, allowing the Streets and Power Departments to communicate with each other in case of  
11 emergency.

12 Councilwoman Harris made a motion to approve the purchase of the radios and Councilman  
13 Simonsen seconded the motion. The motion passed with councilmembers Bradshaw, Harris,  
14 Higginson and Simonsen voting “aye”.

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16 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE SMALL CELL INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN**  
17 **STANDARD –MR. ALLEN JOHNSON**

18 Mr. Johnson explained that the City is being mandated to accept 5G capability by installing  
19 antennas throughout the City, and it’s time to decide what the parameters should be. The deadline to  
20 select a design standard is April 15th which will allow control over what the antennas will look like  
21 and where they will be located. The Power Department is proposing that to use streetlight poles as  
22 antenna bases to minimize how obtrusive the antennas become. This will restrict the placement of  
23 antennas to being strictly on the streetlight poles and not on the power poles or as ground units on  
24 park strips.

25 Councilman Higginson made a motion to approve the small cell infrastructure design standard  
26 and Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion. The motion passed with councilmembers Bradshaw,  
27 Harris, Higginson and Simonsen voting “aye”.

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29 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF NEW OFFICE WORKSTATIONS**  
30 **FROM CCG IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,156 – CHIEF TOM ROSS**

31 Police Chief Tom Ross explained that it’s time to update the remaining workstations at the  
32 Police Department as the current workstations have outlived their usefulness. Because the other  
33 Police workstations have already been replaced with new ones from CCG, they need to purchase the  
34 remaining stations from CCG as well to ensure they match. They have been very happy with the  
35 workstations they purchased previously and are confident purchasing from CCG now will have the  
36 same result.

37 Councilwoman Bradshaw made a motion to approve the purchase of workstations from CCG  
38 and Councilman Higginson seconded the motion. The motion passed with councilmembers  
39 Bradshaw, Harris, Higginson and Simonsen voting “aye”.

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41 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN EASEMENT RELEASE AT 2544 SOUTH 150 EAST AND**  
42 **AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE RELEASE DOCUMENT – MR. LLOYD**  
43 **CHENEY**

44 Mr. Lloyd Cheney, City Engineer, presented a request from Jim Williams to release an  
45 easement on his property in order to build a detached garage.

1 Councilman Higginson made a motion to approve the release of easement and Councilwoman  
2 Harris seconded the motion. The motion passed with councilmembers Bradshaw, Harris, Higginson  
3 and Simonsen voting “aye”.

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5 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN EASEMENT RELEASE AT 1328 EAST 600 NORTH AND**  
6 **AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE RELEASE DOCUMENT– MR. LLOYD**  
7 **CHENEY**

8 Mr. Cheney presented a request to release an easement that will resolve a property line issue  
9 involving a pool that has already been built.

10 Councilman Higginson made a motion to approve the release of easement and Councilman  
11 Simonsen seconded the motion. The motion passed with councilmembers Bradshaw, Harris,  
12 Higginson and Simonsen voting “aye”.

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14 **ADJOURN TO A CLOSED SESSION**

15 Councilwoman Bradshaw motioned that they adjourn to a closed session in the Planning  
16 Conference Room in order to discuss the acquisition or sale of real property, pending litigation and/or  
17 to discuss the character and/or competency of individuals and Councilman Simonsen seconded the  
18 motion.

19 A roll call vote was as follows:

20 Councilman Higginson: “aye”

21 Councilwoman Harris: “aye”

22 Councilman Simonsen: “aye”

23 Councilwoman Bradshaw: “aye”

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25 The regular session of City Council was adjourned to a closed session at 7:37 p.m.

26 The regular session of City Council was reconvened at 8:26 pm.

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28 **ADJOURN**

29 Councilman Higginson made a motion to adjourn the regular session and Councilwoman  
30 Harris seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Harris, Higginson  
31 and Simonsen voting “aye”.

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33 The regular session of City Council was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

  
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Mayor

  
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City Recorder