

Minutes of the
BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL
July 22, 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.

Closed Session – 6:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

Present:	Mayor	Kendalyn Harris
	Councilmembers	Kate Bradshaw, Beth Child, Richard Higginson, Matt Murri, Cecilee Price-Huish
	City Manager	Gary Hill
	City Attorney	Brad Jeppsen

Mayor Harris opened the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Councilmember Price-Huish made a motion to move into a closed session to discuss the acquisition or sale of real property, pending litigation and/or to discuss the character and/or competency of an individual(s). Councilmember Higginson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote:

The closed session began at 6:08 pm.

Councilmember Higginson made a motion to return to an open meeting and Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

The closed session ended at 7:04 pm.

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 Attorney	Brad Jeppsen
	Streets Director	Charles Benson
	Water Director	Kraig Christensen
	Asst. City Engineer	Todd Christensen
	SDMFD Chief	Greg Stewart
	Recording Secretary	Maranda Hilton
Excused:	City Engineer	Lloyd Cheney

WELCOME, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND THOUGHT/PRAYER

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm and welcomed those in attendance. Mr. Ron Mortensen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Eileen West offered a prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment period was opened at 7:10 pm.

Mr. Ron Mortensen (Bountiful) explained that the South Davis Water District is concerned that the recent mandate to begin metering irrigation water will negatively impact the aquifer levels, because 40% of the recharge to the aquifer comes from imported Weber Water. He said it is not urgent yet, but he hopes this issue will be on everyone's radar and we can work together to find a solution.

The public comment period was closed at 7:12 pm.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON JUNE 24TH AND JULY 8TH, 2025

Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve the minutes from the meetings held June 24th and July 8th and Councilmember Price-Huish seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting "aye."

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Bradshaw reported that the Recreation District is considering a 5% property tax increase, so they will be holding a Truth in Taxation meeting in November for that. She added that it has been a year since the District changed its accounting systems and the Board can now start using the new data to make more informed decisions moving forward.

Councilmember Higginson did not have a report.

Councilmember Murri reported that the Mosquito Abatement District and Davis School District are both proposing property tax increases as well.

Councilmember Price-Huish announced that the BCYC and the WXYC will be carrying a large American flag in the Handcart days parade this weekend. She welcomed Power Commissioner Dan Bell to the meeting. She reported that the Health Coalition recently held its first meeting and it went very well. She thanked Councilmember Child for attending and mentioned that the Recreation District offers some amazing programs that help fill needs in our community for mental health and adaptive sports resources.

Councilmember Bradshaw asked Councilmember Price-Huish a clarifying question about the Healthy Communities designation eligibility; asking if it required 2 strategies per category, or 2 strategies total in the Healthy Communication section. Councilmember Price-Huish answered that the application required 2 strategies total over 3 categories, as long as they are not from the same category.

Mayor Harris thanked everyone involved in the upcoming Handcart Days festivities and encouraged people to attend. She thanked Chief Stewart for being there to present at the meeting and asked him to share about the award the Fire District won. She reported that the Sewer District is looking into the best way to determine and bill for water usage for ADU's, and that they have begun building their new administrative building. She also reported that the county library committee has finally decided that instead of building a new library they are going to renovate the existing building.

1 The project is expected to begin in January 2026 and take 1.5 to 2 years to complete. They are
2 currently looking for a temporary location for library services to be housed during the renovation.
3 Councilmember Child thanked Councilmember Price-Huish for her work on the Health
4 Coalition and said it was a wonderful meeting. She also encouraged everyone to attend the Handcart
5 Days festivities and thanked the Mayor for her work to promote it on KUTV.

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7 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF:**

8 a. **EXPENDITURES GREATER THAN \$1,000 PAID JULY 2ND AND 9TH, 2025**

9 b. **MAY 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT**

10 Councilmember Higginson made a motion to approve the expenditures and the May 2025
11 financial report and Councilmember Price-Huish seconded the motion. The motion passed with
12 Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

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14 **SOUTH DAVIS METRO FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – CHIEF GREG STEWART**

15 Chief Stewart presented the 2024 Annual Report of the South Davis Metro Fire District. He
16 began by saying that the mission of the Fire District is “To preserve life, protect property and exceed
17 the expectations of those we serve.” He reiterated that everything else they do at the district is
18 secondary to that mission.

19 The report contained details about the district’s staffing levels, daily operations, number of
20 service calls and special events they participated in. Chief Stewart added that their HAZMAT Team
21 received the Team of the Year Award, the Technical Rescue Team performed well in the Petzl
22 Games in Salt Lake, and the Combat Fire Team took first at an annual firefighter challenge last
23 Saturday at Hill AFB.

24 Councilmember Bradshaw asked what the City can do to help support the district. Chief
25 Stewart thanked her and said that the City supports them very well, and their work getting the word
26 out about firework restrictions was much appreciated.

27 Mayor Harris thanked Chief Stewart for being there and for all they do to serve the
28 community, especially during the busy month of July.

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30 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF METERING EQUIPMENT FROM**
31 **HYDRO SPECIALTIES COMPANY IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$108,072 – MR. KRAIG**
32 **CHRISTENSEN**

33 Mr. Kraig Christensen explained that this purchase of metering equipment will be stored in
34 their inventory and used to replace any of the digital meters that get flagged for bad reads and need to
35 be replaced. Ten years ago, the City switched over to digital meters which were expected to last 10-
36 15 years on their batteries. The Water Department is asking to purchase 902 units, everything the
37 supplier has in stock, to be ready to start switching out the old ones. He added that this purchase is
38 from a single source supplier because the new meters must be the same kind as the existing meters.

39 Councilmember Price-Huish asked how many meters there are in the city. Mr. Christensen
40 answered there are 11,200 in our system.

41 Councilmember Price-Huish asked how the prices have changed in the last 10 years for this
42 item. Mr. Christensen said that up until now, these units were \$100 each, and now they are \$150
43 each.

44 Councilmember Bradshaw asked how residents are charged if they have a bad read on their
45 meter. Mr. Christensen said they are charged for a manual read at a base rate until they can get the
46 meter replaced and reading accurately again.

1 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve the purchase from Hydro Specialties
2 Company and Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers
3 Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”
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5 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A TRUCK BED VACUUM FROM**
6 **VERMEER MOUNTAIN WEST IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$28,722 – MR. KRAIG**
7 **CHRISTENSEN**

8 Mr. Christensen explained that this item is for a vacuum unit that sits in the bed of a truck.
9 The Water Department is finding that only having one vacator unit for the field technician crews is not
10 enough, and they would like to purchase a smaller, truck-bed unit to help meet demand and complete
11 projects more quickly. The specifications of this unit will meet their needs, and is a single source
12 item.

13 Councilmember Price-Huish made a motion to approve the purchase from Vermeer Mountain
14 West and Councilmember Higginson seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers
15 Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”
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17 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05 AND PROCLAMATION NO.**
18 **2025-01 REGARDING WATERING RESTRICTIONS – MR. LLOYD CHENEY**

19 Mr. Christensen explained that he would present this item on behalf of Mr. Cheney who is out
20 of town. He explained that Resolution 2025-05 recommends watering restrictions be implemented
21 beginning July 31, 2025, until April 15, 2026. These restrictions are being proposed to help protect
22 our wells and pump equipment from damage, save money, retain adequate water levels for fire
23 protection, and protect our aquifers. He explained that a couple of weeks ago the Calder well started
24 having issues and needed to be shut off, and after it was restored the same thing began happening at
25 the 1st East well. The issues were caused by both a dramatic decrease in runoff from the snowpack
26 and increased usage of culinary water; residents have been using a lot more water this year compared
27 to past years. These restrictions only pertain to the use of culinary water for irrigation uses.

28 The restrictions being proposed are:

- 29 1. Use of culinary water for outdoor watering is strictly prohibited where irrigation water is
30 provided by a third-party service district.
- 31 2. Outdoor watering with culinary water is expressly prohibited between the hours of 10:00 am
32 and 6:00 pm.
- 33 3. To maintain minimum storage levels in the culinary water reservoirs, outdoor use of culinary
34 water is not permitted on Wednesday of each week.
- 35 4. Landscaping, including turf, planting and gardens on residential properties may be watered
36 three times per week. Zone run times shall be no longer than 20 minutes (per zone) for pop-up
37 style sprinkler heads or 40 minutes (per zone) for rotary style sprinkler heads. Properties with
38 an odd numbered address may water on odd number calendar days. Properties with an even
39 numbered address may water on even number calendar days.
- 40 5. Hand watering is allowed one time per week, with a maximum flow rate of 5 gallons per
41 minute, for established trees and shrubs. The hose shall not be left unattended during this time
42 and shall not be connected to a sprinkler head.
- 43 6. Watering of newly installed landscaping shall comply with the limitations set forth in this
44 Resolution.
- 45 7. Rinsing or washing of sidewalks, driveways, patios or other impervious surfaces is not
46 permitted.

8. Residential swimming pools may only be filled using a hose connection to the primary structure with a maximum flow rate of 5 gallons per minute.
9. Bountiful parks and City facilities are permitted to “spot water” to prevent permanent damage to turf or landscaping to provide outdoor facilities which can be enjoyed by the community in general and to protect the public investment in said facilities.
10. Bountiful Ridge Golf Course is permitted to water tee boxes, green and fairways to maintain acceptable playing conditions. “Spot watering” practices are permitted in fairway and rough areas to prevent permanent damage to landscaping turf.

The punishment for violation of these restrictions are as follows:

First Offense Violators would be issued a written warning.

Second offense \$100 fine added to the utility bill

Third Offense \$250 fine added to the utility bill

Fourth Offense \$500 fine added to the utility bill

Fifth Offense \$1,000 fine added to the utility bill. Culinary water service will be terminated until payment of the fine. Account holder shall also be responsible for payment of applicable disconnect and reconnection fees.

Mayor Harris asked how they plan to inform residents about the restrictions. Mr. Christensen said they will use staff to deliver door handouts in the affected area, and use City social media channels and the City website to let people know.

Councilmember Bradshaw asked if staff knows why water usage is higher this year. Mr. Gary Hill said they cannot determine whether culinary water is being used indoors and outdoors, but it is most likely due to increased outdoor watering with the culinary water.

Councilmember Price asked if the restrictions should be applied to all residents to keep it simple. Councilmember Higginson answered that the City can only enforce restrictions on its own water system, and cannot impose restrictions for third-party providers. As of right now, the other water providers are probably not going to impose any restrictions. In 2022, the last time watering restrictions were imposed, the other jurisdictions did impose restrictions that matched what the City did, so it was a different situation.

Councilmember Price-Huish said that she felt item 4 of the Resolution was confusing and should state more clearly that the restrictions only pertain to culinary water users. She proposed they amend Restriction no. 4 in the Resolution to “Landscaping, including turf, planting and gardens on residential properties *that utilize culinary water*, may be watered three times per week. Zone run times shall be no longer than 20 minutes (per zone) for pop-up style sprinkler heads or 40 minutes (per zone) for rotary style sprinkler heads. Properties with an odd numbered address may water on odd number calendar days. Properties with an even numbered address may water on even number calendar days.

Councilmember Price-Huish made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-05 with the proposed amendment and Proclamation 2025-01, and Councilmember Higginson seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN EASEMENT TO ENBRIDGE FOR THE GAS SERVICE LINE SERVING 135 SOUTH MAIN STREET – MR. LLOYD CHENEY

1 Mr. Todd Christensen explained he would present on behalf of Mr. Cheney as well. He
2 explained that the old gas line that serviced the property at 135 South Main Street was inadequate for
3 its new use as a restaurant, so staff would like to bring in a new gas service from the back of the
4 property, closer to the kitchen. This will require some easements because the line will cross two other
5 properties.

6 Councilmember Higginson made a motion to approve the easement at 135 South Main Street
7 and Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers
8 Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting "aye."
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10 **ADJOURN TO A MEETING OF THE RDA BOARD WITH A SEPARATE AGENDA**

11 Councilmember Child made a motion to adjourn to a meeting of the RDA Board with a
12 separate agenda and Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with
13 Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting "aye."
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15 The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.


Mayor Kendalyn Harris


City Recorder

