

1 Minutes of the
2 BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL
3 January 8, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
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5 Official notice of the City Council Meeting was given by posting an Agenda at City Hall and on
6 the Bountiful City Website and the Utah Public Notice Website and by providing copies to the
7 following newspapers of general circulation: The City Journal and Standard Examiner.
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9 **Special Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.**
10 **City Council Chambers**
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12 Present: Mayor Kate Bradshaw
13 Councilmembers Dan Bell, Beth Child, Matt Murri, Richard Higginson
14 City Attorney Brad Jeppsen
15 City Recorder Sophia Ward
16 Recording Secretary Maranda Hilton
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18 Mayor Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm and welcomed those in attendance.
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20 **WELCOME, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND THOUGHT**

21 Councilmember Child led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilmember Higginson offered a
22 prayer.
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24 **EXPLANATION OF SELECTION PROCESS- MR. BRAD JEPSEN**

25 City Attorney Mr. Brad Jeppsen explained the voting process for selecting a new
26 Councilmember. He stated that state law requires a majority vote of the Council, meaning three votes.
27 If no candidate received a majority in the first round, a second vote would be held among the top
28 candidates. If a tie remained after two rounds, the Mayor would cast a tie-breaking vote. Once a
29 candidate was selected, the Council would make a formal motion to appoint the individual.
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31 **CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERESTED INDIVIDUAL TO FILL A**
32 **VACANT COUNCIL SEAT**

33 **A. ORDER OF APPLICANTS:**

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

36 Mr. Mitch Perkins
37 Ms. Aubry Bennion
38 Ms. Rhonda Perkes
39 Mr. Layne Papenfuss
40 Ms. Pamela Stavros
41 Ms. Millicent Bahr
42 Mr. Jason Steenblik

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

City Recorder