

Minutes of the  
BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL  
August 26, 2025 – 7:00 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.

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

Present:	Mayor	Kendalyn Harris
	Councilmembers	Kate Bradshaw, Beth Child, Richard Higginson, Cecilee Price-Huish
	City Manager	Gary Hill
	City Attorney	Brad Jeppsen
	City Engineer	Lloyd Cheney
	Finance Director	Tyson Beck
	Planning Director	Francisco Astorga
	Streets Director	Charles Benson
	Power Director	Allen Johnson
	Asst. City Engineer	Todd Christensen
	Parks Director	Brock Hill
	Recording Secretary	Maranda Hilton
Excused:	Councilmember	Matt Murri

**WELCOME, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND THOUGHT/PRAYER**

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and welcomed those in attendance. Ms. Lisa Hicks led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Chris Cousins offered a prayer.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

Ms. Valerie Willard (2139 Ridgewood Way) said she feels the on-street parking regulations in the current code need to be revisited because, as written, they are susceptible to abuse. She also asked what the process is once a resident makes a complaint; how they will be notified and updated about the situation, and what to expect next.

The time for public comment ended at 7:07 pm.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Price-Huish reported that the BCYC is back in full swing for this school year. She also recognized the exceptional group of people at the Power Department and on the Power Commission who work hard keeping the lights on in Bountiful. She reported that she attended the

1 UAMPS conference at Lake Tahoe last week, and said she was impressed with the importance of  
2 being part of that association. She told the Council to be prepared to hear more updates about  
3 upcoming issues in the coming months.

4 Mayor Harris reported that the Sewer District is building a new administration building and is  
5 also conducting a feasibility study about consolidating the North and South plants.

6 Councilmember Child reported that the Summer Concert series was over and thanked Mr.  
7 Richard Watson for all the time and work he puts in to make those happen each year. She reported  
8 that the 9/11 Day of Service will take place on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> this year. She encouraged  
9 everyone to visit the City website to find projects to participate in. She reported that the Freedom's  
10 Light event will take place September 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> at Bountiful Park and thanked the Parks Department  
11 for helping all the summer events go smoothly.

12 Councilmember Bradshaw reported that Lakeview Hospital received another 5-star rating for  
13 Medicaid and Medicare centers. She also congratulated them on receiving a \$23M award to do  
14 significant renovations and expansions to their operating rooms and surgical suites.

15 Councilmember Higginson did not have a report.

16 Councilmember Price-Huish reported that the public will have the opportunity to comment on  
17 the updated general plan at the next Planning Commission meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30 pm. She  
18 added that the Council will happily accept phone calls, emails, and written comments up until that  
19 day.  
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#### 21 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT**

22 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve the Preliminary June 2025 financial  
23 report and Councilmember Higginson seconded the motion. The motion passed with  
24 Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, and Price-Huish voting "aye."  
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#### 26 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13, A LAND USE TEXT** 27 **AMENDMENT ADDRESSING BUILDING HEIGHT FOR ACCESSORY STRUCTURES IN** 28 **SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONES – MR. FRANCISCO ASTORGA**

29 Mr. Francisco Astorga explained that his staff took the recommendations of the City Council  
30 from their last meeting and drafted an Ordinance for them to review regarding accessory structure  
31 heights. He added that staff would also like some direction regarding Mansard roofs, whether to  
32 apply the changes to them as to the other roof types, or to leave them as they are in the code  
33 currently. After some discussion, the Council decided to keep the current code language regarding  
34 Mansard roofs instead of changing it to the new height and sidewall restrictions.

35 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-13 with the following  
36 amendment; adding "For a flat or mansard roof, the sidewall shall be measured from the average  
37 slope of the ground to the highest point of the roof, including any coping, parapet, or similar feature."  
38 to the following places in the ordinance; under "Accessory Structure, Permitted Use", b, I, (A), (3),  
39 and under "Accessory Structure, Conditional Use", d, I, (A), (3). Councilmember Child seconded the  
40 motion which passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, and Price-Huish voting  
41 "aye."  
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#### 43 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PROPOSAL FROM SWCA TO PERFORM CULTURAL** 44 **AND WILDLIFE RESOURCE SURVEY WORK, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$21,712 –** 45 **MR. TODD CHRISTENSEN**

1 Mr. Todd Christensen explained that the next stage of the Trails Implementation Plan will be  
2 to build nine additional miles of trails that will go through US Forest Service land and thus require a  
3 NEPA study. The City received bids from SWCA and from Logan Simpson for the survey work and  
4 is proposing the City accept the low bid from SWCA. He added that the City received a grant from  
5 the State of Utah Outdoor Recreation Initiative program, which will hopefully cover about 75% of  
6 the cost of this study.

7 Councilmember Child asked about the timeline for completion of this next group of trails. Mr.  
8 Christensen answered that the trails will likely be built in 2027 due to a variety of factors.

9 Councilmember Price-Huish made a motion to approve the proposal from SWCA and  
10 Councilmember Bradshaw seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers  
11 Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”  
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13 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE REBUILD OF THE SMALL PAVILLION AT**  
14 **BOUNTIFUL PARK BY LAUNCH CONSTRUCTION, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF**  
15 **\$34,712 – MR. BROCK HILL**

16 Mr. Brock Hill explained that the small pavilion by the stage at Bountiful Park is damaged,  
17 aging, and needs significant work to be serviceable and safe for use. He added that this project was  
18 not budgeted for in this budget cycle, but he believes there is enough money to cover the cost,  
19 although they may need to amend the budget in the spring. Staff is recommending that the City  
20 accept the proposal from Launch Construction for the rebuild.

21 Councilmember Bradshaw said she is glad that staff are fixing the pavilion now, because it is  
22 needed and an important pavilion for the many events that take place at that park.

23 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve the proposal from Launch Construction  
24 and Councilmember Higginson seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers  
25 Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”  
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27 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE ECHO TRANSMISSION LINE PHASE ONE**  
28 **INSULATOR AND CROSSARM CHANGE-OUT BY WASATCH ELECTRIC, IN THE**  
29 **TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$179,138 – MR. ALLEN JOHNSON**

30 Mr. Allen Johnson explained that after the fire on the Echo transmission line, staff are being  
31 proactive and looking at changing out the insulators and cross arms all along that line to prevent  
32 another disaster. The terrain is mountainous and beyond the scope of the power employees to  
33 perform, so staff are requesting the City hire Wasatch Electric to do the job. The Power Department  
34 bought all the supplies for the project last year and Wasatch Electric will install everything. They  
35 plan to start October 20<sup>th</sup>, and it should take about 2 weeks to complete the change-out. This is Phase  
36 1 of the change-out; another phase will take place next year.

37 Councilmember Price-Huish made a motion to approve Phase 1 of the Echo transmission line  
38 change-out by Wasatch Electric and Councilmember Child seconded the motion. The motion passed  
39 with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”  
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41 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PROPOSAL FROM ECI FOR THE PINEVIEW**  
42 **HYDROELECTRIC CONTROL SYSTEM REPLACEMENT, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT**  
43 **OF \$953,915 – MR. ALLEN JOHNSON**

44 Mr. Johnson explained that the hydroelectric control system at Pineview is not supported  
45 anymore, so staff have been working for a couple of years to find a new company to work with on an

1 updated system. Staff are recommending the City use ECI for the new system. Equipment will arrive  
2 this fall and should be operational in April of next year.

3 Councilmember Price-Huish expressed how necessary this resource is for the City's power  
4 needs and thanked Mr. Johnson for his work investing in and keeping the Pineview Hydro  
5 operational and thus keeping power costs lower.

6 Councilmember Price-Huish made a motion to approve the proposal from ECI and  
7 Councilmember Higginson seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers  
8 Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, and Price-Huish voting "aye."  
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10 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A BATTERY SYSTEM FOR THE NW**  
11 **SUBSTATION FROM EXPONENTIAL, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$42,422 – MR.**  
12 **ALLEN JOHNSON**

13 Mr. Johnson explained that this was the very last purchase required for the NW Substation  
14 rebuild project. The rebuild will begin September 15<sup>th</sup>. He explained that everything that is controlled  
15 at the substation is done by battery in case there is an outage. Staff recommend purchasing from  
16 Exponential because they are the only company who was able to meet the specifications needed for  
17 this project. There will be a ten-week lead time, which will be fine.

18 Councilmember Child made a motion to approve the proposal from Exponential and  
19 Councilmember Bradshaw seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers  
20 Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, and Price-Huish voting "aye."  
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22 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RETAINING WALL AND**  
23 **ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS ON MUELLER PARK ROAD BY TAYLOR ELECTRIC IN**  
24 **THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$54,552 – MR. LLOYD CHENEY**

25 Mr. Lloyd Cheney explained that the project to build a retaining wall on Mueller Park Road is  
26 underway, but the excavation turned out to be much more extensive than was originally anticipated  
27 when the project was bid. The project will now cost an additional \$22,000, which is about 10% of the  
28 contract price. So, staff decided it would be wise to ask the Council to approve a single allocation of  
29 25% of the project budget in case they run into other issues while completing the project. He said that  
30 staff do not anticipate spending any of the extra money, but they want to know they have the ability  
31 to build it correctly instead of pushing it onto future engineers to deal with later.

32 Councilmember Price-Huish made a motion to approve the total cost from Taylor Electric and  
33 Councilmember Higginson seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers  
34 Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, and Price-Huish voting "aye."  
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36 **ADJOURN**

37 Councilmember Price-Huish shared the news that Bountiful was awarded the Healthy Utah  
38 Community designation and thanked everyone who was involved in helping with the application.

39 Mayor Harris thanked Councilmember Price-Huish for spearheading the effort and thanked  
40 Mr. Astorga for his support as well.

41 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember Child  
42 seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, and  
43 Price-Huish voting "aye."  
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45 The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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*Mayor Kendalyn Harris*

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*City Recorder*

PENDING