Minutes of the
BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL
May 14, 2024 – 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: Davis County Journal and Standard Examiner.

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

Present:	Mayor	Kendalyn Harris
	Councilmembers	Jesse Bell, Kate Bradshaw, Richard Higginson, Matt Murri, Cecilee Price-Huish
	City Manager	Gary Hill
	Asst. City Manager	Galen Rasmussen
	City Attorney	Brad Jeppsen
	City Recorder	Shawna Andrus
	Finance Director	Tyson Beck
	Police Chief	Ed Biehler
	Asst. Water Director	Jerry Wilson
	Asst. Planner	Jonah Hadlock
	Public Works Engineer	Brad Clawson
	City Treasurer	Hunter Stone
	SDMF Chief	Dane Stone
	Engineering Admin. Asst.	Holly Stone
	Streets Director	Charles Benson
	Recording Secretary	Maranda Hilton
Excused:	City Engineer	Lloyd Cheney
	Planning Director	Francisco Astorga

WELCOME, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND THOUGHT/PRAYER

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Ms. Holly Stone led the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Barbara Novak, Chaplain at Lakeview Hospital, offered a thought and a prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment section was opened at 7:04 p.m.

Mr. Alex Densley (443 Jeri Drive) asked the Council to move the firework boundary from Orchard Drive up to Davis Boulevard.

The public comment section was closed at 7:05 p.m.

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COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Bell played the song "Angels Among Us" by Alabama, and explained how wonderful it is to live in a place like this with so many people who reach out to one another and are angels to their neighbors. He thanked his fellow Councilmembers for always trying to do what is right and not seeking recognition.

Councilmember Bradshaw said it was a pleasure to serve with Councilmember Bell and to know him and his family. She also reported that the South Davis Recreation Board met last night and reviewed the fiscal year close and the financial audit. She said the gap between expenses and revenues has narrowed significantly, and the year ended with a little bit of profit. She thanked Mr. Tyson Beck for his work on the changes that have been implemented and on the new reserve policy. She said even though there is more work to be done, she feels the ship has been turned and is heading in the right direction.

Councilmember Higginson did not have a report.

Councilmember Murri reported that "Bountiful's Got Talent" auditions have started. He also reported there will be a Memorial Day event at the Bountiful Veterans Park at 11:00 a.m. on May 27.

Councilmember Price-Huish reported that the Bike Rodeo was rescheduled and will be happening this Saturday, May 25 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the parking lot in front of City Hall.

Mayor Harris congratulated Councilmember Price-Huish on her recent graduation with her MPP. She thanked Councilmember Murri for attending the world record celebration at Hannah Holbrook Elementary and the Car Show kickoff planning meeting. She reported that Mayor Howard Madison of Sunset, Utah passed away. She said he will be missed; he was a public servant his entire life and had a great sense of humor. She reported that the homelessness task force for Davis County met again and is looking at the idea of using the senior center in Bountiful and two other centers as potential shelters. They will continue to study the situation and determine what impacts that would have on the community.

BCYC REPORT

Mr. Carter Black, interim BCYC Mayor, reported that the interview process for next year's BCYC applicants has commenced. Next Saturday, May 18, the BCYC will be helping with the clean-up at the "B". On May 22-24 they will be helping put flags on veterans' graves. In either May or June, they will host the "Stomp on Main" event at Town Square. On June 1 they will be helping with a Bountiful History Museum project. They will also be helping at both the Car Show and the Chalk Art Festival this summer.

Councilmember Price-Huish said what a privilege it is to serve with these students who are so involved in the community and are so willing to help.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF:

A. EXPENDITURES GREATER THAN $1,000 PAID APRIL 17, 24 & MAY 1, 2024

B. MARCH 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve the expenditures paid April 17, 24 & May 1, 2024, and the March 2024 financial report, and Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bell, Bradshaw, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting "aye."

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CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. HUNTER STONE AS THE BOUNTIFUL CITY TREASURER – MR. TYSON BECK

Mr. Tyson Beck explained that 22 people applied for this position and after interviews, staff felt that Mr. Huter Stone was the best candidate for the job.

Mr. Stone was asked to introduce himself by Councilmember Bradshaw. Mr. Stone said that he grew up in North Salt Lake, played baseball at Woods Cross High School and at Utah State, and after graduating with a degree in finance & accounting, he first worked for the Department of Defense at Hill Air Force Base and then for a mortgage lender in Sandy, Utah.

Mayor Harris said they were excited he was here and hope he will stay a long time.

Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Hunter Stone as the Bountiful City treasurer, and Councilmember Higginson seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bell, Bradshaw, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting "aye."

A. SWEARING IN OF BOUNTIFUL CITY TREASURER MR. HUNTER STONE

Ms. Shawna Andrus, City Recorder, conducted the swearing-in ceremony of Mr. Stone and the Mayor officially welcomed him to the City.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2024-03 PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS EAST OF 400 EAST AND EAST OF ORCHARD DRIVE – MR. BRAD JEPPSEN

Mr. Brad Jeppsen explained that the boundary for fireworks will be set at Orchard Drive this year, at the advice of the Fire Chief. He asked if Chief Stone would stand and explain the reasons.

South Davis Metro Fire Chief Dane Stone explained that he recommends Orchard Drive as the boundary this year because since making that the boundary in years past, there has only been one fire above Orchard that was caused by fireworks. He also explained that, due to our wet spring season, there will be a lot of flash fuel growth; grasses and undergrowth that become dry and easily catch fire in the summer months.

Councilmember Price-Huish asked if the City could open designated areas in the City where residents can light fireworks. Mr. Gary Hill answered that the City did that during the year of severe water restrictions when the firework boundaries were smaller and can do it again if the Council would like to. Councilmember Price-Huish said she would like that to happen again.

Councilmember Bradshaw asked Chief Stone to explain the new class of fireworks and how that is impacting fire risk. Chief Stone explained that aerial and cake fireworks both raise concerns for the fire department, because many people do not know how to operate or dispose of them safely and they can cause fires and injury.

Councilmember Price-Huish made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-03 and Councilmember Bell seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Councilmembers Bell, Bradshaw, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting "aye."

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A MOTOR FOR CALDER WELL FROM NICKERSON COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF $20,000 – MR. JERRY WILSON

Mr. Jerry Wilson explained that the motor they planned on using for the Calder Well rehab had bad seals, and in order to keep to the scheduled installation date, they got approval from the City Manager to purchase a replacement motor from Nickerson Company that was ready to go. The motor is currently being installed.

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Councilmember Bell asked if the new motor would be a variable frequency drive (VFD) like the one at the 100 East well. Mr. Wilson said it is not a VFD. He explained that it is a submersible motor with a reduced-voltage soft-start drive, so it is much less noisy. He added that he has been working with the neighbors who complained about the noise of the VFD at 100 East. He has purchased some noise dampening materials for the well house and has made changes to the automated system so it runs at a lower speed and will not ramp up unless water demand peaks. The process of working with the neighbors at both wells has been going well.

Councilmember Bell thanked him for that report, and for working with the residents. He clarified that he does not feel controlling the noise at all costs is the position the City should take, that having water available when it is needed is the most important thing, but he was glad the City found a balance.

Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve the purchase of the motor from Nickerson Company and Councilmember Bell seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Councilmembers Bell, Bradshaw, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting "aye."

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL ARCHITECTURAL AND SITE PLAN FOR A PROFESSIONAL AND MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING LOCATED AT 370 WEST 500 SOUTH – MR. JONAH HADLOCK

Mr. Jonah Hadlock explained that the Planning Commission reviewed this application and forwarded a unanimous recommendation for approval. Medical office use is permitted in this zone, staff does not see any significant impacts from this project, and like that it will be an upgrade compared to the storage units that are currently there. There are some conditions of approval and building permits will be granted once those conditions are met.

Councilmember Price-Huish said she thinks it is a great project and voiced her concern about the safety of the location of the easements and the access points. She wants it to be safe for cars and pedestrians. Mr. Joel LaSalle, property owner, explained that they plan on working with Jack in the Box restaurant to install directional signage in the parking lot to help with the flow of traffic. They also anticipate that all medical office traffic will use the access on 450 West once people get used to the new layout, which will be safest.

Mayor Harris asked if they already have tenants lined up for the building and was told there is earnest money down on about 50% of the building spaces so far.

Councilmember Bradshaw asked Mr. LaSalle if he is planning on painting lines to help regulate traffic in the Guthrie's & Starbucks parking lot as well, to help with safety. He said they are redoing that parking lot and plan to paint ground graphics there. He added that it is in his best interest to make sure all the businesses and patrons are happy with it.

Councilmember Bell asked if the landscaping plan meets the tree ordinance for street trees. Mr. Hadlock said that the plan does meet all landscaping requirements.

Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve the preliminary and final architectural and site plan for the medical office and Councilmember Higginson seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Councilmembers Bell, Bradshaw, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting "aye."

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RELEASING THE PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT ON LOTS 2 AND 3 OF GRANADA HILLS NO. 6 SUBDIVISIONS – MR. BRAD CLAWSON

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Councilmember Higginson made a motion to approve the release of the utility easement and Councilmember Bell seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Councilmembers Bell, Bradshaw, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting "aye."

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 TENTATIVE BUDGET AND RELATED ITEMS – MR. GALEN RASMUSSEN

Mr. Galen Rasmussen gave an overview of the budgeting process and timeline, and went over the key budget items, fund balances, transfers and rate/fee changes, etc.

Mayor Harris thanked Mr. Rasmussen for his work on preparing the budget each year and his commitment to keeping the City in a financially sound position.

A. ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 TENTATIVE BUDGET

B. SETTING THE TIME, DATE, AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE FINAL BUDGET

Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve the FY2024-2025 tentative budget, and to set the time, date and place (7:00 p.m., June 11, 2024, Council Chambers) for the public hearings on the final budget. Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Councilmembers Bell, Bradshaw, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting "aye."

ADJOURN

Councilmember Price-Huish made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember Higginson seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Councilmembers Bell, Bradshaw, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting "aye."

The regular session was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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Mayor Kendalyn Harris

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City Recorder

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