

Minutes of the
BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL
September 23, 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.

Work Session – 6:00 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
	City Attorney	Brad Jeppsen
	City Engineer	Lloyd Cheney
	Finance Director	Tyson Beck
	Streets Director	Charles Benson
	Chief of Police	Ed Biehler
	Recording Secretary	Maranda Hilton
Excused:	Planning Director	Francisco Astorga

Mayor Harris opened the meeting at 6:02 pm, welcomed those in attendance.

BOUNTIFUL FIBER UPDATE – MR. GARY HILL

Mr. Gary Hill gave an update about the status of the Bountiful Fiber Internet project, saying that “substantial completion” was achieved in June, meaning all footprints are now active and operating. He announced that a ribbon cutting ceremony has been planned for Friday at Town Square. He explained that current take rates are ahead of the original projections, and an average of 230 new customers are signing up each month. The break-even take rate is 35% and staff are optimistic it will be achieved by the end of 2028.

Mr. Hill said that the next stage of the project is strategically marketing to HOA’s and private properties and private roads where the City does not have easements in place. UTOPIA will run the marketing campaigns and contact those properties directly; it will not cost them anything to give that access to their residents.

Councilmember Price-Huish expressed her excitement and publicly thanked everyone who advocated for this and had a hand in bringing this to fruition.

Councilmember Higginson congratulated the residents who pushed for this project to happen, and the Councilmembers who did their due diligence to come to the right decision. He said people would benefit from this incredible amenity for many years to come.

DISCUSSION ON STATUTORY REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY’S EVENT APPLICATION PROCESS – MR. BRADLEY JEPPESEN

Mr. Bradly Jeppsen explained the proposed changes made to the regulations for the City event application process based on the Council suggestions at the previous work session.

1 The Council and staff discussed in detail the impacts of further restricting on-street parking
2 and public parking lots for events, the practicality of enforcing those restrictions, late applications
3 and their effects on staff time and potential penalties, and public noticing methods, including whether
4 to standardize them or incorporate them into the individualized approval process. Mr. Jeppsen
5 gathered majority Council opinion on these issues and said he would have a draft ready for approval
6 at the next council meeting.

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8 The meeting ended at 6:59 pm.
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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
City Attorney Brad Jeppsen
City Engineer Lloyd Cheney
Finance Director Tyson Beck
Power Director Allen Johnson
Police Lieutenant David Gill
Streets Director Charles Benson
Recording Secretary Maranda Hilton
Excused: Planning Director Francisco Astorga

WELCOME, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND THOUGHT/PRAYER

Mayor Pro Tem Murri called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and welcomed those in attendance. Ms. Abby Miller led the pledge of allegiance and Mr. Keenan Price offered a prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Mr. Gary Davis (Bountiful Resident) apologized for a comment he made at a prior meeting about the high turnover rate of City computers. He said after doing research he realized that the City's policy for computer replacement falls well within the industry standards and apologized for his flippant criticism.

Ms. Linda Ransdell (Bountiful Resident) brought forward some issues she would like to see addressed at the Brickyard Dog Park; the mulch is too large and contains hazardous materials and plastics that can cause injury to the dogs' paws, there is algae growth/standing water in the water trough, the park is not accessible for wheelchair users, and maintenance and cleaning of the park seems to be insufficient.

Mr. Troy Nielsen (Bountiful Resident) said he is concerned about how to prevent e-bike street crossing tragedies from occurring in our community, after seeing nearby cities dealing with this issue recently. He brought up 400 North and Main Street as one example of a crossing that is inadequate and outdated. He asked the City to please take care of it now before we make the news.

The time for public comment ended at 7:13 pm.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON AUGUST 26TH AND SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2025

Councilmember Child made a motion to approve the minutes from August 26th and September 9th, 2025, and Councilmember Bradshaw seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting "aye."

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Child reported that the Freedom's Light Festival at Bountiful Park was very successful and well attended. She also reported that the Bountiful Food Pantry held a food drive as part of the 9/11 Day of Service and they received triple the amount of donations as they did last year.

Councilmember Bradshaw reported that the legislative redistricting committee met this week and will meet again tomorrow at 11 am to discuss better boundaries of congressional maps. She said they are seeking public comment on the maps and she encouraged the Councilmembers and everyone else to look at the maps (found at le.utah.gov) and participate in the hearing tomorrow. Bountiful could be greatly impacted by this decision.

Councilmember Higginson thanked Councilmember Bradshaw for keeping them apprised of developments at the legislature. He reported that the Planning Commission met last week and held another robust discussion about the general plan draft which garnered wonderful public comment once again. He announced that the Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on September 30th at 7 pm to gather more thoughts on the general plan draft and encouraged everyone to come comment.

Councilmember Murri announced that Fall Cleanup will take place October 6-10th this year and Hazardous Waste Collection will be on October 11th. He expressed his gratitude for the Mosquito Abatement District and their work to decrease the population of mosquitos, adding that there were two cases of West Nile virus deaths in our county this year. He encouraged people to go on their website and request a free spray.

Councilmember Price-Huish thanked Mr. Charles Benson for taking the BCYC students on a tour of the Bountiful Landfill, showing them how it operates and what a vital amenity it is for our city. She announced that the BCYC will help with the Mill Stream alongside the Utah Sons of Pioneers this week. She also recognized the essential work of the linemen at the Power Department, expressing her gratitude that they perform such a dangerous job on our behalf. Lastly, she highlighted the foresight and thoughtfulness of the Power Department which placed cable 45 years ago at the Northwest Substation, in anticipation of the growing power needs of their city many decades into the future.

Mayor Harris reminded the public that comments made during public comment time cannot be discussed during the meeting, due to public noticing restrictions, but that the Council and staff do take notes and follow up with residents about their questions and concerns. She also reported that the annual business symposium was held last week at City Hall and it was a great networking event.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES GREATER THAN \$1,000 PAID
SEPTEMBER 3RD AND SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2025**

Councilmember Price-Huish made a motion to approve the expenditures paid September 3rd and 10th, 2025 and Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting "aye."

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF EXTERIOR LIGHTING UPGRADES
THROUGH VISTA CONSTRUCTION IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$123,029 -
LIEUTENANT DAVID GILL**

Lt. David Gill explained that the Police building lighting is aging and becoming unreliable, specifically the exterior bollard lights. Staff hired a lighting architect to analyze the entire system and design a new one. They received three bids, which were reviewed by the Engineering Department and staff recommends accepting the low bid from Vista Construction.

Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to purchase exterior lighting upgrades form Vista Constriction and Councilmember Higginson seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF 1100 URD CABLE FROM IRBY IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$110,058 – MR. ALLEN JOHNSON

Mr. Allen Johnson explained that this 1100 URD cable is a high-voltage cable for the third feeder coming out of the Northwest Substation. It has a 40-year guarantee and is expected to last around 80 years. It will be installed early next spring. Staff recommend accepting the low bid from Irby.

Councilmember Price-Huish made a motion to approve the purchase of the 1100 URD cable form Irby and Councilmember Child seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A DAKOTA SERVICE BODY FROM MOUNTAIN STATES INDUSTRIAL SERVICE IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$57,484 – MR. ALLEN JOHNSON

Mr. Johnson explained that this is only a truck bed, not a chassis; they are still getting pricing for the chassis. This truck will be used daily by the line crews and is custom built large enough to store all their high-voltage tools and climbing gear, since most of our poles are in backyards. Only one bid was received for this item. He added that the truck may be slightly over budget once the chassis is purchased, but he said it will work within the overall budget just fine.

Councilmember Higginson made a motion to approve the purchase of the service body from Mountain States Industrial and Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.


Mayor Kendalyn Harris


City Recorder

