

Minutes of the  
BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL  
October 14, 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**

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| 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 Engineer       | Lloyd Cheney  |
|          | Planning Director   | Francisco Astorga   |
|          | Chief of Police     | Ed Biehler  |
|          | Parks Director      | Brock Hill  |
|          | Streets Director    | Charles Benson  |
|          | IT Director         | Greg Martin   |
|          | Recording Secretary | Maranda Hilton  |
| Excused: | City Attorney       | Brad Jeppsen  |

Mayor Harris opened the meeting at 6:03 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

**E-BIKE/E-MOTORCYCLE DISCUSSION – CHIEF EDWARD BIEHLER**

Chief Ed Biehler gave a presentation about the issues regarding enforcement of e-bike and e-motorcycle laws and the increasing safety concerns as they become more and more popular among young people. He explained that the different classes of e-bikes and e-motorcycles have different laws governing their use, but are very difficult to tell apart visually, making policing very difficult. This problem is compounded when people make aftermarket modifications. He added that the general public seem to be uneducated about the restrictions as well, which means parents are allowing their children to ride them illegally. The police have seen rising incidences of riders evading the police, which is concerning, and the police cannot safely pursue riders of e-bikes and e-motorcycles. The police have also started seeing damage to the parks and trails from people creating jumps or just using them in a way that destroys the grounds. Our police department also has an added level of complexity to their enforcement because many of the Bountiful trails are on Forest Service lands. Current Bountiful City Code does not provide many avenues for the enforcement of e-bikes and e-motorcycles, simply because this is a newer issue and wording would need to be added or changed to update it. So, although these bikes and motorcycles have become a nuisance and a safety issue, the police do not have many ways of stopping it. They have increased educational efforts, to seemingly little effect, and are contemplating what else they should try as this issue worsens.

Mayor Harris asked Chief Biehler what he thinks should happen next. He answered that the

1 police could be more aggressive when stops are made, even impounding e-motorcycles if needed, but  
2 e-bikes cannot be impounded. People evading stops will still be an issue though. He also explained  
3 that they may see some state legislation during the upcoming session and should perhaps wait and see  
4 what happens there before making any changes to the City code.

5 Councilmember Bradshaw expressed her concern about this issue and made two suggestions;  
6 that we add the language “at the point of manufacture” to the definition of e-bikes and e-motorcycles  
7 helping in the enforcement of vehicles that may have been modified aftermarket, and that we create a  
8 type of registration system that requires bikes and motorcycles to have an identifying plate which  
9 could be photographed in the case of evasions and followed up on. She said she would like to see the  
10 education efforts ramped up and their infographic posted to all social media channels that the City  
11 has.

12 Councilmember Child asked if there is any signage at the city parks that prohibits e-  
13 motorcycles. Mr. Brock Hill said there is not. The current signs prohibit skateboards and rollerblades.  
14 Councilmember Child suggested adding e-motorcycles to the signs.

15 Councilmember Price-Huish suggested allowing bikes but requiring people to walk them  
16 through parks only.

17 Mayor Harris shared that Kaysville just passed ordinances about self-propelled vehicles being  
18 operated recklessly, or in ways that damage public facilities or parks, or being driven over a certain  
19 speed limit.

20 Councilmember Higginson said he wants these vehicles to be allowed and used in the  
21 downtown zone, but the e-motorcycles are concerning. He said he feels education needs to be the key  
22 to accomplishing their goals and keeping people safe, but he did not know the best way to achieve  
23 that.

24 Councilmember Price-Huish agreed with that, saying that they want to see people using more  
25 active transportation, but the e-motorcycles are not what they want the youth driving around. She said  
26 she supported increasing the educational efforts and to begin impounding

27 Councilmember Bradshaw said she would like to see immediate action taken to protect the  
28 trails and parks from e-motorcycles. She said there should be no tolerance for people going that fast  
29 in a park while families are trying to play there. She added that it is scary to think that a growing  
30 population of our youth think that fleeing from the police is okay. She also reported that even though  
31 the City has been relaxed about allowing e-bikes on the trails, the Wasatch Cache National Forest  
32 does not allow e-bikes in Forest service territory at all.

33 Councilmember Higginson said he was not in favor of impounding e-motorcycles intercepted  
34 out on the roads and sidewalks, since many kids have saved up their money to buy them, but  
35 reiterated that the City should try to educate everyone about the laws.

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37 The meeting ended at 7:01 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  
Asst City Manager Galen Rasmussen  
City Engineer Lloyd Cheney  
Planning Director Francisco Astorga  
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**WELCOME, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND THOUGHT/PRAYER**

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm and welcomed those in attendance. Ms. Harper Voehl led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Neil of Grace Lutheran Church offered a thought and a prayer.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The time for public comment began at 7:11 pm.

No comments were made.

The time for public comment ended at 7:11 pm.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2025**

Mayor Harris asked for a correction to Line 18 of the minutes, changing “Mayor Pro Tem Murri” to “Mayor Harris”.

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

**BCYC REPORT**

Councilmember Price-Huish introduced Steven Theriot, the City Manager from the BCYC, saying that Steven is an exceptional leader in the organization, always helping with set-up and take-down and always giving his best. He is a senior at Bountiful HS, plays the trombone, has taken 5 AP courses and is a lot of fun.

Steven Theriot reported that the BCYC helped clean graffiti last Tuesday and announced that they will host their annual Pumpkin Patch activity on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 am at North Canyon Park.

1 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

2 Councilmember Bradshaw reported that the South Davis Recreation District is still working  
3 on its budget, and that the chiller at the ice ribbon at Town Square needs a repair, which, according to  
4 our interlocal agreement with them, will require Bountiful City to contribute half.

5 Councilmember Higginson reported that the General Plan draft update is still being worked on  
6 at the Planning Commission and he believes it will only require about 2 more sessions before it is  
7 ready for the Council to review it. He thanked everyone who has been attending those meetings and  
8 those who have participated in the public comments as well.

9 Councilmember Murri thanked the employees who worked during the Household Hazardous  
10 Waste collection event on Saturday. He reported that 944 residents brought items to dispose of.

11 Councilmember Price-Huish reported that this Thursday is the final Farmer's Market of the  
12 season and encouraged everyone to go check it out. She thanked the Police and Parks employees who  
13 help make it a wonderful and safe event every year.

14 Mayor Harris announced that the Main Street Merchants will host their annual Trick-or-Treat  
15 event on Main Street on Halloween from 4-6 pm.

16 Councilmember Child reported that she and Gary Hill met with the local representatives from  
17 JustServe.org and are working with them to find ways to improve the local community service  
18 organizations find volunteers. They will have a training event in November learning how to utilize  
19 the website.

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21 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF:**

22 a. **EXPENDITURES GREATER THAN \$1,000 PAID ON SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 24<sup>TH</sup>, AND**  
23 **OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2025**

24 b. **AUGUST 2025 EXPENSE REPORT**

25 Councilmember Bradshaw asked staff about some specific expenditures that she was  
26 not familiar with. Mr. Gary Hill said that the code does allow for certain routine purchases,  
27 even in large amounts, but that he would look into those purchases and get the Council more  
28 information at a later date.

29 Councilmember Murri made a motion to approve the expenditures and the August  
30 financial report and Councilmember Child seconded the motion. The motion passed with  
31 Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting "aye."

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33 **HONOR MAX VOEHL FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SELECTION TO**  
34 **PERFORM ON BROADWAY – MAYOR KENDALYN HARRIS**

35 Mayor Harris welcomed Max Voehl and his family to the meeting and asked Councilmember  
36 Child to introduce Max.

37 Councilmember Child explained that Max and his family live in her neighborhood and he is a  
38 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Legacy Preparatory Academy. She said that Max and his siblings have performed in  
39 many local shows and are very musical and that Max's doctor suggested Max audition for the new  
40 Broadway show, Wonder, based on the book and film of the same name. Max went through a long  
41 audition process and got the lead role of Auggie Pullman and will begin his run as Auggie in  
42 Massachusetts later this month.

43 Max's mother, Jeanne Voehl, explained how grateful she is for their supportive community of  
44 friends and neighbors here in Bountiful, saying it was especially impactful while Max was young and  
45 she was navigating his many surgeries for cleft lip and palate.

1 Max said it was an honor to be here tonight and he is excited but also sad to be leaving  
2 Bountiful for awhile.

3 Councilmember Child said we would all be cheering him on and asked him to come sing for  
4 the Council when he gets back.

5 Mayor Harris read his certificate of achievement, “in recognition of your outstanding  
6 achievement in earning the role of Auggie in the Broadway musical Wonder. Your talent and courage  
7 to teach the world kindness have brought pride to our community and serve as an inspiration to  
8 others.”

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10 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09 REGARDING FRONTRUNNER**  
11 **STATION AREA PLAN IMPRACTICABILITY – MR. FRANCISCO ASTORGA**

12 Mr. Francisco Astorga explained that the state has required all cities with a fixed-guideway  
13 stations to prepare a Station Area Plan (SAP) to promote housing availability, sustainable  
14 environments, access to opportunities, and transportation choices and connections. Bountiful’s  
15 boundary line falling within the half-mile radius of the Woods Cross FrontRunner station requires us  
16 to participate in this requirement. However, Utah Code allows municipalities to adopt a resolution  
17 describing conditions that make compliance with this requirement impracticable.

18 He further explained that the properties located within the portion of Bountiful affected by its  
19 proximity to the station cannot reasonably support transit-oriented development or support the SAP  
20 objectives, therefore staff requests that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-09 stating its  
21 impracticability to prepare a SAP.

22 Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-09 and  
23 Councilmember Higginson seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers  
24 Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

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26 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF 35 DESKTOP COMPUTERS FROM**  
27 **DELL DIRECT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$33,285 – MR. GREG MARTIN**

28 Mr. Greg Martin explained that as part of the computer replacement plan, the IT department is  
29 requesting the purchase of 35 desktop computers from Dell Direct. Dell has the state contract and  
30 offers very good prices on these computers.

31 Councilmember Higginson made a motion to approve the purchase of 35 desktop computers  
32 from Dell Direct and Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with  
33 Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

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35 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A 2025 FORD F-150 XL WORK TRUCK**  
36 **FROM YOUNG FORD IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$45,722 – MR. BROCK HILL**

37 Mr. Brock Hill explained that this vehicle will be used for daily park and trail maintenance  
38 work by a crew of parks department staff. He requested bids from four dealerships and received back  
39 three bids. This vehicle has been budgeted for as part of the planned vehicle replacement program for  
40 this budget cycle.

41 Councilmember Price-Huish asked if any other specialty equipment would be added to this  
42 truck in the future. Mr. Brock Hill answered that all the required equipment is included in the bid  
43 price.

44 Councilmember Price-Huish made a motion to approve the purchase of the Ford F-150 from  
45 Young Ford and Councilmember Child seconded the motion. The motion passed with  
46 Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, Murri, and Price-Huish voting “aye.”

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2 **ADJOURN**

3 Councilmember Higginson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember Murri  
4 seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bradshaw, Child, Higginson, Murri,  
5 and Price-Huish voting “aye.”  
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7 The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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*Mayor Kendalyn Harris*

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*City Recorder*