

Minutes of the
BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL
January 27, 2026 – 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	Kate Bradshaw
	Councilmembers	Dan Bell, Beth Child, Richard Higginson, Matt Murri
	City Manager	Gary Hill
	Asst City Manager	Tyson Beck
	City Attorney	Brad Jepps
	City Engineer	Lloyd Cheney
	Streets Director	Charles Benson
	Recording Secretary	Maranda Hilton
Excused:	Councilmember	Mille Segura Bahr
	Planning Director	Francisco Astorga

Mayor Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

BOUNTIFUL CONCERT SERIES UPDATE – MR. TYSON BECK

Mr. Tyson Beck gave a brief history of the Music in the Park concert series that has been held for the past 17 years. He explained that staff are seeking direction from the Council about the future of the concerts. He explained that fundraising efforts have been less successful since the Bar J Wranglers retired in 2022. Since then, finding performers who can sell enough tickets to the Christmas and Spring fundraising concerts has been a struggle. He asked the Council for their input about their expectation concerning cost recovery, what an acceptable budget level is, and if they feel any other changes should happen, like cutting costs by reducing the number of free concerts. He also thanked Mr. Richard Watson, who organizes the concerts each year, for all his hard work and the service he gives to the community.

The Council discussed the concert series and all agreed it is a wonderful benefit to the community that they would like to see continue. They discussed the different aspects of fundraising and the costs associated with the concerts, the concert venue, how to get more popular performers, and whether or not to cut back on how many free concerts are offered. The Council said they felt the Christmas fundraising concert may need to be dropped, it is not making money and it's a busy time of year for most people. Mr. Watson agreed that focusing more resources on the Spring fundraising concert could be a good idea.

Mr. Gary Hill explained that, from the beginning, the City agreed it would subsidize the concerts, and that has not changed, but the subsidy amount has increased. He suggested that the Council could set a fundraising goal for the organizers and also set a fixed amount to contribute from the City's General Fund. The organizers would then make adjustments to the concert series based on

1 their total revenue. The Council liked this idea and set the fundraising goal at \$10,000, with the City
2 giving \$25,000.

3 The Council discussed ways of improving the fundraising efforts this year and finding people
4 to help Mr. Watson and create a concert organization committee.

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6 **LIBRARY REMODEL UPDATE – MR. GARY HILL**

7 Mr. Josh Johnson, Davis County Library Director, talked about what to expect as the
8 Bountiful Branch is remodeled over the next 18-24 months. The County has leased a temporary space
9 at the Wight House property on Main Street to use in the interim. He said they will try to provide as
10 many of the normal library services as possible at this temporary location, but obviously the space
11 will only hold about half the collection of books and cannot provide all services. They will still hold a
12 lot of their programs and story times, but they will not have an auditorium for use by the public. They
13 plan to put signs in the windows. in the parking lot, and by the back door so that residents know
14 where to find them.

15 Mayor Bradshaw said she hopes the library will collaborate with the BDAC right across the
16 street for some of their programming. Mr. Johnson said they have already discussed that with the
17 BDAC and they have some awesome ideas.

18 Councilmember Higginson asked if the County has any design elements that will help
19 accentuate the north side of the building where the stream is. Mr. Johnson said the building will have
20 a patio off the north side, but some of the other factors will depend on cost, so he cannot say exactly
21 what will be happening at this time. They do hope to keep that area very walkable and enjoyable by
22 the public.

23 Councilmember Higginson asked if the remodel would remove the bad smell from the library.
24 Mr. Johnson said the building will be stripped down to the concrete, so hopefully that will help.

25 Mr. Johnson lastly announced that the temporary library location should be opening in the
26 middle of March.

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28 The work session ended at 6:52 pm.
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31 **Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**
32 **City Council Chambers**
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34 Present:	Mayor	Kate Bradshaw
	Councilmembers	Mille Segura Bahr, Dan Bell, Beth Child, Richard
		Higginson, Matt Murri
	City Manager	Gary Hill
	Asst City Manager	Tyson Beck
	City Attorney	Brad Jepps
	City Engineer	Lloyd Cheney
	Power Director	Allen Johnson
	Streets Director	Charles Benson
	Recording Secretary	Maranda Hilton
44 Excused:	Planning Director	Francisco Astorga

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

1 Mayor Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and welcomed those in attendance.
2 Mr. Richard Watson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilmember Dan Bell offered a prayer.
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4 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

5 The time for public comment was opened at 7:04 pm.
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7 Mr. Arnie Reil (resident) asked the Council to consider installing a “Challenge
8 Hill/Stairs/Steps” using RAP Tax money. He said there are 30 to 40 people he knows who really
9 want this and said “if you build it, they will come.”
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11 Mr. Andy Oblad (Farmington) announced that he was running for Davis County Sheriff and
12 introduced himself. He said Sherriff Kelly Sparks is retiring this year and endorsing him.
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14 Mr. Charlie Padea (resident) urged the Council to take measures and plan now to keep the US
15 Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) out of Bountiful. He said he felt there should be no
16 collaboration between law enforcement and ICE, because the federal government is abusing its power
17 and lying about what is happening, so local government should do what it can to protect our
18 immigrant neighbors.
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20 Ms. Isabel Logan (resident) said she agreed with Mr. Padea and likewise asked the Council to
21 make a plan for keeping ICE out of Bountiful. She said she has many neighbors who are good people
22 and she does not want to see them treated like criminals.
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24 Ms. Sophie McCoy (resident) asked the same thing of the Council, urging them to use their
25 power to protect the residents of Bountiful and saying she does not want to witness people getting
26 arrested and that children should not be afraid of their parents being taken away.
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28 Ms. Sandy Ocegüera (resident) also asked the Council to have a plan to help protect anyone
29 who might be targeted by ICE, explaining that her family is feeling anxious and have experienced
30 racism. She gave an example of how some cities, like in Philadelphia, are not allowing ICE to use
31 public or City property.
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33 Mayor Bradshaw asked the Council if they were comfortable allowing more than the allotted
34 ten minutes for public comment tonight in order to finish hearing from everyone who wished to
35 speak. The Council all said yes.
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37 Mr. Rain Green (resident) said he is also concerned about immigration services and shared
38 how the federal government rescinded permission for a Ukrainian refugee family to come stay in his
39 home after their father was already here, splitting up the family. He worries about ICE continuing to
40 separate families and doing harm to our community. He pled with the Council to defend the residents
41 and take these concerns to heart.
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43 Ms. Emily Bagley (resident) also urged the Council to create a plan, uphold their
44 constitutional oaths to protect and defend the residents here, and to not partner with ICE. She shared
45 that she has a background in public health and violence prevention and offered resources to help
46 them. She said her life has been enriched by many wonderful immigrants she has known over the

1 years, but their true value lies in the fact that they are human beings, and they should be protected by
2 that fact alone.

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4 Mr. Sam (declined to give last name)(Farmington) said he feels that if ICE is killing people
5 who have done nothing wrong, then people will lose incentive to follow the laws in order to defend
6 themselves. He said if the Council does not want to see violence come to Bountiful, they need to keep
7 ICE out.

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9 Ms. Rebecca Schluter (resident) said she agreed with the concerns about the City cooperating
10 with ICE. She said she believes in loving your neighbors and treating people equally. She hopes the
11 community that has always shown love and support for people coming from other countries will
12 continue in that tradition.

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14 The time for public comment was closed at 7:21 pm. Mayor Bradshaw thanked everyone who
15 commented and reminded everyone they are always welcome to comment.

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17 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON**
18 **JANUARY 8TH, 2026**

19 Councilmember Higginson made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on
20 January 8th, 2026, and Councilmember Bahr seconded the motion. The motion passed with
21 Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higgins, and Murri voting “aye.”

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23 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

24 Councilmember Higginson reported that there has been a change in the format for power
25 appropriation for the western United States and he asked if Mr. Allen Johnson would give more
26 details about it to the Council during his agenda items. He also said it was nice to see Councilmember
27 Bell and Cecilee Price-Huish recognized at the Power Commission meeting that morning for their
28 service on that Commission.

29 Councilmember Murri did not have a report.

30 Councilmember Child reported that a new art exhibit, Brave Like Eve, opened at the BDAC
31 and the grand opening was attended by over 600 people. She encouraged everyone to go see the
32 excellent artwork.

33 Councilmember Bahr thanked the dispatchers who helped her with a situation earlier in the
34 evening, making a scary situation a lot easier.

35 Mayor Bradshaw said she was thankful everything turned out alright.

36 Councilmember Bell did not have a report.

37 Mayor Bradshaw reported that the Council of Governments (COG) has assigned her to serve
38 on the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) growth committee. She also reported that the
39 Greenway Project with our neighboring cities is still in progress and they are having meetings to
40 work on alignment issues; Bountiful will likely use Orchard and transition to 200 West at Boulton
41 Elementary.

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43 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES GREATER THAN \$1,000 PAID ON**
44 **JANUARY 7TH AND 14TH, 2026**

45 Councilmember Murri made a motion to approve the expenditures.

1 Councilmember Bell asked Mr. Beck how to tell which of the line items in the report are
2 budgeted items or not. Mr. Beck said many of the items are so generic in nature it would be hard to
3 determine exactly which ones are part of a detailed budget, but that most of them are imbedded in the
4 approved budget.

5 Councilmember Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bahr,
6 Bell, Child, Higgins, and Murri voting “aye.”
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8 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF TWO PMH-11 PAD MOUNTED**
9 **SWITCHGEAR ALONG WITH THE NECESSARY FUSE HOLDERS FROM IRBY IN THE**
10 **TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$49,570 – MR. ALLEN JOHNSON**

11 Mr. Allen Johnson explained that these are a single source item because it saves the City
12 money to use switchgear cans that work with the current wiring configuration. Redoing wiring gets
13 expensive quickly. He explained that these replacements will be put into inventory when they get
14 here, but that delivery times are over a year in the future. Old switchgear housing starts to corrode
15 with moisture and salt, so they need to be replaced occasionally.

16 Councilmember Bahr made a motion to approve purchase of the PMH-11 pad mounted
17 switchgear units and fuse holders from Irby, and Councilmember Child seconded the motion. The
18 motion passed with Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higgins, and Murri voting “aye.”
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20 **CONSIDER APPROVING THE CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH U.S. DEPT. OF ENERGY**
21 **WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION COLORADO RIVER STORAGE**
22 **PROJECT FOR THE WEBER BASIN PROJECT – MR. ALLEN JOHNSON**

23 Mr. Johnson explained that a contract we made with the U.S. Department of Energy to
24 maintain a transmission line in March 1961 is set to expire this March. It is probable that the deed
25 will be transferring from the Federal Government to Weber Basin Water in the next few months, so if
26 we extend the existing contract for three years, the City may not have to go through such an
27 exhaustive process to renew and approve a new contract with the Federal Government at that time.
28 Staff recommend extending this contract with the hope that the process of renewing the contract will
29 be much easier in three years.

30 Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve the contract extension and Councilmember
31 Bahr seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson,
32 and Murri voting “aye.”
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34 Mr. Johnson gave more details about the change in power generation requirements and power
35 resource planning that were recently passed down from California ISO and PacifiCorp. The Council
36 discussed their concerns about the ramifications of the changes, not only to Bountiful, but for many
37 other cities who will be impacted. Mr. Johnson said they will continue to watch it and do what they
38 can to find a solution and to fight this decision with California ISO and the state legislature.
39 Councilmember Bell thanked Mr. Johnson and the Power Commission for their tireless work
40 representing the best interests of Bountiful while they work on this.
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42 **ADJOURN**

43 Councilmember Child made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember Higginson
44 seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and
45 Murri voting “aye.”
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1 The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Mayor Kate Bradshaw

City Recorder

PENDING