

Minutes of the
BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL
August 25th, 2026 – 5:30 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 – 5:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Present:	Mayor	Kate Bradshaw
	Councilmembers	Mille Segura Bahr, Dan Bell, Beth Child, Richard Higginson, Matt Murri
	City Manager	Gary Hill
	City Attorney	Brad Jeppsen
	City Engineer	Lloyd Cheney
	Planning Director	Francisco Astorga
	Finance Director	David Burgoyne
	Streets Director	Charles Benson
	Water Director	Kraig Christensen
	Electrical Engineer	Luke Veigel
	Power Superintendent	Jess Pearce
	Parks Director	Brock Hill
	Chief of Police	Ed Biehler
	City Recorder	Sophia Ward
	Recording Secretary	Maranda Hilton

Mayor Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm and welcomed those in attendance, saying she was happy to have the chambers so full of happy people there for the BCYC swearing-in ceremony.

BOUNTIFUL CITY YOUTH COUNCIL INDUCTION CEREMONY – MS. SOPHIA WARD

Mayor Bradshaw asked Councilmember Murri to share some thoughts about the BCYC. Councilmember Murri expressed his gratitude that Bountiful has so many youth who are willing to give of their time to serve their community and contribute to something bigger than themselves. He explained that the BCYC organization runs several important events each year that have become staples of the community, and they also participate in a lot of community service. He said that through their participation in BCYC they will learn important life skills, like budgeting, speaking in front of adults, and leading their peers. He thanked them for their willingness to take on this commitment to serve and to care for their community, and he congratulated them on their membership in the BCYC this year. He also thanked Mr. John Cook and Ms. Taylor Cook, the BCYC advisors, for the time and energy they put in to make each meeting and event outstanding.

1 Mayor Bradshaw expressed how much value the BCYC adds to our community, saying that
2 many of the community service organizations request their help knowing they will heed the call. She
3 also thanked the Cooks and said they do an amazing job.

4 Mr. Johnny Alley, BCYC Mayor, addressed the youth, encouraging them to get involved in
5 the community and to become civically engaged. He congratulated them on their membership in the
6 BCYC, saying their participation shows that they are taking ownership of their hometown, and
7 expressing his belief that this type of local involvement is what keeps America a great place to live.

8 Ms. Taylor Cook introduced each of this year's BCYC members.

9 Ms. Sophia Ward, City Recorder, led the swearing-in ceremony.

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11 **PROJECT PRIORITIZATION DISCUSSION – MR. GARY HILL**

12 Mr. Gary Hill presented the master list of current and upcoming capital projects and said staff
13 would like to know if the Council agrees with how they have been prioritized. He explained that they
14 were listed by fiscal year and sorted into three categories; "Must Complete", "May Complete", and
15 "May Not be Completed". He added that if the Council wanted to move any of the items to a higher
16 level, then another project would need to be moved down to balance the capacity of staff time and
17 other resources.

18 Mr. Lloyd Cheney, Mr. Brock Hill, Mr. Kraig Christensen, Mr. Luke Veigel, Mr. Jess Pearce,
19 and Mr. Gary Hill gave details about each of the projects on the list and answered any questions that
20 arose.

21 Mayor Bradshaw noted how many projects require a lot of engineering staff time and asked if
22 it was time to discuss adding another full-time employee to that department. Mr. Gary Hill said that
23 the upcoming Fall Council Retreat would be a good time to address it, as well as during budgeting
24 process, since adding another employee would also mean proposing a property tax increase.

25 Mayor Bradshaw said she would like to see the pedestrian crossings at 400 North and 500
26 South moved higher up on the priority list. Mr. Gary Hill said, if that was the case, the Council would
27 need to find another project to move down the list, but said that they will have ongoing discussions
28 about this.

29 Councilmember Child said she would like to see the upgrades to the stage at Bountiful Park
30 moved higher up as well. Mr. Gary Hill suggested moving the greenhouse reconstruction lower to
31 accommodate that change.

32 Councilmember Bahr asked if the Council could please receive an updated list from staff, and
33 if it could include descriptions of each project. Mr. Gary Hill said they would get that to the Council.

34 Councilmember Bell was concerned that the budget recently passed for FY 2027 included
35 projects that staff do not now believe they have the necessary resources (staff) to complete during the
36 fiscal year. Councilmember Bell indicated that he hoped future budgets would allocate money to
37 projects where staff have sufficient resources to reasonably expect funds to be used during budget
38 year.

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41 The work session ended at 6:56 pm.
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Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
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WELCOME, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND THOUGHT/PRAYER

Mayor Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and welcomed those in attendance. Ms. Amelia Rose led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Johnny Alley offered a thought expressing gratitude for the many departments that keep the city running; Power, Landfill, Parks, Police, Fire, Streets, Sanitation and Recycling, Water, and all other utilities. He thanked each of the Councilmembers and the Mayor for volunteering their time to serve the community and being excellent examples of leadership.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The time for public comment was opened at 7:04 pm.

Ms. Linda Meldrum (resident) pleaded with the Council to change the annual Handcart Days parade back to the evening of July 24th, saying that it was one of her favorite family traditions to attend the parade, but her sensitivity to the heat keeps her from going now that it's in the morning. She expressed her belief that the evening parade made Bountiful a leader among small Utah towns and it was a great way to show appreciation for our heritage.

Mr. Danny Naylor (resident) shared his concern that Bountiful Police have been issuing traffic tickets for behavior that is technically against the law, but is actually safe behavior; e.g. stopping before the line of the intersection, then creeping up to see cross-traffic better. He argued that Police and official City responses to the Facebook discussion on this topic will result in a lose-lose situation that will ultimately sew distrust in our police officers. He suggested that the City would be better served by putting out an information campaign than by issuing tickets to drivers who are trying to be safe.

Mr. Ron Mortensen (resident) expressed his opposition to the County adopting the new "5th 5th" local option sales tax. He said residents already pay numerous taxes for transportation and mass transit, and that sales taxes are inflationary and thus raise the prices of household goods. He stated that if this new tax is approved each person will end up paying an additional \$32 each year in transit taxes. He asked the Council to not ask the County Commissioners to increase transit taxes.

Mr. Garrie McLaws (resident) said he often hears gunfire in his neighborhood when he walks

1 his dog during the day. He also sees people firing weapons up on Skyline Drive. He asked the
2 Council if they could do anything to encourage people to use the gun range and stop firing weapons
3 in other locations.

4 Ms. Morgan Nelson (resident) voiced her concern that the new crosswalk approved for
5 installation at 400 North/200 East will eliminate the left turn access onto 200 East which serves as the
6 primary thru street for many of the houses in her neighborhood. She said she believes this change will
7 redirect more traffic onto residential streets that were never meant to be feeder, thus decreasing the
8 safety of a neighborhood where many young children live. She believes this change will also send
9 more traffic through the triangle intersection at 400 N/Main Street, which she feels is already
10 dangerous. She asked the Council what data was used to determine that traffic in her neighborhood
11 would not be impacted. She said she and her neighbors agree that a safer crosswalk is needed, but
12 they feel other options should be explored to find one that will not require the elimination of the left
13 turn lane.

14 The time for public comment was closed at 7:15 pm.

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16 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON**
17 **JULY 14TH, 2026**

18 Councilmember Murri made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on
19 July 14th, 2026, and Councilmember Higginson seconded the motion. The motion passed with
20 Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting “aye.”

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22 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

23 Councilmember Bell presented data on the Recreation District youth sports programs,
24 showing that children from Bountiful make up the majority of participants in each of the programs
25 offered.

26 Councilmember Bahr did not have a report.

27 Councilmember Child thanked Mr. Richard Watson for organizing another successful series
28 of summer concerts and encouraged everyone to buy tickets to the fundraising concert on September
29 4th at 7 pm at WXHS to see Toast. She announced that the CERT program will begin on October 10th
30 and take place on Thursday evenings. She announced that the 9/11 Day of Service is coming up, and
31 the City will oversee a food drive and a cleanup of Creekside Park. The Veterans Park will also have
32 a cleanup that day. She reported that Planning staff has been doing a great job walking the Planning
33 Commission through the Land Use Code at each meeting as they do the work of cleaning it up.

34 Councilmember Murri said he is trying to have a representative from the Sewer District come
35 give them an update on the latest sewer issues. Mayor Bradshaw said she would like to have a tour of
36 their facility.

37 Councilmember Higginson reported that Bountiful is not currently receiving any power from
38 the Echo Hydro facility, due to the damage to the transmission line caused by the Rocky Canyon fire.
39 He said that the Power Commission discussed the options to either repair the line and bear the
40 liability of any future disasters, or pay to connect to Rocky Mountain Power’s transmission line and
41 let them bear the liability.

42 Mayor Bradshaw reported that another blood drive took place, hosted by the Bountiful
43 Community Service Council, and Bountiful has now donated 128 pints of blood toward its goal of
44 collecting 250 pints as part of the America250 celebration. She announced that there are a few more
45 drives planned through the fall. She read comments on behalf of Ms. Kelly Chapman, who asked the
46 Council to make the intersection at 1800 South/Bountiful Blvd into a 4-way stop with warning lights

1 in advance of the intersection. Ms. Chapman was involved in an automobile/bicycle collision at that
2 location, and said that the cyclist's unfamiliarity with the intersection was a contributing factor in the
3 collision, which luckily was not fatal.

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5 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES GREATER THAN \$1,000 PAID ON**
6 **AUGUST 5TH AND 12TH, 2026**

7 Councilmember Higginson made a motion to approve the expenditures paid August 5th and
8 12th, and Councilmember Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bahr,
9 Bell, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting "aye."

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11 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF TWO TORO WORKMAN HDX 4WD**
12 **HEAVY-DUTY WORK CARTS FROM TURF EQUIPMENT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF**
13 **\$85,324 – MR. BROCK HILL**

14 Mayor Bradshaw moved this item earlier than what was posted on the agenda.

15 Mr. Brock Hill explained that these two work carts will be replacing three carts currently in
16 the fleet that are very old. He said that staff reached out to two equipment companies who provide
17 this type of equipment and recommend accepting the low bid from Turf Equipment.

18 Mayor Bradshaw said that the Ukrainian delegation asked if the City would be willing to
19 donate old equipment to them that we no longer need, and asked Mr. Brock Hill if these carts still had
20 some life left in them and could be donated. Mr. Gary Hill explained that in order to donate
21 equipment to anyone, the City would need to review our excess property policy and probably amend
22 it to allow for that. Mayor Bradshaw said she would like to do that. Mr. Brock Hill said he was happy
23 to donate the old carts if the policy allowed it.

24 Councilmember Higginson expressed his amazement that the old carts lasted so long and
25 thanked Mr. Brock Hill for prolonging their life to save money. Mr. Brock Hill gave credit to the
26 great mechanics at the golf course for that.

27 Councilmember Bahr made a motion to approve the purchase of two work carts from Turf
28 Equipment and Councilmember Child seconded the motion. The motion passed with
29 Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting "aye."

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31 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF TWO TRUCKS FROM SALT LAKE**
32 **VALLEY RAM AND ONE TRUCK FROM YOUNG FORD OF OGDEN IN THE TOTAL**
33 **AMOUNT OF \$50,197 – MR. KRAIG CHRISTENSEN**

34 Mr. Kraig Christensen explained that as part of their 5-year capital plan replacement program,
35 they are asking to purchase three work trucks (2 supervisor trucks and 1 staff truck). Staff
36 recommends accepting the low bid from Salt Lake Valley Ram for the supervisor trucks (\$53,385
37 each, \$106,770 total) and the low bid from Young Ford of Ogden for the staff truck (\$50,197).

38 Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve the truck purchases as presented, noting the
39 total for the supervisor trucks was \$106,770 and the staff truck totaled \$50,197. Councilmember
40 Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson,
41 and Murri voting "aye."

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43 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE RELEASE OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS**
44 **ALONG THE COMMON LOT LINE OF 1466 E. 250 NORTH – MR. LLOYD CHENEY**

45 Mr. Lloyd Cheney explained that the owner of three vacant lots adjacent to their property
46 located at 1466 East 250 North, is proposing the easements between Lots 15 (Pheasant Ridge) & 6

1 (Johnson-Murray), and Lots 5 (Johnson-Murray) & 4 (Johnson-Murray) be released to accommodate
2 a new configuration for the Pheasant Ridge and Johnson-Murray Subdivisions. He explained that the
3 new configuration will provide adequate easements along the new side property lines, so staff
4 recommends approving the releases.

5 Councilmember Higginson made a motion to approve the release of the easements as
6 presented and Councilmember Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers
7 Bahr, Bell, Child, and Murri voting "aye."
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9 **ADJOURN**

10 Councilmember Higginson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember Child
11 seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and
12 Murri voting "aye."
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15 The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.


Mayor Kate Bradshaw


City Recorder

