

Minutes of the
BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL
September 8, 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	Mille Segura Bahr, Dan Bell, Beth Child, Richard Higginson, Matt Murri
	City Manager	Gary Hill
	Asst City Manager	Tyson Beck
	City Attorney	Brad Jeppsen
	City Engineer	Lloyd Cheney
	Planning Director	Francisco Astorga
	Recording Secretary	Maranda Hilton

Mayor Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

**SOUTH DAVIS GREENWAY FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE – MR. FRANCISCO
ASTORGA**

Mr. Francisco Astorga introduced Mr. Brent Crowther from the consulting firm Kimley-Horn and explained that the contract with Kimley-Horn is ending. The South Davis Greenway Feasibility Study is complete, and the other participating cities, Farmington, North Salt Lake, and Centerville, have accepted the study.

Mr. Crowther presented the main findings of the study, including the proposed alignment through Bountiful, and explained that the greenway will be 10.8 miles in total, extending from North Salt Lake to Farmington. He explained that it is hoped the greenway project will be funded through the Utah Trail Network, which will be selecting projects next spring, as well as through other potential funding sources. He also explained the proposed phasing of the project, with the Farmington and North Salt Lake segments proposed to be completed first, followed by the Centerville and Bountiful segments. Mr. Crowther explained that Bountiful's acceptance of the study would demonstrate its support for the project and will be necessary to secure grant funding, but would not imply a financial commitment.

Councilmember Bahr asked how many power poles would be impacted by the proposed alignment. Mr. Crowther said he was not sure of the exact number but estimated there would be approximately fifteen poles. Mr. Cheney said the team worked diligently to minimize impacts on the transmission lines, but there are a few locations where impacts could not be avoided.

1 Councilmember Bell raised concerns about how the creation of the greenway would increase
2 the City's annual costs for infrastructure maintenance, and the 76 driveways being affected by this
3 alignment, and said he would like to look at the alignment very seriously because once the project is
4 underway it will be very hard to make any changes. He expressed his hesitance to formally accept the
5 study because it would mean Bountiful fully supports every detail in this plan, when he feels it needs
6 careful consideration. Mr. Crowther said acceptance of the study does imply that Bountiful would
7 like to seek funding for the project, and that Councilmember Bell was right, once North Salt Lake and
8 Farmington begin construction it will be very hard to shift the alignment. He added, though, that there
9 is still quite a lot of time and opportunity for design changes to be made at this point.

10 Councilmember Bell said he would like to know what the City's real costs are going to be.

11 Councilmember Higginson said it does not seem that Bountiful has much say over our
12 alignment if the cities to the north and south of us complete their segments. Mr. Crowther said he was
13 right, but that the width and cross-section design could be changed.

14 Mayor Bradshaw explained that the committee looked at a few different alignments and
15 weighed the pros and cons of each one.

16 Councilmember Higginson said he would like to make sure that adequate community
17 outreach is done to communicate with and receive input from everyone who will be affected by this
18 greenway alignment, to have a better understanding of all the consequences before they move
19 forward.

20 Mayor Bradshaw thanked everyone for their contributions to the discussion and said this item
21 would be brought back at the September 22 Council meeting.

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23 **SOFTWARE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION RESERVATION DISCUSSION – MR.**
24 **TYSON BECK**

25 Mr. Tyson Beck explained that he was seeking direction from the Council about whether the
26 City should invest in reservation software that would allow people to reserve park pavilions online.
27 He said he would also like to know if the Council thought any reservation policy changes or pricing
28 structure changes were needed.

29 Mr. Beck explained that the current process for reserving a park pavilion requires individuals
30 to come to City Hall, complete a physical form, and pay in person. They must also either call or come
31 in person to obtain information regarding pavilion availability. He explained that this process is
32 inconvenient, so Staff looked into software options that would allow individuals to view availability
33 and complete the reservation process entirely online.

34 Bountiful's current package with CivicPlus, which hosts the City's website, does not include
35 reservation software, so that service would need to be added. Staff also looked into purchasing
36 reservation software from Tyler Technologies, the company currently used by the City for cashiering
37 and financial reporting software. Both software packages would provide more functionality than the
38 City currently needs and could potentially be used in the future to reserve booths at the farmers'
39 market and sports fields.

40 Mr. Beck explained that the City processes approximately 450 to 500 reservations each year
41 and collects between \$18,000 and \$20,000 in fees, which is not a significant source of revenue for the
42 City. He reviewed the pros and cons of both software packages and said that Staff recommends
43 purchasing the software from Tyler Technologies. He asked the Council if they had any questions
44 and how they felt about spending money to make this upgrade. He explained that this would be an
45 unbudgeted expense for FY2027 and would likely require a budget amendment.

Councilmember Bell asked if Mr. Beck thought reservation software would increase the number of reservations we have each year. Mr. Beck said he thought it would increase it, but only marginally.

Mr. Beck asked if the Council still favored different pricing for residents and non-residents. They said they did, and Councilmember Bahr asked if reservations could be opened sooner for residents as well. Mr. Beck said they did not explore that functionality when they demoed the software, but that he could look into it.

The work session ended at 6:57 pm.

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

Present:	Mayor	Kate Bradshaw
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	City Manager	Gary Hill
	Asst City Manager	Tyson Beck
	City Attorney	Brad Jeppsen
	City Engineer	Lloyd Cheney
	Power Director	Allen Johnson
	Operations Supt.	Jess Pearce
	Elect. Engineer	Luke Veigel
	Recording Secretary	Maranda Hilton

WELCOME, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND THOUGHT/PRAYER

Mayor Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and welcomed those in attendance. Ms. Karen Higginson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Hannah Richardson offered a prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Ms. Suzanne Bryson (resident) shared that there have been eight pet deaths in her neighborhood this year, including her cat, and she said that DWR has confirmed that coyotes are responsible for many of them. She urged the Council to please work with the DWR, the County or a wildlife removal company to take care of this growing problem.

Ms. Beverly Stachowiak (resident) also expressed her concern with the coyote problem, sharing that her cat was recently killed as well. She said she is now afraid to let her young son play outside and asked for the City's help in solving this issue.

Mr. Gary Johnson (resident) said he was in favor of the City upgrading to software that will allow residents to reserve park pavilions online.

Ms. Sage Besaw (Midway) explained that she is a case worker for the constituents of

Rep. Celeste Malloy, helping people navigate and resolve issues dealing with federal agencies. She encouraged anyone needing help to find more information on Rep. Malloy's website.

The time for public comment was closed at 7:12 pm.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON AUGUST 11TH AND 25TH, 2026

Councilmember Bell explained that he wished to make some changes to the minutes from both meeting dates and read what they were.

Councilmember Higginson added that London Plane trees are different from Sycamore trees and asked that "plain" be corrected to "plane." Mayor Bradshaw clarified whether Councilmember Higginson would like to remove the words "large sycamores" from the minutes. He answered that he was alright with those words staying but would like to have the spelling corrected.

Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes as presented by himself and Councilmember Higginson. Councilmember Higginson seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting "aye."

BCYC REPORT

Mr. Johnny Alley (BCYC Mayor) reported that the BCYC had a wonderful induction night and has since held a "get-to-know-you" meeting on September 1st. They will hold a general planning meeting on September 15th and participate in the annual graffiti clean-up at the "B" on October 6th.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Bradshaw announced that September is Suicide Prevention Month, and explained that residents will see the firefighters wearing the same shirts she and the Council were wearing that evening, and she encouraged anyone experiencing a mental health crisis to call "9-8-8" and take advantage of the resources offered through the crisis helpline.

Councilmember Higginson announced that the Bountiful Historical Commission needs some volunteers to help them with end-of-season yard care and asked any interested parties to please reach out to him.

Councilmember Murri reported that the BCYC is all set, and he remarked that it is a great group of youth who are serving this year. He reported that the BCYC is going to take the City Council agendas and vote on them and see how they align with the real Council on each issue.

Councilmember Child reported that there is a Planning Conference at the Davis Conference Center this week. She thanked Mr. Richard Watson and everyone who helped put on the Toast benefit concert which had over 1,000 people in attendance. She announced that CERT training will begin next Thursday.

Councilmember Bahr did not have a report.

Councilmember Bell reported that the interlocal pool agreement between the Recreation District and the School District has been approved by the School District, which is wonderful. Now the Recreation District will have the opportunity to approve it at their next Board meeting.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES GREATER THAN \$1,000 PAID AUGUST 19TH AND 26TH, 2026

Councilmember Higginson made a motion to approve the expenditures as presented, and Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bahr, Bell,

1 Child, Higginson, and Murri voting “aye.”

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3 **RECOGNIZE LAKEVIEW FOR ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY – MAYOR KATE BRADSHAW**

4 Mayor Bradshaw explained that Lakeview Hospital is celebrating its 50th anniversary on
5 September 17th this year, it opened its doors in 1976, and she commended them for the level of
6 service they have provided to our community since day-one. She presented Mr. Troy Wood, CEO of
7 Lakeview, with a certificate of recognition.

8 Mr. Wood thanked the mayor for the recognition and said the hospital strives to offer the level
9 of service they would want their closest loved ones to receive. He explained that Lakeview has been
10 busy, constantly making changes to be better and boasts a five-star rating with Medicare/Medicaid
11 services and has been in the Top 100 Hospitals list for the past nine of ten years. He gratefully
12 accepted the recognition on behalf of the 600 employees that serve beside him at Lakeview and
13 thanked the mayor for the time she has served on their board.

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15 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SOFTWARE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION**
16 **RESERVATIONS – MR. TYSON BECK**

17 Mayor Bradshaw asked if anyone had more questions on this topic for Mr. Beck after his
18 presentation during the work session.

19 Councilmember Higginson asked Mr. Beck which software would allow them to differentiate
20 half- and full-day rentals. Mr. Beck answered that both of the software packages have that capability.

21 Councilmember Bell asked Mr. Beck if he thought the reservation software would potentially
22 increase the number of reservations being booked. Mr. Beck answered that said he believed it could
23 increase the bookings, but not by a large amount.

24 Councilmember Bell asked how much of the \$45,009 Tyler Technologies Implementation fee
25 they would actually end up paying for. Mr. Beck said that the representatives from Tyler estimated
26 Bountiful City paying about half of that fee.

27 Councilmember Bahr said she would like to have a policy that allows Bountiful residents to
28 reserve pavilions before non-residents, and that she supported the staff recommendation to purchase
29 the reservation software package from Tyler Technologies.

30 Councilmember Child agreed Councilmember Bahr’s request and voiced her support for the
31 package from Tyler Technologies. She asked Mr. Beck if this expense will come out of the Parks
32 budget or the IT Budget. Mr. Beck said that staff was still deciding that.

33 Councilmember Murri asked if the Tyler Technologies software would integrate well with the
34 website. Mr. Beck said yes, the City currently uses Tyler Technologies software for many operations
35 and it integrates very well with the website.

36 Councilmember Murri asked if the sport leagues that use our fields will have to now pay fees
37 to reserve them. Mr. Gary Hill answered that staff does not plan to change the field reservation policy
38 or open it up to the public at this time, but the Council could discuss that at a later date if they would
39 like to make any changes.

40 Councilmember Higginson made a motion to approve the purchase of reservation software
41 from Tyler Technologies as presented and Councilmember Bahr seconded the motion. The motion
42 passed with Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting “aye.”

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44 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE ADDITIONAL \$43,300 FOR ECI TO PROVIDE**
45 **ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE UDOT I-15 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, IN**
46 **THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$207,000 – MR. ALLEN JOHNSON**

1 Mr. Allen Johnson explained that more poles than originally anticipated will need to be
2 relocated as part of the UDOT I-15 expansion project. UDOT will reimburse Bountiful for the
3 additional expense for engineering services, and the final budget will be amended to reflect both the
4 increased expenses and the reimbursement. He added that he will likely need to bring additional
5 items before the Council as the project continues to evolve.

6 Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve the additional \$43,300 for ECI to provide
7 engineering services. Councilmember Child seconded the motion. The motion passed with
8 Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting “aye.”
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10 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE BID FROM TAPP FOR TRANSMISSION STEEL POLES**
11 **FOR THE UDOT I-15 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF**
12 **\$138,016 – MR. ALLEN JOHNSON**

13 Mr. Johnson explained that this is also for the I-15 expansion project. He said that these steel
14 poles will not be delivered until October of 2027, but UDOT was comfortable with that timeline.

15 Councilmember Bahr made a motion to approve the bid from TAPP in the amount of
16 \$138,016 and Councilmember Murri seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers
17 Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting “aye.”
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19 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF POWER POLES FROM STELLA-**
20 **JONES, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$33,612 – MR. ALLEN JOHNSON**

21 Mr. Johnson explained that these poles are needed for the rebuild project that will run along
22 500 West from Performance Honda to 2600 South. He explained that these poles are heavier than the
23 backyard poles but are still butt-treated and are available from a single source, Stella-Jones.

24 Councilmember Child made a motion to approve the purchase of the poles from Stella-Jones
25 in the amount of \$33,612. Councilmember Bahr seconded the motion. The motion passed with
26 Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting “aye.”
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28 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF PMH-9 PAD-MOUNTED**
29 **SWITCHGEAR, ALONG WITH THE NECESSARY FUSE HOLDERS, FROM IRBY, IN**
30 **THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$27,500 – MR. ALLEN JOHNSON**

31 Mr. Johnson explained that this switch can will replace one that failed on an excessively hot
32 day in July. He said even though many people were without power, his staff was able to get power
33 back on within 3.5 hours. He added that this item will take one year to arrive and go into inventory
34 once it gets here.

35 Councilmember Bahr made a motion to approve the purchase of a PMH-9 pad-mounted
36 switchgear and necessary fuse-holders from Irby, and Councilmember Higginson seconded the
37 motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting
38 “aye.”
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40 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SECURING AND CLEANING UP THE DAMAGED POLES**
41 **ON THE ECHO LINE – MR. ALLEN JOHNSON**

42 Mr. Johnson explained that the wildfire destroyed 88 power poles along the Echo Hydro
43 transmission line, and the resulting debris needs to be cleaned up to make the area safe for people to
44 enter and reseed the area. Staff reached out to three contractors, took them to the site to assess the
45 extent of the project and the terrain, and requested bids. Pricing was received earlier that day and was
46 therefore not included in the staff report. Staff recommends accepting the low bid from High Country

1 Inc. in the amount of \$235,618. He explained that this was not a budgeted item and will most likely
2 cause the project to exceed the budget.

3 Mayor Bradshaw thanked Mr. Johnson for the update and asked if any FEMA funds might be
4 available to assist with the cleanup or other expenses related to the fire. Mr. Johnson said he still had
5 not received any information regarding FEMA funds but would continue to monitor the situation.

6 Councilmember Bell said it seems to him that Bountiful does not have much of a choice but to
7 clean up the site quickly due to pressure coming from the State, and that we might be held liable if we
8 do not. Mr. Johnson confirmed that, yes, Bountiful would probably be held liable to some extent for
9 any injuries or damages from the debris or flooding that happens if they keep the State from being
10 able to reseed in a timely manner.

11 Councilmember Higginson asked if any of the damaged parts of the Echo transmission line
12 will be salvageable. Mr. Johnson said it will not.

13 Councilmember Higginson asked if High Country Inc will have salvage rights to any of the
14 lines. Mr. Johnson said High Country will take care of all the insulators, poles and everything else,
15 but they will return the conductors to Bountiful power for salvage.

16 Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve the bid from High Country Inc in the amount
17 of \$235,618 for Echo Line clean-up and Councilmember Higginson seconded the motion. The motion
18 passed with Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting “aye.”

19 Councilmember Higginson asked the mayor if Mr. Johnson could provide an update on the
20 status of Lake Powell. Mr. Johnson explained that Lake Powell is only 25 feet above “deadpool”
21 which is the point that water can no longer be released from the dam to flow downstream into the
22 Colorado River. He said significant effort is being made to keep Lake Powell from reaching deadpool
23 status with multiple states working together to keep water in Lake Powell, e.g. draining water from
24 Flaming Gorge and from other small reservoirs. He said he is hopeful that the forecasted “Super El
25 Nino” will come and fill our reservoirs in a safe way this winter.

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27 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL FROM JARED STRANG FOR THE**
28 **RETAINING WALL CONTRACT AT MAPLE RIDGE, AT THE UNIT PRICES NOTED IN**
29 **THE BID TABULATION – MR. LLOYD CHENEY**

30 Mr. Cheney explained that a similar issue to what happened on Mueller Park Rd. last year is
31 now happening on Maple Ridge Dr. and staff feel that the same solution, a gabion-style retaining
32 wall, will fix the problem. He said that staff received 14 bids for this project and that pricing came in
33 better than expected, which was nice. Staff recommend accepting the low bid from Jared Strang. Mr.
34 Cheney said that the City has not used Jared Strang before, but staff feel confident they have the
35 necessary experience to do this job well. The Engineering staff will also be supervising the work to
36 make sure it is up to standard.

37 Councilmember Higginson asked when the work will commence, and Mr. Cheney said it will
38 hopefully be happening this fall. Councilmember Murri said he is happy to see this issue being taken
39 care of so soon.

40 Councilmember Murri made a motion to approve the proposal from Jared Strang for a
41 retaining wall and Councilmember Higginson seconded the motion. The motion passed with
42 Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and Murri voting “aye.”

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44 **ADJOURN**

45 Mayor Bradshaw noted the attendance of County Commissioner Elect Kendalyn Harris
46 (former mayor of Bountiful) and thanked her for joining them this evening.

1 Councilmember Higginson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember Child
2 seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bahr, Bell, Child, Higginson, and
3 Murri voting "aye."
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5 The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.


Mayor Kate Bradshaw


City Recorder

