

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held November 4, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, Bountiful, Utah.

Present:	Mayor:	Bob Linnell
	Council Members:	Harold Shafter, Renee Coon, John Cushing, Barbara Holt and Leslie Foy
	City Manager:	Tom Hardy
	City Attorney:	Layne Forbes
	City Engineer:	Jack Balling
	City Recorder:	Arden Jenson
	City Treasurer:	Ira Todd
	Planning Director:	Blaine Gehring
	Rec. Secretary:	Nancy Lawrence

Official Notice of this meeting had been given by posting a written notice of same and an Agenda at the City Hall and providing copies to the following newspapers of general circulation: Davis County Clipper, Deseret News, and Salt Lake Tribune.

Mayor Linnell called the meeting to order, following which Casey Sadler, visiting Boy Scout, led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The invocation was given by Councilman Foy.

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held October 28, 1992 were presented and unanimously approved as written on a motion made by Councilman Foy and seconded by Councilman Cushing.

EXPENDITURES APPROVED FOR PERIOD OCTOBER 23-29, 1992

Mr. Jenson presented the Expenditure and Expense Report for the Period October 23-29, 1992, totaling \$156,183.68. He clarified the annotation, following which the expenditures were unanimously approved on a motion made by Councilman Cushing and seconded by Councilman Shafter.

MAYOR RECOGNIZES VISITING BOY SCOUTS

Mayor Linnell extended a special welcome to the visiting Boy Scouts and reviewed information with them which would be helpful in fulfilling their merit badge requirements.

STAFF AUTHORIZED TO SEND LETTER TO FOREST SERVICE REQUESTING THAT NO FEE BE CHARGED FOR MUELLER PARK RECREATION AREA

Councilman Foy reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee discussed the recent proposal by the U.S. Forest Service (presented in the last Council meeting by Mike Sieg) that an entrance fee be charged for access to Mueller Park recreational facilities. The Committee recommended that a letter be sent to Mr. Sieg recommending that no fee be charged, based on the following position points:

Mueller Park is different from Mill Creek Canyon in Salt Lake area in that it is adjacent to an urban area;

It would be difficult to control access (there are several trails other than the main access

area);

The community has members who would be willing to work with the Forest Service in improvement projects and would help a great deal.

As a final statement, the Committee requested that if the Forest Service fails to recognize the position of the City and does establish a fee, (1) that it not be applied to walk-in visitors to the area, and (2) that it be possible for an annual pass and include a senior citizen discount (similar to national and state parks).

Councilwoman Coon expressed support of the letter and requested that it be worded to state positive opposition to the implementation of a fee. She also suggested that other area cities be involved in this matter. With no objections or dissenting comments from other council members, the Mayor directed staff to send a letter to the Forest Service as reviewed above.

CONSIDER POSSIBLE INTEREST IN ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY

Mayor Linnell reviewed that the Davis County School District has determined that they have excess property and they will be disposing of some of this property. Two of the parcels are within Bountiful City limits--ten acres on the east side of Mueller Park Junior High, presently used as a soccer field, and approximately ten acres between Bridlewood and Newport Heights subdivisions at 400 East Bountiful Boulevard. He noted that both properties would be ideal for continued recreational purposes, and that the southeast end of the city is especially in need of a park. The School District is in the process of selecting an appraiser to appraise the sites and has granted the City of Bountiful the first opportunity to purchase the property.

Mayor Linnell stated that the reason this item was placed on the Agenda this evening was (1) to determine the interest of the Council on the matter; and, (2) if there is positive interest, to expedite the matter by authorizing staff to get an appraisal on the property so that the City will be in an informed posture when the District is ready to sell. Mr. Hardy stated that the City owns property adjacent to some of the elementary schools and consideration may be given to exchanging parcels of land with the School District in an effort to square the boundaries where there are joint-use facilities.

A large group of citizens from the 1800 South area were in attendance and several spoke in favor of the City purchasing the property. Gerald Barfuss, Bountiful Area Chamber of Commerce, reported that the Chamber Executive Committee had discussed the issue and were supportive of the land being purchased for park use. Elaine McKay, chairman of the Bountiful Birthday Gift Citizens Committee, stated that we have an opportunity to make a very strong statement by the example which we set in providing green space for parks and recreational purposes. Dennis Back noted that the area adjacent to Mueller Park Junior High is heavily used during the summer by soccer and baseball groups. Joe Featherstone, developer of nearby hillside property, stated that he sensed a fear from the citizens that the City would not allow input from the community. He requested that the City not take final action without giving the citizens enough time to get mobilized, so that they could participate with the Council and assist in

raising funds.

Following input from several other citizens who favored the City's acquisition of the property, Councilman Shafter made a motion to authorize the city staff to get an appraisal on any properties which the city might be interested in acquiring from the School District, including sites where a squaring of the property boundaries might be desirable. Councilwoman Holt seconded the motion. She also requested that the staff provide the following information: (1) the cost of the ground; (2) the annual maintenance cost of each site; (3) what is the need for the property now and in the future, as it relates to the whole city; and (4) is the ground presently being used by the city. Councilpersons Coon and Cushing expressed appreciation for the input from the citizens and noted their support. Although the Council expressed support for acquisition of the property for recreational purposes, it was also noted that the City does not have the luxury of limitless funds and this matter would need to be considered in relationship to other needs and responsibilities of the City. Voting on the motion was unanimous.

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

Mayor Linnell explained that the City annually makes a presentation to citizens of the community who have gone the extra mile in beautifying their premises. He said that one commercial business and five residences were selected this year to receive the beautification awards and he recognized them, as follows:

Commercial: Kentucky Fried Chicken, 500 South 500 West

Residential: Mr. and Mrs. Vern Christensen, 1627 So 400 East
Mr. and Mrs. Bernell Coons, 365 E. 1500 So.
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Green, 1248 East Briggs Dr.
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hill, 265 W. 1000 No.
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith, 95 So. 800 E.

The Mayor presented a plaque to each of the award recipients and expressed appreciation to them for the extra effort which they have given to truly help make Bountiful a "City of Beautiful Homes and Gardens". The group was then photographed.

DISCUSSION RE: YOUTH CITY COUNCIL PROPOSAL

David Warnock, representing the State Association of Youth City Council, made a presentation to the Council regarding the possibility of implementing a Youth City Council in Bountiful. Mr. Warnock explained that the purpose of the Council is to involve youth between the ages of 13 and 18 in city government and encourage them to "take ownership" of select municipal responsibilities. He explained different ways in which the youth can be selected, the alternatives for financing the group and their service projects, and the various forms of organizations which can be used. Woods Cross, West Bountiful, Centerville, and Kaysville are presently working with a Youth City Council and have had a positive experience. He volunteered to advise Bountiful if they choose to implement the youth organization, suggesting that a one-time allocation of \$1,000 should be a reasonable amount for starting the program.

The youth function as counterparts of actual elected/staff positions and are responsible for projects such as Christmas dinners for senior citizens, Easter egg hunt, beautification

projects, etc. The Council discussed this program, following which councilman Cushing made a motion that Councilman Foy be selected to further investigate the program and bring back a proposal for action at a later time. Councilwoman Holt seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. on a motion made by Councilwoman Holt and seconded by Councilwoman Coon.