

1 Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held September 3, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.
2 in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, Bountiful, Utah.

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4 Present: Mayor: John R. Cushing
5 Council Members: Samuel R. Fowler, Barbara Holt, Alan A.
6 Johnson, C. Harold Shafter, and Ann
7 Wilcox Hardy
8 City Manager: Tom Hardy
9 City Attorney: Russell Mahan
10 City Engineer: Paul Rowland
11 City Recorder: Arden F. Jenson
12 City Treasurer: Galen Rasmussen
13 Planning/RDA Director: Blaine Gehring
14 Dept. Heads: Dick Duncan, Streets/Sanitation
15 Jerry Lemon, Fire
16 Clifford Michaelis, Power
17 Recording Secretary: Nancy T. Lawrence
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19 Official Notice of this meeting had been given by posting a written notice of same and
20 an Agenda at the City Hall and providing copies to the following newspapers of general
21 circulation: Davis County Clipper, Deseret News, and Salt Lake Tribune.
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23 Mayor Cushing called the meeting to order, following which Mr. Gehring led the
24 pledge of allegiance to the flag. The invocation was offered by Councilwoman Hardy.
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26 Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held August 27, 1997 were
27 presented and unanimously approved as written on a motion made by Councilman Johnson and
28 seconded by Councilman Shafter.
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30 **EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES APPROVED**
31 **FOR PERIOD AUGUST 23-26, 1997**

32 Mr. Jenson presented the Expenditure and Expense Report for the Period August 23-26,
33 1997 in the amount of \$204,465.98 and asked if the Council had any questions. Following a
34 short discussion, Councilwoman Hardy made a motion to accept the report, as presented.
35 Councilwoman Holt seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.
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37 **BID APPROVED FOR SERVICE TRUCK -**
38 **POWER DEPARTMENT**

39 Mr. Michaelis reported that this year's budget includes the purchase of a new service
40 truck, budgeted at \$28,000 (cab, chassis and service body). Approval is being requested to
41 purchase a 1997 Ford cab and chassis ¾-ton from the State bid at a cost of \$21,643.00. The
42 dealer is Butterfield Ford. It is anticipated that the complete truck will be under budget. This
43 item comes with a positive recommendation from the Power Commission. Councilman Shafter
44 made a motion to award the bid as requested. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion and
45 voting was unanimous.
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1 **EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLE APPROVED**
2 **FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT**

3 Chief Lemon reported that two bids were received for a 1998 Chevrolet ¾-ton 4x4
4 crew-cab vehicle which will replace a 1975 pickup. It is the recommendation of staff to approve
5 the low bid of \$29,888.00 submitted by Murdock Chevrolet. The bid is within budget. In
6 response to a question from the Council, Chief Lemon said that the 1975 vehicle will be sold
7 after its replacement is put into service. Councilwoman Holt made a motion to approve the bid
8 from Murdock, as presented. Councilwoman Hardy seconded the motion and voting was
9 unanimous.

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11 **CHEMICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SELECTED**
12 **TO PROVIDE PROGRAM TO COLLECT HAZARDOUS**
13 **HOUSEHOLD WASTE**

14 Mr. Duncan reported that two vendors responded to the request for a bid to provide a
15 contract for collection of household hazardous waste. It is the recommendation of staff to accept
16 the low bid from Chemical Waste Management in the amount of \$19,823.00. This company
17 provided the same service last year and their bid is based on participation in last year's event.
18 It is understood that the contract is based on the number of containers used last year and could be
19 higher if there is increased participation this year. The budgeted amount is \$28,000, which is the
20 maximum amount for this year's contract. The contract will be reviewed and signed following
21 awarding of the bid. Councilwoman Holt made a motion to accept the bid from Chemical Waste
22 Management for them to perform the hazardous waste program this year. Councilman Shafter
23 seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

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25 Councilman Johnson reported that several citizens have contacted him and requested
26 that the clean-up date be as late as possible in the fall. Mr. Hardy said this work is scheduled for
27 mid-October.

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29 **CLAUDE NIX CONSTRUCTION AWARDED BID**
30 **FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STORM DRAINS**

31 Mr. Rowland reported that proposals were opened for the construction of a new storm
32 drain system in 1300 East Street from Center Street to Granada Drive, and Canyon Crest from
33 Barton Creek to 1100 South. These projects are needed to provide some relief from local
34 flooding problems on each street caused by very flat curb and gutter grades. In conjunction with
35 the storm drain project, many of the residents of the two areas are interested in participating in
36 the City's curb and gutter replacement program. It is the recommendation of staff that the low
37 bid from Claude Nix Construction, in the amount of \$120,802.48, be accepted. The project was
38 budgeted at \$115,000.00. Since the original plans were prepared, it has been found that 350 ft.
39 of existing pipe and two inlet boxes can be re-used. This, together with a small down-sizing of
40 the project, will keep it within budget.

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42 Mr. Rowland emphasized that the 1300 East project must be done prior to winter and
43 the contractor has been advised that if both projects are started together, it must be with the
44 guarantee that they will both be completed this fall. The street improvements (curb, gutter and
45 sidewalk) should be done at the same time as the storm drain projects, so as to not tear up the
46 road twice. John Eggett Construction has the City contract for this concrete work.

1 Councilman Shafter made a motion that the contract be awarded to Claude Nix Construction, as
2 presented. Councilman Fowler seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

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4 **PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TAX**
5 **INCREASE FOR 1997**

6 Mayor Cushing expressed appreciation to the citizens who were in attendance for the
7 purpose of the public hearing on the proposed tax increase. He explained that Mr. Hardy would
8 review the proposed increase, and then the hearing would be open for public comment. Mr.
9 Hardy used an overhead projector to demonstrate how property tax revenue is divided among
10 taxing entities (of every dollar, \$.60 goes to the Davis County School District; \$.23 goes to
11 Davis County; \$.10 goes to the local cities; and \$.07 goes to the special districts such as the
12 Mosquito Abatement District, the Weber Basin Water District, and the Bountiful
13 Subconservancy District. The average home in Bountiful is valued at \$170,000 and the
14 proposed tax increase would result in an increased tax bill of approximately \$18/year;
15 (\$1.50/month). This is an increase of approximately 20 percent, with new construction
16 accounting for 3 ½ percent and a net increase of 17 percent.

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18 Mr. Hardy noted that Bountiful has not had an increase in property taxes for 17 years
19 (with the exception of an increase put on in 1983 following the floods, but which was taken off
20 the next year). He presented statistics of comparison between Bountiful and other South Davis
21 cities, as well as other Wasatch Front cities comparable in size and services and demonstrated
22 that Bountiful has next to the lowest tax of all cities compared. He explained the assessment
23 process which is performed by the County Assessor's office and how this relates to the certified
24 tax rate and the tax bill of the citizen. He also pointed out that homeowners are given a 45
25 percent tax exemption which businesses do not receive in an effort to reduce the tax burden for
26 home owners. He said that the reason for the proposed tax increase this year is to increase the
27 level of fire protection service for Bountiful residents. This will be accomplished with the
28 addition of five new firefighters and will make it possible to man both the main station and the
29 No. 2 station in Maple Hills 24-hours/day 7 days/week.

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31 The Mayor opened the public hearing at 8:08 p.m. and the following citizens expressed
32 support for the tax increase: Bud Powers, 2321 South Bountiful Blvd.; Kirk Gentry, 2700 South
33 Cave Hollow; Sherm Fuller, 404 West 2350 South; and Marshall Kelly, 3164 South Bountiful
34 Blvd. David Piggott, 885 Millstream Way, expressed concern about the large reserves in the
35 budget and suggested that these funds could be used instead of increasing taxes. At his request,
36 a prepared statement is included in these minutes (see page 7).

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38 Rachel Kagie, 1309 South 200 West, reported a concern with speeding traffic on her
39 street (200 West) and the Mayor suggested that this matter be referred to the Traffic Safety
40 Committee. Ms. Kagie was also concerned about the large increase in her property taxes over
41 the past three years. Mayor Cushing advised her of the Board of Equalization held by the
42 County Commissioners for the purpose of challenging the assessed tax rate.

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44 Greg Fredde, vice president of the Utah Taxpayers Association, commended the
45 Council on their efficient use of tax dollars, but suggested that the tax increase might be avoided
46 by the additional revenue which will come in to the city through the increased gas tax. He also

1 noted that the City has always made a conservative estimate of revenue and if this holds true
2 again this year, the additional funding necessary to expand fire protection services could come
3 from the actual revenue. Mr. Fredde concluded his remarks by commending Mr. Hardy on his
4 new job and expressing appreciation for the working relationship which he has had with him
5 over the years.

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7 Don Greenfield, 42 South 1150 East, questioned the proposed fire department increase,
8 as compared with growth of the city. He pointed out that tax increases are a burden to those on
9 fixed incomes and asked if the Council would consider other ways to provide revenue. Allen
10 Hess, 2745 Cave Hollow Way, spoke in favor of the tax increase. Robert Cannon, 720 North
11 200 West, requested information on the size and service of the fire department. Mr. Hardy
12 explained that in addition to fire protection, this department also provides ambulance and
13 emergency medical services. Mr. Cannon noted that inasmuch as property taxes are based on
14 valuation, it becomes discouraging to improve your property because the result is an increase in
15 taxes. Discussion followed regarding different methods of assessing property valuation and the
16 resulting tax impact. Mayor Cushing thanked the citizens for their input and attendance and
17 closed the hearing at 8:55 p.m.

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19 Councilwoman Holt asked Mr. Hardy to justify the property tax increase based on fire
20 loss and response times of the Fire Department, using statistics prior to 24-hour manning of both
21 stations and the current 24-hour manning (since April of this year). He indicated that the
22 statistics for this 5-month period do not reflect a significant difference in response time or fire
23 loss. It was noted by Councilwoman Hardy that this is a very short period of time in which to
24 see a marked change in statistics, particularly since there were only two major structure fires
25 during that time and they were both in the downtown area. Mayor Cushing stated that the basis
26 for the decision to man both stations full time is based on the reasoning that if a station is
27 manned, you would assume it will provide better service than an unmanned station.

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29 **RES. NO. 97-9 ADOPTED - TAX INCREASE APPROVED**

30 Mr. Mahan reviewed Resolution No. 97-9, A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A
31 PROPERTY TAX INCREASE, and noted that the format was furnished by the County and is for
32 the purpose of authorizing a tax increase by establishing a tax rate of .001318. Councilman
33 Shafter made a motion to adopt Res. No. 97-9 and Councilman Johnson seconded it. Voting was
34 by a majority, with Councilwoman Holt voting "nay". She clarified that she is not in opposition
35 to full-time manning of Station No. 2, but is opposed to the tax increase because there should be
36 some significant change in response time or dollar loss to justify the increase. She stated that she
37 felt the increased manpower will not significantly increase either.

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39 **PUBLIC HEARING ON 1997-98 BUDGET PRIOR TO ADOPTION**

40 At 9:08 p.m. Mayor Cushing opened the public hearing to consider the 1997-98 budget,
41 prior to adoption. Mr. Hardy noted that most of the budget figures are the same as reviewed
42 previously. He noted that the General Fund reflects a 12% increase, with gas tax revenue
43 accounting for the major portion (7%). The Capital Projects fund is down 46% from last year
44 because the new police-courts building was completed. The enterprise fund budgets are up due
45 to increased expenditures in the light and power and water capital improvements budgets;
46 however, this does not impact taxes but is funded through user fees. The total number of

1 employees is proposed to increase by five (fire department), and the cost-of-living adjustment is
2 3%. Other increases will be for the 2nd garbage can fee (from \$2.00 to \$3.00/month); and the
3 landfill tipping fee from \$18 to \$21/ton. Building permit fees and water impact fees will
4 increase. Ernie Cox, 1372 East Seville Way, requested additional information on the use of the
5 additional money collected through the property tax increase. In addition to costs of the fire
6 department, Mr. Hardy pointed out additional costs associated with operation and maintenance
7 of the new police/courts building. The hearing on the budget concluded at 9:12 p.m.

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9 It was noted that the Council has spent a great deal of time reviewing the budget, line
10 item by line item. Councilman Fowler made a motion to adopt the 1997-98 budget, with
11 revenues and expenses balanced at \$41,716,620, less intra-City revenue and transfers of
12 \$9,557,884, resulting in a net budget of \$32,158,736, as follows:

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14 EXPENDITURES AND EXPENSES:

15	Legislative	\$1,102,474
16	Legal	191,011
17	Executive & Central Staff	194,892
18	Information Systems Mgt (Data Processing)	289,376
19	Administrative	688,098
20	Treasury	161,215
21	General Govt. Buildings.....	155,572
22	Police	3,555,515
23	Fire.....	1,680,804
24	Street & Traffic Lighting.....	380,000
25	Streets	4,076,863
26	Engineering.....	629,110
27	Parks	1,095,414
28	Recreation Subsidy	328,106
29	Planning, Licensing and Code Enforcement	176,840
30	Debt Service	276,294
31	Water	3,545,305
32	Sewer	846,000
33	Light and Power	17,591,236
34	Golf Course	1,032,624
35	Swimming Pools, Recreation and Ice Arena.....	1,485,856
36	Sanitation (includes Landfill).....	1,529,470
37	Cemetery.....	199,045
38	Internal Svs (Computer Maint, Liab Ins, Worker's Comp).....	505,500
39	Sub-total	41,716,620
40	Less Intra-City Revenue & Transfers (negative figure).....	- 9,557,884
41	NET EXPENDITURES & EXPENSES.....	<u>\$32,158,736</u>

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43 This budget reflects changes made in the Administrative, Parks, and Golf Course budgets since
44 passage of the tentative budget on May 7, 1997. Councilman Fowler made a motion that the
45 proposed 1997-98 budget be adopted as presented. Councilwoman Hardy seconded the

