

1 Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held March 4, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in
2 the Planning Conference Room of the City Hall, Bountiful, Utah. The Council was joined by
3 members of the Planning Commission for the latter part of the meeting.
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5 Present: Mayor: John R. Cushing (Arrived 7:16 p.m.)
6 Council Members: Samuel R. Fowler, Barbara Holt, Alan
7 A. Johnson, Stewart
8 Knowlton, and C. Harold Shafter
9 City Manager: Tom Hardy
10 City Attorney: Russell Mahan
11 City Recorder: Kim J. Coleman
12 Planning/RDA Dir.: Blaine Gehring
13 Dept. Head: Clifford Michaelis, Power
14 Recording Secretary: Nancy T. Lawrence
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16 **Planning Commission Members:**

17 Mark Green
18 Dick Dresher
19 Lois Williams
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21 Official Notice of this meeting had been given by posting a written notice of same and
22 an Agenda at the City Hall and providing copies to the following newspapers of general
23 circulation: Davis County Clipper, Deseret News, and Salt Lake Tribune.
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25 Councilman Shafter explained that Mayor Cushing was involved with the Legislature
26 and would be late for this meeting. As requested by the Mayor, Councilman Shafter would be
27 serving as Mayor Pro Tempore until Mayor Cushing arrived. Mayor Pro-tem Shafter then called
28 the meeting to order, following which the invocation was offered by Councilman Fowler.
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30 Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held February 25, 1998
31 were presented and unanimously approved as amended on a motion made by Councilwoman
32 Holt and seconded by Councilman Johnson.
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34 **EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES APPROVED**
35 **FOR PERIOD FEBRUARY 20-25, 1998**

36 Mayor Pro-tem Shafter presented the Expenditure and Expense Report for the Period
37 February 20-25, 1998 in the amount of \$197,595.42. Following a short discussion, these
38 expenditures were unanimously approved as presented on a motion made by Councilman Fowler
39 and seconded by Councilman Johnson.
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41 **PURCHASE OF ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**
42 **IN VAL VERDA ANNEXED AREAS APPROVED**

43 Mr. Michaelis reviewed that portions of the Val Verda area have been involved in
44 annexation to Bountiful since 1992. Since that time, the City has been working with Utah Power
45 and Light in negotiations to purchase the electrical distribution system so that the Bountiful
46 residents in this area can have full City services.
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48 The proposal being presented tonight involves purchasing the distribution system from
49 UP&L for 588 customers, at a cost not to exceed \$760,000.00. He distributed a map which
50 showed an area bounded by 3100 South on the north and 3300 South on the south, 500 West to

1 200 West, which is presently still in the County. It is completely surrounded by Bountiful and a
2 small portion of North Salt Lake. In anticipation that it will one day seek annexation into
3 Bountiful (as included in the City's Master Plan), Mr. Michaelis recommended that
4 encouragement be given to this annexation taking place now to avoid duplication of services and
5 to facilitate the most efficient way to provide the electrical service to this area. The \$760,000
6 represents the total cost of wire, poles, transformers, etc. In addition, the cost to separate from
7 UP&L will be ~\$272,000.00.

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9 If the area recommended for annexation were included in the project, Mr. Michaelis
10 indicated that costs could be brought down. Mr. Hardy noted that inclusion of the area in
11 question would represent a cost-savings if it were included at this time. If it is annexed at a later
12 time and service is then provided, it will be at an additional cost of \$120-160,000 (1998 dollars).
13 Service to the area is expected to be available by May, 1998. Councilman Fowler made a motion
14 to approve the purchase of the electrical distribution system from Utah Power and Light, at an
15 amount not to exceed \$760,000 and with the recommendation that annexation proceedings be
16 encouraged for the island still in the County. Councilman Shafter seconded the motion and
17 voting was unanimous.

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19 At this time, Mayor Pro-tem Shafter recognized the visiting Boy Scouts and introduced
20 the elected officials and staff. Mayor Cushing arrived at 7:16 p.m.

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22 At 7:16 p.m. the Planning Commission joined the Council for a discussion on the sign
23 ordinance. Mr. Gehring explained that the Planning Commission requested a meeting with the
24 Council pursuant to determining a need to do a major re-write of the sign ordinance. Mr.
25 Gehring said that the purpose of this meeting is for the Council and Commission to define
26 concepts which should be incorporated into the new ordinance. He will then write a draft and
27 bring it back to the two bodies for their review. He said that three things should be taken into
28 consideration:

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30 1. The *reasonability* of the ordinance in terms of how it will impact the businesses in
31 the community.
32 2. Overall *aesthetics* to Bountiful City as a whole.
33 3. *Enforceability* -- ease of administration and legal defense.
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35 Mr. Gehring asked the group's impression of signage in the City as it exists today and
36 how it compares with other areas. Discussion followed, with specific comments regarding the
37 major travel routes (200 West, 500 West, Orchard Drive, 500 South). It was noted that most
38 signs in Bountiful are *pole* signs and Mr. Gehring asked if *monument* signs should be
39 encouraged. It was noted that the areas in question are mostly developed and have limited
40 frontage to accommodate monument signs.

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42 The general consensus of the group was that the signs that are in place, for the most
43 part, are okay. However, as properties are sold and uses change, the City could take an active
44 role in encouraging more restrictive signs which will be complimentary to the area. Ms.
45 Williams stated that she would like to see the ordinance more restrictive in residential zones, but

1 not as restrictive in business areas. Councilman Knowlton noted that concern should be focused
2 on safety and maintenance issues; Mr. Mahan noted that the present ordinance requires signs to
3 be taken down if businesses are abandoned.
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5 Mr. Green pointed out that if a business is on a corner and fronts on two streets, a
6 provision should be made for signage on both streets. The group liked the idea of encouraging
7 more monument signs. However, since there is only a narrow park strip along the roadways,
8 snow removal would become a problem. Councilman Shafter suggested that the site plan
9 approval could include a total review of the proposed sign(s) and their relationship to the total
10 project. Mr. Dresher suggested that developers could come before the Commission two times to
11 facilitate review of the sign plans and the total site plan. Councilwoman Holt asked if the intent
12 was to automatically make existing signs non-conforming as businesses change. Mr. Dresher
13 suggested that this would not be automatic, but that the signs be reviewed when a business
14 changes ownership or type of business.
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16 Mr. Gehring expressed concern regarding temporary signs (reader boards, A-frames,
17 real estate signs, etc.). He will include this area in the re-write. He also noted that if he
18 properly policed the sign ordinance, it would take another ½-time person to assist with the
19 workload (especially during the summer when the weed ordinance is also monitored).
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21 The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m. on a motion made by Councilman Johnson and
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27 JOHN R. CUSHING, Mayor
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31 KIM COLEMAN, City Recorder
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