

1 Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held January 21, 1998 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, Stewart Knowlton, Ann Wilcox  
7 Hardy, and C. Harold Shafter  
8 City Manager: Thomas R. Hardy  
9 City Attorney: Russell L. Mahan  
10 City Recorder: Arden F. Jenson  
11 Department Heads: Neal Jenkins, Parks & Recreation  
12 Paul Rapp, Police  
13 David Wilding, Water/Sewer  
14 Recording Secretary: Nancy T. Lawrence  
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16 Official Notice of this meeting had been given by posting a written notice of same and  
17 an Agenda at the City Hall and providing copies to the following newspapers of general  
18 circulation: Davis County Clipper, Deseret News, and Salt Lake Tribune.  
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20 Mayor Cushing called the meeting to order, following which Councilman Knowlton led  
21 the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The invocation was offered by Councilman Johnson.  
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23 Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held January 14, 1998 were  
24 presented and unanimously approved as corrected on a motion made by Councilwoman Holt and  
25 seconded by Councilman Shafter.  
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27 **EXPENDITURES AND EXPENSES APPROVED**  
28 **FOR PERIOD JANUARY 1-15, 1998**

29 Mayor Cushing presented the Expenditure and Expense Report for the Period January  
30 1-15, 1998 in the amount of \$176,189.56. Mr. Coleman clarified that the contribution to the Arts  
31 Center was the final one for this budget and that it included the allowance for utilities.  
32 Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the expense report as presented. Councilman  
33 Shafter seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.  
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35 **PETERSON BROTHERS AWARDED BID**  
36 **FOR DEVELOPMENT OF VIEWMONT WELL**

37 Mr. Wilding reviewed that a well was drilled north of Viewmont High School in 1963  
38 and found to produce a lot of sand. There was not a need for the water at that time and the well  
39 was capped. There is a need for this water now and as an outcome of development of the well,  
40 water will be pumped to the Eckman tank near the Holbrook school, the sand problem will be  
41 solved, and the water capacity will be doubled from that of the Zesiger well. Three contractors  
42 were contacted to do this project and two submitted bids. It is recommended that the low bid  
43 from Peterson Brothers in the amount of \$79,120.00 be accepted. The cost estimate for the  
44 project was \$91,784.00. Following discussion, Councilman Knowlton made a motion to accept  
45 the bid from Peterson Brothers, as presented and recommended. Councilman Fowler seconded  
46 the motion and voting was unanimous.  
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49 **DAVID IRVINE APPOINTED TO POWER COMMISSION**

50 Mayor Cushing referred to a memo which he had sent to the Council recommending  
51 that David Irvine be appointed to the Power Commission to fill the unexpired term of Jed

1 Pitcher. Mr. Pitcher resigned due to work commitments outside the state and his inability to  
2 attend meetings. Councilman Fowler made a motion that the recommendation of the Mayor be  
3 upheld and that Mr. Irvine be appointed to the Power Commission to the unexpired term (until 1-  
4 15-00). Councilman Shafter seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

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6 **ECONOMIC ANALYSIS - REVIEW OF SALES TAX TRENDS**

7 Mr. Hardy alerted the Council to the fact that economic factors are taking place which  
8 are resulting in a lack of increase of sales tax, thus reducing one of Bountiful's main tax revenue  
9 sources. He noted that in the last five years the amount of sales tax collected by the state and  
10 county have increased 50 percent; however, Bountiful's sales tax rose only 15 percent. Mr.  
11 Hardy reviewed that the elected officials have made a decision to not raise property taxes, and he  
12 pointed out that the franchise tax stays quite stable. Therefore, sales tax is the only growing  
13 source of revenue, and if it doesn't grow, the revenue stream does not grow. However, expenses  
14 continue to grow. He reviewed the factors which affect sales tax in Bountiful and recommended  
15 that the Council review and study strategies to improve the sales market in Bountiful. Mr. Hardy  
16 stated that if ways can be found to increase sales tax revenue, then we can hold property tax to a  
17 minimum and still fund services that the citizens expect from the City.

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19 **PUBLIC HEARING TO APPROVE BLOCK GRANT**  
20 **FOR POLICE DEPT. - BICYCLE PROGRAM**

21 Chief Rapp reviewed that last year the City Council approved the Police Department  
22 participation in a \$10,000 Block Grant and an advisory committee was set up to oversee the  
23 grant. The grant was used to expand the bicycle patrol, which was a great success. Based on the  
24 success of the grant, Bountiful qualifies to re-apply for the grant again this year, with an  
25 allocation of \$11,479.00. The match required from the City is \$1,148.00. The advisory  
26 committee has recommended that \$1,036.00 be spent for new and updated equipment costs. The  
27 remaining \$11,609.00 is recommended for expenditure on overtime wages for officers  
28 supplementing the program.

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30 At 7:43 p.m. Mayor Cushing opened the public hearing to receive input from those in  
31 attendance. There was none and the hearing was closed. The Council briefly discussed the  
32 proposed grant program, following which Councilman Shafter made a motion to approve  
33 allocation of the \$1,148.00 to supplement the grant of \$11,479.00. Councilman Johnson  
34 seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

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36 **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

37 Mayor Cushing expressed appreciation to those who supported the State Legislature  
38 public officials day. He noted that approximately 95 percent of the legislators were in  
39 attendance and those who participated did a fine job. He recognized specifically Abigail Eyre,  
40 Bountiful Youth Council member, on the speech she gave.

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42 Mayor Cushing reported that the Legislative Policy Committee meets every noon in the  
43 basement of the Capitol and that council members are welcome to attend that meeting, even  
44 though they are not voting members.

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46 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

1 At 7:46 p.m. Councilwoman Holt made a motion to adjourn to executive session for the  
2 purpose of discussing the acquisition of real property, and personnel. Councilman Fowler  
3 seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

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5 **Those in attendance at executive session:**

- 6 Mayor Cushing
- 7 Councilmembers Fowler, Holt, Johnson, Knowlton, and Shafter
- 8 Tom Hardy
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JOHN R. CUSHING, Mayor

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KIM COLEMAN, City Recorder

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