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# Minutes of the Bountiful City Council Meeting

**Planning Conference Room  
March 24, 1999 - 7:00 P.M.**

Present:	Mayor Pro Tempore:	C. Harold Shafter
	Council Members:	Samuel R. Fowler, Alan A. Johnson, and Stewart Knowlton
	City Manager:	Tom Hardy
	City Attorney:	Russell Mahan
	City Engineer:	Paul Rowland
	City Recorder:	Kim J. Coleman
	Department Heads:	Clifford Michaelis, power
	Recording Secretary:	Nancy T. Lawrence
Excused:	Mayor:	John Cushing
	Councilwoman:	Barbara Holt

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 Pro-tem Shafter called the meeting to order, following which the invocation was offered by Mr. Coleman.

Minutes of the regular meetings of the City Council held March 3 and March 17, 1999 were unanimously approved, as written, on a motion made by Councilman Fowler and seconded by Councilman Johnson.

## **EXPENDITURES, EXPENSES, AND TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS APPROVED FOR MARCH PERIOD**

Mayor Pro-tem Shafter presented the report of Expenditures and Expenses Greater than \$1,000, with total disbursements for the period March 12-18, 1999 in the amount of \$753,366.89. Mr. Coleman noted that there were no corrections to be made to this listing, following which it was approved as presented on a motion made by Councilman Fowler and seconded by Councilman Knowlton.

## **RES. NO. 99-1 ADOPTED RE: FIREFIGHTER ACCRUAL OF SICK LEAVE**

Mr. Mahan explained that sick leave and vacation are calculated differently for firefighters than other city employees, due to the different work schedule of the firefighters. The Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual reflects the vacation leave; however, the calculation of sick leave for the firefighters has not been properly defined. It is the recommendation of staff to adopt Resolution No. 99-1, a Resolution amending the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual for the City of Bountiful. Following a brief discussion, Councilman Johnson made a motion to adopt Res. No. 99-1 as presented. Councilman Fowler seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

## **APPROVAL GIVEN TO SURRENDER**

1 **EAST CANYON HYDRO PROJECT LICENSE**

2 Mr. Michaelis explained that in 1984 Bountiful acquired a license to construct a new  
3 hydroelectric project on the East Canyon reservoir. Under the original license agreement,  
4 construction of this project was to have begun by August 23, 1986, with completion in 1988.  
5 Also included in the plans for this project was the Echo hydroelectric project and the 18 mile  
6 transmission line which would bring the power to Bountiful from Echo. The 18-mile segment  
7 was the "primary line" for the East Canyon project, was authorized under the East Canyon  
8 license, and was constructed in advance of any other construction on the East Canyon project in  
9 order to get the output of the Echo project. On July 1, 1988, FERC confirmed that construction  
10 of the 18-mile segment of this transmission line constituted commencement of construction of  
11 the East Canyon project.

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13 In May of 1988 the analysis of the East Canyon dam revealed a concern about the  
14 dam's safety, and construction of the hydro project was delayed pending official approval from  
15 the Bureau of Reclamation. To date, the issues of concern have not been fully resolved. He  
16 noted that although \$566,391 has been spent for engineering on the proposed East Canyon hydro  
17 project (and \$55,785 for labor to file for the license), it is the recommendation of staff that we  
18 not seek any further extension of time for completion of construction under the East Canyon  
19 license, but instead surrender our license. Further, it is recommended that we file an application  
20 to *amend the Echo license* to include the entire 30.5 mile line connecting Echo to Bountiful, and  
21 assuming that this application will be approved, then promptly file the application to surrender  
22 the East Canyon license. Mr. Michaelis reported that the power Commission studied this matter  
23 in great depth and it is the recommendation of that body to proceed as explained. Following  
24 discussion by the Council, Councilman Fowler made a motion to approve the surrender of the  
25 East Canyon hydro license (FERC license No. 3756), and start the paperwork as outlined by Mr.  
26 Michaelis. Councilman Shafter seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

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28 **POWER LINE AGREEMENT WITH UNION**  
29 **PACIFIC RAILROAD APPROVED**

30 Mr. Michaelis explained that the construction of the 138 substation upgrade last fall  
31 (Phase II), included a wire line crossing agreement from union pacific. The Agreement provides  
32 for Bountiful to pay a one-time license fee of \$1,782.00, along with a \$500.00 administration  
33 fee. It is the staff recommendation that this agreement be approved and the fees totaling  
34 \$2,282.00 be paid. Councilman Fowler made a motion to this effect. Councilman Johnson  
35 seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

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37 **REPORT OF ANNUAL TRAFFIC STUDY**

38 Mr. Rowland explained that every year the Engineering Department does a traffic study  
39 of the major City streets and trends of accidents that have occurred are analyzed. Any  
40 intersection that has experienced more than three accidents is included in the study. As the study  
41 is made, consideration is given to installation of traffic signals. He explained that certain  
42 warrants must be met, based on the U.S. Uniform Traffic manual, and he briefly reviewed the  
43 criteria requisite to installation of a traffic signal. He presented a detailed review of the streets  
44 and intersections that were a part of the Annual Traffic Study and then proceeded with the  
45 recommendations from the recent Traffic Safety Committee meeting.

1 **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM TRAFFIC**  
2 **SAFETY COMMITTEE APPROVED**

3 Mr. Rowland reported that the Traffic Safety Committee met on March 16, and subject  
4 to their discussion and recent findings from the Annual Traffic Study, it is recommended that the  
5 following items be approved;

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7 Item 1: Removal of flashing beacon at intersection of 200 West and 1800 South. Mr.  
8 Rowland explained that this intersection has had one of the highest accident rates of any  
9 Bountiful intersection for several years. Following a study of the accidents and the motorists  
10 involved, it is the belief of the Committee that drivers unfamiliar with this area may see the old  
11 style flashing beacon above the intersection and think it is a four-way stop and then proceed after  
12 stopping, only to get hit by a vehicle that has the right-of-way. (The flashing red lights were  
13 installed to help vehicles traveling along 200 West to recognize the stop signs for the north-south  
14 traffic). It is the recommendation of the Traffic Safety Committee and staff to remove the  
15 overhead flashing beacon and thereby the possible confusion about a four-way stop (which it is  
16 NOT). Councilman Shafter made a motion to uphold this recommendation. Councilman  
17 Johnson seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

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19 Item 2: Enforce “No parking” at entrance to Viewmont High School (VHS) on 200  
20 West Street. Mr. Rowland noted that Viewmont High School has a parking problem every  
21 spring as the sophomores start getting their licenses and drive to school. For lack of other  
22 parking, students park along the public streets blocking the vision at drive entrances. There have  
23 been a number of accidents at the intersection of the entrance to the school on 200 West 9by the  
24 tennis courts). In addition to the results of the Traffic Study and the suggestions of the  
25 Committee, a recommendation has come from VHS students 9with a presentation made by Craig  
26 Hurdman) for the curb on either side of the entrance to be painted red for 30 feet to designate  
27 “No parking”. In order for this designation to be enforceable by citation, it is also recommended  
28 that “No parking” signs be erected on either side of the entrance. Following discussion,  
29 Councilman Fowler made a motion to approve painting the curb and erecting the signs as  
30 proposed. Councilman Knowlton seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

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32 **OPERATIONAL REVIEW OF ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

33 Mr. Rowland, City Engineer, presented an operational review of the Engineering  
34 Department to the Council. This department consists of eight full-time personnel and is  
35 responsible for supervision and approval of engineering and master planning for the City in  
36 general, building inspections of new construction and remodeling, and providing public works  
37 direction for the Street, Sanitation, Parks, Water and Sewer departments. The goal of the  
38 department is to provide polite, professional and progressive service to the public. Included in  
39 engineering responsibilities are traffic, mapping, infrastructure and capital projects, construction  
40 management and public works inspection, planning and environmental monitoring. Mr.  
41 Rowland reviewed major projects which have recently been accomplished in these areas, noting  
42 that the area of environmental monitoring now requires almost a full-time person.

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44 The major responsibilities of the building department include residential, multi-family,  
45 and commercial plan review for compliance with the Uniform Building Code (UBC) and  
46 building inspections during construction for UBC compliance. This department also tracks the

1 building permits, providing necessary information to other departments and the County.

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3 Looking to the future, Mr. Rowland stated that the City will achieve build-out within  
4 the next 10 years and the major focus will then be the infrastructure and its maintenance,  
5 together with remodeling and rebuilding on existing property. He said that the current trend is  
6 toward more and more environmental regulations and discussion followed regarding the  
7 monitoring which is required, particularly at the landfill and with culinary water. A major goal  
8 of the Engineering/Public Works Department is to develop a complete Geographic Information  
9 System (GIS). Mr. Rowland noted that it is possible to do this manually, but it can be achieved  
10 with much greater accuracy and in a more reasonable time frame if a global positioning system  
11 (GPS) is used. This equipment will be proposed for next year's budget. He noted that part of  
12 the GPS is a base station which can be used not only by the City, buy by local engineers.  
13 Several of the engineering firms in the City have expressed a willingness to participate in the  
14 purchase of this base station.

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16 **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

17 Councilman Johnson reported that the Recycling Committee will hold a meeting  
18 tomorrow night (March 25).

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20 The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m. on a motion made by Councilman Fowler and  
21 seconded by Councilman Knowlton. Unless further advised, the next meeting of the Council  
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27 JOHN R. CUSHING, Mayor  
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32 KIM J. COLEMAN, City Recorder  
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