

# Minutes of the Bountiful City Council Meeting

**City Council Chambers  
May 3, 2000 - 7:00 p.m.**

Present:	Mayor	John R. Cushing
	Council Members	Samuel R. Fowler, Barbara Holt, Stewart Knowlton, and J. Gordon Thomas
	City Manager	Tom Hardy
	City Prosecutor:	J. C. Ynchausti
	City Engineer:	Paul Rowland
	Administrative Services Dir:	Galen Rasmussen
	City Recorder:	Kim J. Coleman
	Department Heads:	Clifford Michaelis, Power George Sumner, Fire
	Recording Secretary	Nancy T. Lawrence
Excused:	Councilman:	John S. Pitt
	City Attorney	Russell Mahan

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 Cushing called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. He noted that prior to this meeting the Bountiful Youth Council met in the capacity of the Induction Ceremony. The Swearing-In Ceremony for the Youth Council for the year 2000-2001 will take place in this City Council meeting. Jason Sturges, outgoing Youth Mayor, led the pledge of allegiance to the flag, following which Councilman Knowlton offered the invocation.

## **EXPENDITURES, EXPENSES, AND TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** **APPROVED FOR PERIOD April 20 - April 26, 2000**

Mayor Cushing presented the report of Expenditures and Expenses Greater than \$1,000 for the period April 20-26, 2000 in the amount of \$813,919.93. These expenditures and expenses were unanimously approved on a motion made by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilman Knowlton. Councilpersons Fowler, Holt, Knowlton, and Thomas voted "aye".

## **SWEARING IN OF 2000-2001 YOUTH CITY** **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mr. Coleman (City Recorder) explained the procedure which would be followed for the Swearing-In Ceremony of the 2000-2001 Youth City Council, which included that each individual stated their name and repeated the Oath of Office after Mr. Coleman. The new mayor, Jenny Hymas, was sworn in individually, followed by the five Council Members (Sarah Jenkins, Anne Marshall, Emily Dibb, Mike Whyte, and Spencer Cawley), and the administrative staff (Erin Farr, Morgan Williams, Christina Squire, Michael Johnson, Katy Ammon, Ryan Jones, Charles Harmon, and Blake Schmutz. The following Council Members-at-Large were then divided into four groups and sworn in: Steve Adams, Chelsea Aitkins, Brett Barus, Mary Bennett, Bethany Buttler, Melenie Combe, Chad Corbitt, Lindsay Garrison, Alaina Goodrich, Katie Greenfield, Jessica Hansen, Amy Hanson, Meri Hellewell, Anna Marie Henrie, Kristen Irvine, Rachel Jepson, Erin L. Jones, Erin M. Jones, Lindsay Jones, Jessica Lake, Joe Martin, Melissa McNutt, Robyn Meiners, Jared Neeley, Stephanie Nelson, Rachel Orton, Heather Palmer, Jessica Perry, Kaylyn Petersen, Anisa Ramalieh, Wendi Rushforth, Laura Russon, Jessica Safsten, Kyle Taggart, Nicole Wall, Maren Wells, Christopher Williams.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting held April 19, 2000 were presented and unanimously approved as corrected. Councilwoman Holt made the motion to approve, Councilman Fowler seconded the motion and voting was unanimous with Councilpersons Fowler, Holt, Knowlton, and Thomas voting "aye".

### **ORD. NO. 2000-03 ADOPTED RE: SINGLE EVENT BEER PERMIT**

Mr. Hardy reviewed that St. Olaf's Church had approached the Council several weeks ago for permission to obtain a Single Event Liquor Permit to be issued by the State. This permit allows them to sell, serve, and consume liquor for a period not to exceed 72 hours. The request for the Single Event Liquor Permit was granted by the State, however, it does not include beer and St. Olaf's is interested in selling beer. Beer is a city-controlled item, but has not previously been dealt with as a single event request. Therefore, it is the recommendation of staff to consider adoption of Ordinance No. 2000-03 entitled AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SINGLE EVENT BEER PERMIT. Mr. Ynchausti briefly reviewed the proposed ordinance and the staff responded to questions from the Council. Councilman Fowler made a motion to adopt it. Councilman Knowlton seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Councilpersons Fowler, Holt, Knowlton, and Thomas voted "aye".

### **APPROVAL GIVEN TO GRANT SINGLE EVENT BEER PERMIT TO ST. OLAF'S**

At the invitation of the City Prosecutor, the Council approved a Single Event Beer Permit for St. Olaf's to be used for the same dates and times as approved in the request for local consent for a single event permit for hard liquor (May 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.). Councilman Thomas motioned for approval, Councilman Fowler seconded the motion and voting was unanimous. Councilpersons Fowler, Holt, Knowlton, and Thomas voted "aye".

### **BID EXTENSION FOR SINGLE-PHASE TRANSFORMERS APPROVED - POWER DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Michaelis reviewed that Pole Line Supply and Cooper Power Systems were awarded the single phase padmount transformer bid which was good through December 31, 1999. Both companies have offered to extend the blanket price on single phase padmount transformers, 25 - 100 kVa, until December 31, 2000. Inasmuch as the increase in costs for metals, labor and fuel will result in higher prices if these items are re-bid, it is recommended by staff and the Power

Commission to accept the offer for an extension. Councilman Fowler made a motion to this effect, Councilwoman Holt seconded the motion and voting was unanimous. Councilpersons Fowler, Holt, Knowlton, and Thomas voted “aye”.

**OUT-OF-SCOPE ENGINEERING SERVICES APPROVED  
FOR 46 kV TRANSMISSION LINE**

Mr. Michaelis reviewed that SSR Engineering was awarded the contract for engineering services for the 46 kV transmission line project. To date the Council has approved \$148,269.00 to complete this work and expenditures as of the end of February were \$139,164.00, leaving a balance of \$9,105.00 to apply toward the engineering services on Phase IV. As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, engineering services associated with the completion of Phase IV are estimated at \$18,604.00. Mr. Michaelis reviewed the cost breakdown of additional engineering costs in excess of the original quote from SSR (\$10,784.00) which are due to out-of-scope services which have been requested by the City for Phases I, II, III, IV, and the as-built drawings. It is the recommendation of the staff and Power Commission that the City Council approve \$10,784.00 for SSR Engineering for out-of-scope engineering services, and that an additional \$1,500 be approved, as a contingency for Phase IV engineering, for a total of \$12,284.00.

The staff responded to questions from the Council regarding the difference between the original bid and the extra services required, following which Councilman Fowler made a motion to approve the additional \$12,284.00. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion which carried unanimously, with Councilpersons Fowler, Holt, Knowlton, and Thomas voting "aye".

**APPROVAL GIVEN FOR SSR ENGINEERING  
SERVICES FOR 46 kV TRANSMISSION LINE, PHASE V**

Mr. Michaelis reported that completion of Phase IV of the 46 kV transmission line project will be delayed until after Phase V is finished. The reason for moving ahead to Phase V is that it will coincide with doing the road reconstruction on 200 West from 400 North to 500 South. Reconstruction of that section of road by the State is scheduled for early spring 2001 and since it involves widening the road and the necessity to move the transmission/distribution line, it is necessary that work on the 46 kV transmission line occur this fall. As a minimum, the existing underbuilt distribution needs to be removed, replaced with an underground system, and the necessary steel transmission structure foundations need to be installed prior to hard winter conditions.

SSR has submitted a proposal to provide the necessary engineering services for the sum of \$28,163.00, with additional costs of \$1,500.00 for each additional steel structure that is necessary beyond the four (4) structures that were provided for in their bid. At this time it appears that the project will require five steel structures and would therefore represent an engineering cost of \$29,663.00. It is the recommendation of staff and the Power Commission that SSR's proposal be accepted with compensation at \$29,663.00. Discussion followed regarding some of the details of Phase V, following which Councilman Fowler made a motion to grant the contract for engineering services to SSR Engineering in the amount of \$29,663.00 for Phase V of the 46 kV transmission line project. Councilman Knowlton seconded the motion. Councilpersons Fowler, Holt, Knowlton, and Thomas voted "aye".

**COUNCIL APPROVES PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL  
METERS - POWER DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Michaelis explained that Riter Engineering was awarded a bid by the City Council in September, 1999, for hand-held Schlumberger Centron Solid State residential meters at a cost of \$72.50 per meter, good for one year. The total amount budgeted for these meters is \$58,650 and

the City has spent \$21,043.21 to date. The staff is requesting approval to purchase an additional 496 meters at a total cost of \$35,960.00, to be installed in areas of the City where it is difficult to read the meter. Councilman Fowler motioned for approval to this request. Councilwoman Holt seconded the motion and voting was unanimous. Councilpersons Fowler, Holt, Knowlton, and Thomas voted "aye".

**2000-2001 TENTATIVE BUDGET ADOPTED;**  
**PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED**

Mayor Cushing commented on the budget process which is underway in Salt Lake City, with Mayor Anderson proposing several major cuts. He noted that in comparison with other cities along the Wasatch Front, Bountiful has the lowest existing and proposed tax rate, with the exception of West Bountiful and Woods Cross. Mr. Hardy presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2000-2001 Operating and Capital Budget, balanced at \$43,459,285.00. He noted that the budget is up two (2) percent over last year, however, there are no increases in electric, water, sewer or garbage collection rates and there is no increase in personnel. The proposed budget includes a proposed 12 percent property tax increase, which results in an increase of \$13.98/year on a home valued at \$185,000.00.

The proposed budget provides for a continuation of the City's current programs, a 3% cost-of-living adjustment for all full-time permanent employees, a shared increase with employees for the additional costs of health insurance, and a continued investment in the City's infrastructure. It also addresses the commencement of construction of a new 10-acre park, upgrading of information systems capability, continued self-funding for major portions of the City's liability and worker's compensation exposure, and maintenance of the City's financial philosophy of "pay-as-you-go", maintaining a conservative, yet healthy position for the City's finances, while exacting the least amount of money from the citizens.

The General Fund and Capital Improvements Fund pay for services and activities which do not generate revenue, but are supported by taxes. The Police, Fire and Streets Departments comprise 2/3 of the \$15 million allocated to the General and Capital Improvements Funds. He reviewed the revenue sources for these services (property taxes, sales taxes, and franchise taxes), noting specific situations which have resulted in the revenue stream not growing proportionately to the expenditures of the City.

Approximately 2/3 of the City's \$43 million budget is connected with the Enterprise funds (those which generate revenue as a business does) and these funds are all balanced without rate increases. In summary the business side of the operations of the City are in good financial shape, and rates can be adjusted to meet additional demands, including inflation. The General and Capital Improvement Funds are very tight and will continue to be so absent state legislative relief, growth in utility volume or rates, or increased business sales and activity in Bountiful improving the City's sales tax base.

Mayor Cushing thanked Mr. Hardy on behalf of the Finance Committee for the outstanding executive summary of the proposed budget. The Council discussed the outlook for sales tax for the coming year and possibilities for growth of this revenue source. Councilwoman Holt expressed appreciation to those on the staff and department heads who were willing to “tighten their belts”, particularly in moving from a four- to a three percent cost of living adjustment, in an effort to come closer to balancing the budget. She said it was most helpful to have the staff and employees working with the Council and requested that her appreciation be carried back to the various departments. Councilman Thomas echoed the appreciation of Councilwoman Holt. Councilwoman Holt then made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2000-04, entitled AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BOUNTIFUL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2000, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2001, PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORM FISCAL PROCEDURES ACT FOR UTAH CITIES, INCLUDING ESTIMATES OF ANTICIPATED REVENUES, APPROPRIATIONS FOR EXPENDITURES, ADJUSTED COMPENSATION SCHEDULES FOR CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, AND THE SETTING OF USER FEES FOR CITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES, and to set the following public hearings: June 21, 2000 at 7:15 p.m. for the re-opening of the 1999-2000 budget; August 2, 2000 at 7:15 p.m. for the proposed property tax increase; and August 2, 2000 at 7:45 p.m. for the proposed 2000-2001 budget. Councilman Knowlton seconded the motion and voting was unanimous. Councilpersons Thomas, Holt, Fowler, and Knowlton voted “aye”.

#### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION APPROVED**

At the invitation of the Mayor, Councilman Fowler made a motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. Councilpersons Thomas, Holt, Fowler, and Knowlton voted “aye”.

#### **Attendance at executive session:**

Mayor Cushing  
Councilpersons Thomas, Holt, Fowler, and Knowlton  
Mr. Hardy  
Mr. Ynchausti

JOHN R. CUSHING, Mayor

KIM J. COLEMAN, City Recorder

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