

# Minutes of the Bountiful City Council Meeting

City Council Chambers  
February 2, 2000

Present: Mayor: John R. Cushing  
Council Members: Samuel R. Fowler, Barbara Holt, John S. Pitt, and J. Gordon Thomas

City Manager: Tom Hardy  
City Attorney: Russell Mahan  
City Engineer: Paul Rowland  
Admin. Services Dir.: Galen Rasmussen  
Dept. Representatives: Mark Franc, Engineering  
George Sumner, Fire  
Terry Thompson, Streets/Sanitation  
Recording Secretary: Nancy T. Lawrence

Excused: Councilman: Stewart Knowlton

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. James Davis, Boy Scout from Troop 220, led the pledge of allegiance to the flag, following which Mr. Rowland offered the invocation.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held January 26, 2000 were presented and unanimously approved as written on a motion made by Councilman Pitt and seconded by Councilwoman Holt. Councilpersons Thomas, Pitt, Holt, and Fowler voted "aye".

## **WEEKLY EXPENDITURES APPROVED FOR PERIOD JANUARY 21-27, 2000**

Mayor Cushing presented the report of Expenditures and Expenses Greater than \$1,000 for the period January 21-27, 2000 and total disbursements in the amount of \$294,446.23. The staff responded to several questions from the Council, following which this report was unanimously approved on a motion made by Councilman Fowler and seconded by Councilwoman Holt. Councilpersons Thomas, Pitt, Holt, and Fowler voted "aye".

## **APPROVAL GIVEN TO RELEASE EASEMENT AT 77 WEST BOULTON WAY**

Mr. Rowland explained that the owner (Mary Sellers) of Lots 411 and 410 at 77 West Boulton Way, has requested that the easement on the common property line between these two lots be released. The Sellers intend to use the two lots as one yard with a house on one lot and a swimming pool on the other lot. Each of the utilities that originally signed the subdivision plat has signed a Release of Easement form, and it is the recommendation of staff that this request be

granted. Councilman Thomas made a motion to this effect, Councilman Fowler seconded the motion, and Councilpersons Thomas, Pitt, Holt, and Fowler voted “aye”.

### **STORM WATER REGULATIONS REVIEWED**

Mark Franc presented a report on current storm water regulations and their impact on the City. He reviewed that Congress first passed the Clean Water Act in 1972 and he briefly explained changes which have been made to these regulations since that time. As they currently stand, these regulations were published in the Federal Register on December 8, 1999. Compliance deadlines extend until March 8, 2003. The Clean Water Act is founded on four non-negotiable principles: (1) no one has the right to pollute; (2) the EPA has been given the assignment by Congress to issue discharge permits; (3) permits must have certain levels of control, based on reasonable costs; and (4) the Act sets the limit of control.

In summary, operators of regulated Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) will be required to apply for a discharge permit, develop a storm water management program, implement the storm water management program using appropriate controls of “best management practices” (BMPs), develop measurable goals for the program, and provide periodic evaluation of the effectiveness of the program. Mr. Franc reviewed control measures which can be used by the City as storm water regulations are implemented. Bountiful City’s storm drain system consists of approximately 40 miles of underground storm drain line, just over 3 miles of concrete lined open ditch, several hundred miles of curb and gutter, hundreds of inlet boxes and manholes, several detention basins and sedimentation basins, and several miles of unlined streams and channels. The estimated annual cost for ongoing maintenance and repair of this drainage system is \$500,000, with an additional amount of approximately \$150,000 - \$200,000 to implement the new EPA regulations. Consideration will be given in the future to funding sources, public involvement in this area, and current and future storm water management needs.

### **“STATE OF THE CITY” MESSAGE**

Mayor Cushing delivered a “State of the City” address which focused on the hope of the new century and the excellent services which are provided for City residents. He noted that traffic accidents were down last year, fire losses over the past ten years have been lower than Davis County and the state-wide average, and our very reliable electrical system has provided the lowest rates in the state (providing a transfer of revenue to the General Fund to help offset property taxes) in addition to a very good level of service. The City water system meets all of the requirements of the Clean Water Act, while providing water service at a lower cost than any other surrounding community. The garbage collection system (a pioneer of automated refuse collection in the state) provides excellent service at rates lower than any other city in the state, and the sanitary landfill provides a convenient, safe, and reliable disposal site for waste. He noted that it is unfortunate that citizens who have been annexed into the City since the formation of the Davis County Solid Waste District cannot receive the same service for the same rates. Bountiful City roads are in excellent shape and the maintenance and snow removal is known throughout the state as the best there is. The recreation programs are varied and have been ranked among the top in the state.

Mayor Cushing noted that one of the challenges for the future will be to keep the level of service which presently exists, with ongoing upgrading and modernizing to keep neighborhoods desirable to live in. Another challenge will be to maintain the existing solid financial position and at the same time provide the essential services (police, fire, and streets) in the manner to which citizens are accustomed. Inasmuch as taxes have lagged behind expenditures, a way will have to be found over the long term to match the expenditure needs of the City's general services with the revenue to pay for them.

Another serious challenge is the fact that regulations passed down to the City by the State and Federal governments require funding, and the City is expected to provide that funding. With the retirement of several department heads and the loss of a large amount of institutional memory, a new challenge will be to instill in new employees a dedication to service, innovation and change. Power deregulation will present a new challenge of maintaining a power customer base that will provide the revenue necessary to continue with a positive return from the electrical utility.

The mayor concluded by stating that it is "appropriate to pause and look back with pride at those who have gone before"....and " we must exercise vision leadership... so in the future those who follow us will look back and thank us for acting with the same courage, vision, wisdom, and integrity of our forefathers." The mayor stated that he was honored and humbled to serve as mayor of Bountiful, and he looks forward to working with the citizens, staff, and Council as we move forward into the next millennium.

#### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

It was noted that the public information session regarding water rates will be held at the next regular meeting.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION**

At the request 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 voting was unanimous. Councilpersons Thomas, Pitt, Holt and Fowler voted "aye".

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

Mayor Cushing  
Councilpersons Thomas, Pitt, Holt, and Fowler  
Mr. Hardy  
Mr. Mahan

JOHN R. CUSHING, Mayor

KIM J. COLEMAN, City Recorder

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