

# Minutes of the Bountiful City Council Meeting

City Council Chambers  
February 9, 2000

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

City Manager: Tom Hardy  
City Attorney: Russell Mahan  
City Engineer: Paul Rowland  
Dep. City Recorder: Ralph Hill  
Recording Secretary: Nancy T. Lawrence

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. Councilman Thomas led the pledge of allegiance to the flag, following which the Mayor offered the opening prayer.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held February 2, 2000 will be presented for approval at the next regular meeting.

## **EXPENDITURES APPROVED FOR PERIODS JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 3, 2000 AND SUMMARY FOR JANUARY, 2000**

Mayor Cushing presented the report of Expenditures and Expenses Greater than \$1,000 and total disbursements for the period January 28 - February 3, 2000 in the amount of \$1,339,697.07, and the Summary of Expenses and Expenditures for the Month of January 2000 totaling \$3,316,150.66. The staff responded to several questions from the Council, following which both reports were unanimously approved on a motion made by Councilwoman Holt and seconded by Councilman Knowlton. Councilpersons Thomas, Pitt, Holt, Knowlton and Fowler voted "aye".

## **FINAL ACCEPTANCE GRANTED TO ORCHARD CREST, LEWIS ESTATES, AND LAKEVIEW TERRACE AMENDED SBDVNS.**

Mr. Rowland reported that the developers of Orchard Crest Subdivision, Lewis Estates Subdivision, and Lakeview Terrace Subdivision Amended have completed all of the site improvements as required by the City and these subdivisions are in compliance with City standards and specifications. He noted that the final sidewalk improvements in the Lakeview Terrace Subdivision Amended were completed under the direction of the City in 1997 as a result of the developer's failure to do so, and the City used the necessary bond funds to complete the work. It is the recommendation of staff that the Council grant final acceptance to these three

subdivisions, that the remaining portions of the respective bonds be released, and that the City take over the responsibility of maintenance and upkeep of the City streets and release the developers of any further obligations. Following discussion, Councilman Thomas made a motion to grant final acceptance, as recommended. Councilman Fowler seconded the motion. Councilpersons Thomas, Pitt, Holt, Fowler, and Knowlton voted “aye”.

### **2000-2001 BUDGET TIMETABLE REVIEWED**

Mr. Hardy reviewed the proposed 2000-2001 Budget Timetable with the Council, which commences with a retreat with department heads and the city manager on February 25, 2000, includes staff preparation between February 28 and April 7, 2000 and then provides for the Council Committees to meet with departments between April 17 and April 28. The tentative budget will be presented to the Council for adoption on May 3, at which time the date of the public hearing for final approval will also be set. The Council will review the proposed budgets on May 10 and 17, and the public hearing will be on June 14, with the final adoption scheduled June 21, 2000. Mr. Hardy asked if any of the Council had conflicts with the proposed timetable. Mayor Cushing indicated a possible conflict with the June meetings, but gave the go-ahead for approval of the schedule.

### **REVIEW OF BOUNTIFUL’S WATER MAIN LINE INSTALLATION POLICY**

Mr. Rowland reviewed that in 1971 the City Council adopted a resolution which defined how connection fees are paid when a water meter is installed, and how the main lines are constructed. The policy provides for developers to pay a set fee for the main line construction and the City contracts to have the line installed. The City designs the system and supervises the construction. By maintaining control of this construction, the City is able to bid a large amount of line at one time and receives a benefit of quantity discount, which helps keep the price down for both the City and the developers that are having the line installed.

Other benefits that result from the City installing the water lines are: (1) line sizes are controlled as recommended by the master plan and developers share equally in providing the larger trunk lines which are necessary for the system; (2) contaminations to the system are minimized by the work being done as scheduled by the City with proper oversight by inspectors; (3) a standard order of construction is enforced to reduce construction conflicts and insure the water lines will be installed at the proper depth. Water lines are only installed after the road is rough graded to a level that is ready to receive road base. This insures protection against freeze problems which would result if the lines are left too shallow.

Councilman Pitt asked how the developers feel about the City assuming the responsibility of constructing the water lines and Mr. Rowland said that he has not had one complaint from a developer regarding this policy. Councilman Knowlton, as an associate of Ivory Homes, explained that developers have learned not to complain because it puts them in bad light with the particular city they are working with and it is to their disadvantage in the long run. He stated that he is against the policy of the City controlling the water line installation process because it puts the City in the position of wearing two hats – a contractor and a government entity – which he

feels is an incorrect practice. He noted that developers are also frustrated by this policy because it often results in conflicts with the timetable of their work.

**WATER MAIN INSTALLATION FEE AND  
WATER METER INSTALL FEE INCREASED**

Mr. Rowland stated that the price charged for water line and meter installation has not been raised for several years and the fees have fallen behind actual construction costs. He recommended if the Council decides to continue the policy of maintaining control of the water line installation, that the following fee increases be approved:

Water main installation fee	Increase fee from \$20/ft. to \$25/ft.
Water meter installation fee	Increase fee from \$750/ea. to \$775/ea.

Councilman Pitt made a motion to approve the proposed fee increases and to maintain City control of extensions and changes to the City water line system. Councilwoman Holt seconded the motion, noting that this provides for maintaining the integrity of the system. The motion carried by a majority with Councilpersons Thomas, Pitt, Holt, and Fowler voting “aye” and Councilman Knowlton voting “nay”.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on a motion made by Councilman Fowler and seconded by Councilman Thomas. Councilpersons Thomas, Pitt, Holt, Fowler, and Knowlton voted “aye”.

JOHN R. CUSHING, Mayor

KIM J. COLEMAN, City Recorder

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