

# Minutes of the Bountiful City Council Meeting

City Council Chambers  
August 2, 2000 - 7:00 p.m.

Present:	Mayor Pro Tempore:	John S. Pitt
	Council Members:	Samuel R. Fowler, Barbara Holt, Stewart Knowlton and J. Gordon Thomas
	City Manager:	Tom Hardy
	City Engineer:	Paul Rowland
	Admin. Services Dir.:	Galen Rasmussen
	Planning/RDA Director:	Blaine Gehring
	Department Head:	Alan West, Information Systems
	Administrative Intern:	Cody Strong
	Recording Secretary:	Nancy T. Lawrence
Visitor:	State Representative:	Sheryl Allen
Excused:	Mayor:	John R. Cushing
	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 Pro-tem Pitt called the meeting to order, following which Councilwoman Holt led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The invocation was offered by Mayor Pro-tem Pitt.

Minutes of the regular meetings of the City Council held July 19 and July 26, 2000 were presented and unanimously approved as presented on a motion made by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilwoman Holt. Councilpersons Fowler, Holt, Knowlton, Pitt and Thomas voted "aye".

## **EXPENDITURES, EXPENSES, AND TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS APPROVED FOR PERIOD JULY 20 to 26, 2000**

Mayor Pro-tem Pitt presented the report of Expenditures and Expenses Greater than \$1,000 for the period July 20-26, 2000 with disbursements totaling \$337,690.97 and he called for comments. Following a short discussion, Councilman Fowler made a motion to approve the expenditures as presented, Councilman Knowlton seconded the motion and voting was unanimous. Councilpersons Fowler, Holt, Knowlton, Pitt and Thomas voted "aye".

## **REVIEW OF BOUNTIFUL CITY WEB PAGE - PROGRESS AND UPDATE**

Mr. West reviewed that the Bountiful City web page was first started in 1997 and since that time has been in a state of transition and progress. Recent additions to the web page are links to the Power Department, Police Department, City Council minutes, and intra-City e-mail. Mr. Strong, who has had responsibility for updating the web page, explained that through the use of Adobe Acrobat, business documents such as applications for a business license, employment applications, and the City Code can be downloaded. It is planned that in the near future these

documents can be completed and submitted on line, using html PDF.

The next improvement which is planned for the web page is to have a search engine unique to the City which will search for dates, names, places, by key phrases, etc., allowing information to be more accessible to staff and citizens. On-line payments are also planned for utility payments, business license applications, parking tickets and other fines, etc. He reviewed the benefits of providing the upgrades to the web page and then noted that the City has three choices when considering the upgrades: (1) the web page can be left as is; (2) new features can be implemented as the workload will permit, with existing personnel; or (3) pursue an aggressive development of the web page using a Web Master.

The costs of outsourcing were briefly discussed and it was noted that there is nothing in the budget to cover additional expenses for a Web Master. It was also noted that the names of Bountiful City.org and Bountiful City.net belong to the City. Bountiful City.com is currently owned by someone else and the City has made an offer to purchase this name. Mr. Hardy complimented Mr. Strong for the work he has done on the web page; there was no action on this item.

### **REVIEW WATER SUPPLY STATUS**

Mr. Rowland reviewed the situation which took place last week when a fire hydrant was left open, flooding residents and draining a reservoir. Although the reservoir was drained, because of the configuration of other reservoirs and trunk lines, the City was able to re-fill the emptied reservoir without a crisis to residents. Residents are currently using 8.2 million gallons of water a day.

He referred to a diagram on the board which depicted *sources* of water, *reservoirs*, and the *trunk lines* that connect the system. He noted that a weakness of the water system is that the sources are at the bottom (west of Davis Boulevard), and the storage facilities are above Davis Boulevard. Most storage is north of North Canyon and there are no secondary water sources south of North Canyon, resulting in an extra burden on culinary water. The total storage capacity for culinary water is 17,950,000 gallons; total irrigation storage is 52,000,000 gallons. A recent addition to the water system is the booster pump added at 3100 South which permits use of water not used by South Davis. He explained that South Davis runs only a few hours a day and has excellent sources of water.

Discussion turned to the fact that this has been a low water year and there is a need to emphasize conservation. City ordinance provides for no watering during the hot portion of the day (10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.). If residents water during those times, they are first warned with a letter that this is in violation of the ordinance. If a second infraction occurs, a \$100 fine is assessed and added to their water bill.

### **EMPLOYEE RESIDENCY STATUS REVIEWED**

Mr. Hardy reviewed that 44 percent of the City employees lives within the corporate limits. Ninety-two percent live in Davis County, with four living north of Davis County and 10 south of Davis County. The labor market is more competitive than it used to be and there are less people applying for City jobs than in the past.

Alternatives which might be considered by the City are to require certain employees to live either within the City or within a certain number of miles if their job description requires that they respond to emergencies (fire, police, power, water, etc.). The only employee presently required to live in the City is the city manager. The following procedures could be used if the Council wished to encourage employees to live within City limits: (1) provide a low-interest loan program; (2) provide a salary differential for living within the corporate limits; (3) provide a price break on utilities; and (4) in the case of the police who are in the car-per-man program, charge a mileage fee if they live too far away.

Mr. Hardy noted that this issue is not a cause for immediate concern; however, it needs to be monitored over a period of time, particularly as it relates to night and weekend emergencies and the use of City cars as an employee benefit.

### **REVIEW OF BUS BENCHES WITHIN THE CITY**

Mayor Pro-tem Pitt referred to a packet of materials which had been prepared for the Council and then turned the time to Mr. Gehring to review the bus bench situation within the City. Mr. Gehring reviewed that Metro outdoor Benches has been providing bus benches with sponsors along the Wasatch Front and in Bountiful City for 28 years. It was originally owned by a nationwide company and is now owned by Charles Schwab. At the time Mr. Schwab purchased the rights to provide this service, all benches were repaired or replaced, painted and generally upgraded for comfort and beautification. The benches are provided (1) to provide resting spots for local UTA patrons; (2) to save state and federal tax dollars providing and maintaining the benches; and (3) to provide an opportunity for local small businesses to sponsor a bench and receive recognitions and awareness (advertising). Previously, the City received a payment from the owner of the benches; however, at some point in time, this payment was stopped.

This issue is brought before the Council because there are some benches in the City which are not on approved spots (not owned by Mr. Schwab). Mr. Gehring asked the Council their opinion on (1) the placement of the benches; (2) should other companies be allowed to place benches; and/or (3) should the benches be dis-allowed altogether?

A lengthy discussion followed regarding the concept of off-premise advertising, the value of the bench at bus stops and the placement as it relates to private property rights. Mr. Schwab was in attendance and showed pictures of the new type of bench that is proposed for use in Bountiful. He stressed that his company places the benches only in spots where permission has been given by the City and they (Metro) have always tried to respond quickly if a problem is called to their attention.

Following discussion, Mayor Pro-tem Pitt suggested that the City pursue a fair approach to all businesses, that the benches must fit within the sign ordinance, and benches be placed as needed in terms of ridership of UTA. Mr. Schwab acknowledged that the City should "call the shots". However, he noted that other bench businesses have "come and gone" over the years, not being able to make the business profitable. Mr. Hardy suggested that the issue receive more study from the staff.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilman Thomas reported that a “grundle” of names have been suggested for naming the City parks. At the end of this month, the committee will try to narrow the names down to ten.

Mayor Pro-tem Pitt reported that the merchants in the City are preparing for Sidewalk Days and he invited interested Council members to assist with the distribution of Bountiful Bucks. The Youth Council will also be helping with this project. There are presently 40 participants in the “Buy it in Bountiful” program and there is a Web site that links to the City home page.

Councilman Thomas asked about issue addressed by Richard Sharp and Mr. Hardy indicated that this will be handled in the Traffic Safety Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m. on a motion made by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilman Fowler. Voting was unanimous with Councilpersons Holt, Fowler, Pitt, Thomas, and Knowlton voting “aye”.

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JOHN S. PITT, Mayor Pro Tempore

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KIM J. COLEMAN, City Recorder

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