

**Minutes of a Study Session of the
Bountiful City Council
Planning Conference Room
March 2, 2004 - 7:17 p.m.**

Present:	Mayor:	Joe L. Johnson
	Council Members:	Richard Higginson, Barbara Holt, Fred Moss, John Pitt and Thomas Tolman
	City Manager:	Tom Hardy
	City Attorney:	Rusty Mahan
	City Engineer:	Paul Rowland
	City Recorder:	Kim J. Coleman
	City Planner:	Aric Jensen
	Police Officer:	Julie Feigelsen

Minutes recorded by Kim J. Coleman and transcribed by Nancy Lawrence.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. and called on Councilman Pitt to lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Councilman Moss offered the prayer/thought. The Mayor then introduced and welcomed Warren Pettey, newly assigned reporter for the Davis County Clipper.

Mayor Johnson introduced the new Planning and Redevelopment Director, Aric Jensen, to those in attendance. Aric was formerly with Centerville City and has worked for Davis County and West Valley City prior to that time.

The Mayor explained that the purpose of the study session was to discuss direction, goals, projects, and priorities for the future. He recognized approximately ten other citizens in attendance and asked if there were specific items which they came to hear about. Mike Sonderman commented that he and his three companions were in attendance to hear discussion about the "B" area east of Bountiful. Although this had been discussed in an earlier meeting, the Mayor agreed to hear their concerns. Mr. Sonderman commented that the US Forest Service has erected signs indicating closure of Skyline Drive to everything except snowmobiles from November to April. He felt it unfair to deny access to trucks and jeeps, and said that the snowmobiles caused much more noise and disturbance than the other vehicles. Following discussion of this matter, Mr. Sonderman stated that he and his companions (members of several 4-wheel drive clubs) would be willing to put forth the manpower to help develop trails for use by 4-wheeling.

Kelly Parsons, homeowner who lives directly below the "B", expressed extreme concern about snowmobilers and other OHV riders in the area. He indicated recent endangerment to his child by a careless snowmobile rider and having riders come right through his yard. Following a discussion regarding the problems related to snowmobilers, Mr. Parsons also offered to help with construction of trails and parking areas away from the private yards.

Discussion moved to fire department consolidation and/or paramedic service and the Mayor and Mr. Hardy reported the current status of this issue. Legislative items were also reviewed, including Utopia, the RAP tax, and E-911 Center funding.

In response to a request from the Mayor, Mr. Hardy reported on the status of the current budget and the outlook for next year's budget. Of major concern is the shortage of power related to the drought conditions. It is anticipated that the City will lose 33 percent of the CRSP allocation (which costs only about half as much as the next least expensive resource and provides a significant portion of our power). Other power resources were discussed and it was noted that a power rate increase could earnestly be considered.

Other matters that were discussed were economic development, development of a web-based database and increased use of the web site for City business. Mr. Hardy recommended that, rather than trying to allocate our already overloaded data processing staff to web design, that we hire an expert to design our web page. Police resource officers, preservation of the historic district of the City and the transportation feasibility study were then discussed.

The Mayor and Council ranked the items discussed to provide focus for "more pressing" issues and it was noted that the next step would be to determine how much, if any funding, would be allocated by the Council to address these items.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m. on a motion made by Councilman Higginson and seconded by Councilman Tolman. Voting was unanimous with Councilpersons Higginson, Holt, Moss, Pitt and Tolman voting "aye".

JOE L. JOHNSON, Mayor

KIM J. COLEMAN, City Recorder

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