

**Minutes of the
Bountiful City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
January 13, 2004 - 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Mayor: Joe L. Johnson
Council Members: Richard Higginson, Barbara Holt, R. Fred Moss, John S. Pitt, and Thomas Tolman
City Manager: Tom Hardy
City Attorney: Russell Mahan
Administrative Director: Galen Rasmussen
City Engineer: Paul Rowland
Dept. Representatives: Mark Franc, Engineering
Neal Jenkins, Parks and Recreation
George Sumner, Fire
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 Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. He reviewed a letter from a citizen complimenting the City on excellent services, particularly snow removal, and requested that this expression of appreciation be passed on to the Street Department and those who have helped with snow removal. Mr. Hardy reviewed a concern by Utah atheists regarding the practice of having a prayer in public meetings and he explained the position of the Supreme Court on this matter. Councilwoman Holt led the pledge of allegiance to the flag, following which Councilman Pitt offered a thought/prayer.

MINUTES APPROVED FOR TWO PAST MEETINGS

Minutes of the regular City Council meetings held December 9, 2003 and December 16, 2003 were presented and approved as written on a motion made by Councilman Pitt and seconded by Councilwoman Holt. Voting was unanimous with Councilpersons Higginson, Holt, Moss, Pitt, and Tolman voting "aye".

**WEEKLY EXPENDITURES AND/OR MONTHLY
EXPENDITURE REPORTS APPROVED FOR NOVEMBER
AND DECEMBER PERIODS**

Mayor Johnson presented the following reports of Expenditures and Expenses Greater than \$1,000: period November 27 - December 10, 2003 (\$1,186,746.47); period December 11 - 31, 2003 (\$2,054,796.07); and the November 2003 Summary of Expenditures and Expenses in the amount of \$3,725,352.06. The staff responded to questions, following which Councilman Moss made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented. Councilman Higginson seconded the motion and voting was unanimous with Councilpersons Higginson, Holt, Moss, Pitt, and Tolman voting "aye".

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE APPROVED FOR 2004

Mayor Johnson reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for 2004, with City Council regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. and Redevelopment Agency Board of Director meetings at 6:45 p.m. (before City Council meeting) as needed. Councilman Higginson motioned to approve this schedule as presented in the Public Notice. Councilwoman

Holt seconded the motion and voting was unanimous. Councilpersons Higginson, Holt, Moss, Pitt, and Tolman voted "aye".

**ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT WITH
DAVIS COUNTY RENEWED FOR 2004 SERVICE YEAR**

Mr. Hardy reviewed that the City has had an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Davis County Animal Control for about fifteen years. He said that the service, which includes licensing and regulation, pickup and disposal of animals, has been cost effective and is deemed a reasonable way to provide these services to Bountiful citizens. The proposed contract is identical to last year's, with no increase in rates (\$36,174.00). Councilman Tolman made a motion to renew the animal control contract with Davis County for the 2004 service year. Councilman Pitt seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Councilpersons Higginson, Holt, Moss, Pitt, and Tolman voted "aye".

**BID FOR GOLF COURSE IRRIGATION POND RECONSTRUCTION
AWARDED TO ERICKSON LANDSCAPING**

Mr. Rowland explained that the holding pond near the #2 and #18 tees is partially filled with silt carried in by the creek and spring water used to irrigate the golf course. The capacity of the pond has been reduced to the point that there is not enough water stored in the pond to make one complete watering cycle. If the water line used to fill the pond was lost, the pond would be dry before the entire course could be watered once. Therefore, the staff has included in the budget a project to increase the capacity of the pond. Proposals were requested and two were received. He reviewed the two proposals and stated that it is the recommendation of staff to accept the proposal from Erickson Landscaping in the amount of \$84,375.00 (with the not to exceed amount of \$95,000.00 to provide an earthwork contingency with consideration of the time of year in which the work will be done).

The staff responded to questions from the Council and clarified the nature of the work that will be done and the desired outcomes. The construction schedule provides for water to be back in the pond before April 1st. The project will be funded by the Golf Course capital improvements fund. Councilman Pitt made a motion to accept the proposal from Erickson Landscaping, as presented. Councilman Higginson seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous with Councilpersons Higginson, Holt, Moss, Pitt, and Tolman voting "aye"

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Johnson reminded the Council of Elected Officials Legislative Day on January 21, 2004 and encouraged their attendance. The mayor also noted that a meeting will be held with Congressman Bishop at City Hall (6:00 p.m.) and our local legislators at 7 p.m. at the Bountiful Library on Thursday, January 15th.

Councilwoman Holt suggested that citizens be reminded that the project recently conducted by the Fire Department to provide smoke detectors is coming to an end, but that citizens, upon request, can have their homes inspected and smoke detectors provided. She suggested that this information be included in the monthly newsletter or with the utility bills.

Mr. Rowland reported that the 100 East well has been adapted to provide a source of non-fluoridated water.

STUDY SESSION TO REVIEW GOALS FOR THE YEAR

At 7:42 p.m. Councilman Higginson made a motion to adjourn from the regular City Council meeting to a study session in the Conference Room, and that an executive session be held after the study session for the purpose of discussing the acquisition of real property. Councilman Tolman seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Councilpersons Higginson, Holt, Moss, Pitt, and Tolman voted "aye"

The study session began at 7:45 p.m. with Mr. Hardy presenting a snapshot of where the City presently is in terms of growth, future goals, and transitions. He noted the following:

1. The City is 99+ percent built-out, relieving the problems of master planning for roads, future parks, and matching services with future growth. A negative to this fact is that there is no land available for big commercial development.
2. The City is getting older, presenting a challenge for neighborhood preservation and stability.
3. The transition in commercial development which is taking place across the United States (to a "Big Box" store) could draw retail sales away from Bountiful and reduce sales tax revenue.
4. Bountiful is in good financial health with low taxes and low tax rates.
5. The public infrastructure is in good shape.
6. The City has great employees which results in great service for citizens. Mr. Hardy commended the City departments for their inter-departmental cooperation and cited several examples where this results in better services for less expense.

It was noted that the task before the Council is to determine what the citizens expect in terms of service and then to make sure that the department heads have the tools needed to keep the infrastructure and services at the desired level.

Discussion turned to goals and expectations for 2005 and beyond. Mayor Johnson noted he feels that the Recreation Center is a major goal, with the RAP tax a proposed source of funding. Discussion focused on possible funding formulas, including other cities, the RAP tax and bonding. It was noted that ongoing operation and maintenance costs must be included in the financial planning, particularly as it relates to a multi-city project. Mr. Hardy reviewed a proposed bill that Representative Sheryl Allen will be introducing in this session of the legislature to create the RAP tax, shifting 1/10 of 1 percent of sales tax to RAP, thus shifting the burden for these facilities from the property taxpayer.

Mr. Hardy reviewed the proposal to create the South Davis Metro Fire Department and medical services (to include paramedics). Operating costs for the proposed consolidated Fire Department would be increased by ~\$190,000/year and this cost would need to be offset by a property tax allocation for paramedics (presently budgeted at the County level). It was noted that

although the cost for the consolidated service would increase, so would the level of service, resulting in a quicker response time, a higher level of training, and possible lower insurance rates. It was the general consensus that consolidation of the fire departments would not be worth it unless paramedic services are included in the fire department versus the Sheriff's office where they are currently based. Chief Sumner noted that if the paramedics were included in the Fire Department, it would provide additional firefighters and thus improve the service of the Fire Department.

Councilman Pitt provided a planning sheet on which the Council could prioritize proposed projects. He also focused on the need to address economic development and support for City businesses in an effort to preserve the sales tax revenue. To this end, Mr. Hardy asked the Council: "How willing are you to acquire and rezone property, and how aggressive do you want to be in economic development?" Mr. Rowland noted that help is needed for economic development issues. He also noted that a site plan is coming before the Planning Commission for a new restaurant at 300 North Main. Councilman Tolman noted that the Historical Commission would also like to have a location on Main Street.

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 10:08 p.m.

Attendance at Executive Session

Mayor Johnson
Councilpersons Higginson, Holt, Moss, Pitt, and Tolman
Mr. Hardy
Mr. Mahan
Mr. Rowland
Mr. Franc

JOE L. JOHNSON, Mayor

KIM J. COLEMAN, City Recorder

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