

**Minutes of the
Bountiful City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
Tuesday, July 10, 2001 - 7:00 p.m.**

Present:	Mayor	John R. Cushing
	Council Members	Samuel R. Fowler, Barbara Holt, Stewart Knowlton, John Pitt, and J. Gordon Thomas
	City Manager	Tom Hardy
	City Attorney	Russell Mahan (arrived 7:25 p.m.)
	City Engineer	Paul Rowland
	Admin. Serv. Director	Galen D. Rasmussen
	Dept. Heads	Cliff Michaelis, Power Department David Wilding, Water Department
	Recording Secretary	Ellen H. Call

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., then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Councilmember Pitt offered the invocation.

MINUTES APPROVED FOR JUNE 26, 2001

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting held June 26, 2001 were presented and unanimously approved as written on a motion made by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilman Fowler. Councilpersons Fowler, Holt, Knowlton, Pitt, and Thomas voted "aye".

**EXPENDITURES, EXPENSES, AND TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS
APPROVED FOR THREE PERIODS**

Reports of expenditures and expenses greater than \$1,000 were presented for the periods June 14-20 (\$369,944.24), June 21-27 (\$1,571,582.29), and June 28 - July 4 (\$575,701.43). After questions by Councilmembers Thomas and Holt were answered, all reports were approved on a motion by Councilman Pitt, seconded by Councilwoman Holt. Voting was unanimous, with Councilmembers Fowler, Holt, Knowlton, Pitt, and Thomas voting "aye".

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING CITY EMPLOYEE

This item was postponed until a future meeting.

**APPROVAL GIVEN TO PURCHASE BACKHOE
FOR WATER DEPARTMENT**

Dave Wilding explained that after the 2001-02 budget was prepared, it was brought to his attention that the department's 1985 backhoe-loader machine is in need of significant repairs to maintain it in a safe and operable condition. The Scott Machinery representative suggested two

options: (1) Repair the old machine for approximately \$9,000 and continue using it, or (2) trade it in now on a low-hour, year-old used machine.

It is the recommendation of the staff to replace the old machine with a smaller one which would be more maneuverable and would allow more flexibility in their operations. Inasmuch as this item was not included in the 2001-02 budget, it would be necessary to re-open the budget to take funds from the operating and replacement reserves to cover the cost. Scott Machinery has quoted a price for a used John Deere 310E loader backhoe plus several accessories, less trade-in allowance of \$12,500 for the old machine, of \$55,315.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the proposed trade-in, the idea of sharing equipment with other departments in the city, the availability of funds to cover the cost, buying a new versus used machine, brand of equipment, advisability of repairing the old machine for continued use, etc., Tom Hardy reiterated the staff's opinion that it would be more cost-effective and efficient to trade the old machine in at this time for the slightly used backhoe offered by the supplier.

(Russell Mahan arrived at the meeting, 7:25 p.m.)

Councilman Pitt made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$56,000 for the trade-in\purchase of a used backhoe from Scott Machinery as bid. Councilman Fowler seconded the motion and voting was unanimous, with Councilmembers Fowler, Holt, Knowlton, Pitt, and Thomas voting "aye".

PURCHASE OF TRANSFORMERS APPROVED

Cliff Michaelis reported that Cooper Power Systems offered the city a bid price for single-phase transformers in December, 1998, then extended that price to the end of the year 2000. Western States Electric Supply, the distributor for Cooper, has agreed to offer that same blanket price for an additional year, to the end of 2001. This is a good bid extension offer, and staff and the Power Commission recommend purchasing a supply of transformers to replenish their inventory at a cost of \$41,640. Councilman Fowler made a motion to extend the blanket bid price and make the purchase as outlined by Mr. Michaelis. Councilman Knowlton seconded the motion and voting was unanimous, with Councilmembers Fowler, Holt, Knowlton, Pitt, and Thomas voting "aye".

At the request of Mr. Hardy, Mr. Michaelis gave an update report on activities at the Power Department. He stated that the five megawatt turbine project was substantially completed and ready for operation on July 2. There were very few problems associated with installing the unit and it seems to be working efficiently, with little impact on air quality. He reported that a new control panel was placed on the seven megawatt generator at the plant to try to solve some operational problems they had been experiencing, and they are optimistic that the problems have now been solved. The three emergency diesels at the northwest substation have been operating well; San Juan went down but is now in operation again. Councilman Pitt asked how the citizen power conservation program is working, and Cliff reported that despite the high temperatures, an all-time power usage peak has not been reached this year.

COUNCIL ADOPTS FINDINGS OF FACT AND ORDER OF ABATEMENT – UNFINISHED HOME AT 1367 E. GRANADA DRIVE

Mr. Mahan reviewed that a public hearing was held on June 26 on an Order to Show Cause concerning the unfinished home at this location, and part of the Council's instructions requested that the written findings be prepared. This has been completed, incorporating all of the written documents that have been submitted, and factual findings have been identified, with an order that the nuisance be abated (a) by completion (the acquisition of an occupancy permit), or (b) if not completed in a timely manner, by demolition. A motion was made by Councilman Thomas to adopt the Findings of Fact and Order of Abatement as outlined by the City Attorney, seconded by Councilmember Holt, and voting was unanimous. Councilmembers Fowler, Holt, Knowlton, Pitt, and Thomas voted "aye".

APPOINTMENTS MADE TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Mayor Cushing reported that a vacancy on the Board of Adjustment occurred when Kevin Murray's term of office expired on July 1. He recommended that Dean Holbrook, who currently serves as an alternate member, now be appointed as a full member of the Board for a five-year term, expiring July 1, 2006, to fill the vacant seat. He also made the recommendation that Michael Allen be appointed as an alternate member of the board to complete Dean Holbrook's term, which will expire on July 1, 2004. The recommendation received unanimous approval on a motion by Councilman Thomas, seconded by Councilman Pitt. Councilmembers Fowler, Holt, Knowlton, Pitt, and Thomas voted "aye".

RES. 2001-04 ADOPTED -- PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR 2001-02

Galen Rasmussen stated that Davis County has notified Bountiful City that the amount of the Certified Tax Rate for the 2001-02 fiscal year will be .001195, which represents a decrease of about 10% from last year. Councilman Pitt made a motion to adopt Resolution 2001-04, A RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX RATE AND LEVYING TAXES UPON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF BOUNTIFUL, UTAH, MADE TAXABLE FOR THE YEAR 2001. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion and voting was unanimous, with Councilmembers Fowler, Holt, Knowlton, Pitt, and Thomas voting "aye".

CONTRACT AWARDED TO AMEREX CORP. FOR SIDEWALK TRIP HAZARD ELIMINATION

Mayor Cushing reminded the Council of the field trip they recently took to evaluate work done on uneven sections of sidewalk in an effort to eliminate trip hazards. A quote has now been received to begin this project. Mr. Rowland clarified the fact that this amount would cover costs for work done this year, and a similar amount will be budgeted each year for the next 8-9 years to cover the entire city. He also stated that this process will not eliminate the city's 50/50 sidewalk replacement program. They intend to begin the work around schools throughout the city. Councilman Knowlton made a motion to award the bid to Amerex Corp. at \$12.00 per in-ft. for this year's approximately 5,000 in-ft. project, at a total cost of \$60,000. Councilmember Holt seconded the motion and voting was unanimous. Councilmembers Fowler, Holt, Knowlton, Pitt, and Thomas voted "aye".

CITY HALL TO CHANGE TO

4-10 WORK WEEK SCHEDULE

Mayor Cushing referred to a memorandum which was sent to each Council member, explaining in detail a proposal to change the work week at City Hall to a 4-10 schedule (7 a.m. to 6 p.m.), with City Hall being closed to the public on Fridays. Councilman Thomas expressed his concern that it would make a very long day for the employees. Tom Hardy clarified that this proposal would affect City Hall only – other departments in the city will retain their traditional schedule. He also pointed out that the 4-10 arrangement would allow employees to schedule appointments, school visits, etc., for Friday, thereby eliminating the necessity to take time off. In addition, road miles (including congestion and air pollution) would be cut down by eliminating one day of travel to and from work. Another advantage to the city would be the savings in utility usage.

Mr. Hardy suggested that the main reason for this proposal is to offer a convenience to the citizens who are serviced at City Hall, allowing them to do business before or after work. It was agreed that there would be sufficient notice to the public of this change, and response cards will be available for public comment. An evaluation of the change in hours will be made after the trial period from citizen feedback and comments. Councilman Pitt voiced his concerns that the extra hours available during the week would not offset the inconvenience of a Friday closure, and also the combination of schedules throughout the city departments would be confusing to the citizens.

After further discussion, Councilmember Holt made a motion to implement the 4-10 work week at City Hall on a trial basis, beginning September 1, for a period not to exceed six months. Councilman Knowlton seconded the motion, and the suggestion was made that a permanent decision be made after the six-month trial period. Voting was in the majority, with Councilmembers Fowler, Holt, Knowlton, and Thomas voting “aye”. Councilmember Pitt voted “nay”.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Paul Rowland announced that there are some matters to be considered by the Traffic Safety Committee, and set Tuesday, July 17th at 4:00 for a meeting.

Tom Hardy told the Council that the revised sign ordinance has been thoroughly reviewed by staff and will be on the Planning Commission meeting agenda next week. Copies of the proposed ordinance will be sent to the Council in their weekly packet, and it should be on the City Council agenda for consideration on July 31st.

Councilman Thomas reported that the Community Service Council will be meeting on August 11 at 8:00 a.m. and will take a field trip to two parks to determine a site for locating the park identification signs. Neal Jenkins is in the process of obtaining bids on the signs, and will present his findings to the Council at a future meeting for their approval.

At 8:15 p.m. Councilman Fowler made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Thomas. Councilmembers Fowler, Holt, Knowlton, Pitt, and Thomas voted “aye”.

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Attendance at Executive Session

Mayor John Cushing
Councilmembers Fowler, Holt, Knowlton, Pitt, and Thomas
Tom Hardy
Russell Mahan
Cliff Michaelis

JOHN R. CUSHING, Mayor

KIM J. COLEMAN, City Recorder

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