

BOUNTIFUL CITY NEWSLETTER

The City of Beautiful Homes and Gardens

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City Council Adopts \$41.5 Million Budget Which Includes Expanded Fire Protection

The Bountiful City Council has formally adopted a \$41.5 million budget for the 1997-98 fiscal year. Passed on Sept. 3, the budget includes the first tax increase in the city since the floods of 1983 when a one-year levy was imposed to help pay for flood damage.

The new property tax levy, which will become part of the certified tax rate, is to pay for the hiring of five new full-time firefighters to increase the manning of the two fire stations. This increased manpower will especially be utilized during weekday daytime hours when most part-time firefighters are working other jobs and are not available for call-back assignments.

The new budget does not contain any increase in fees for electric, water or sewer rates. There is a \$1 increase (from \$2 to \$3 per month) for a second garbage can, although the \$6 per month charge for the first can remains unchanged. *In fact, as the accompanying charts indicate, Bountiful City's "cost-of-living" index is lower than any other city in South Davis County, and lower than any city of its size in Utah.*

Some of the large capital items included in the budget are two new culinary water reservoirs. The first is located near Hannah Holbrook School on property owned by the city, while the second is located east of Bountiful Boulevard in the newly-annexed area to serve existing and new development on the high east bench. Both reservoirs are being paid for out of existing reserves and impact fees charged to new developers, so water rates will not have to increase as a result of this construction.

A portion of the city's 46kv line that loops the city and provides power to the five

substations will be upgraded, part of a five-year project to assure greater reliability and safety for power delivery. The budget also includes money to modernize the office and warehouse facilities of the power department.

Finally, the budget includes funds to relocate the Arts Center to the Civic Center complex, and to update and modernize the old public safety building to serve as the Arts

Center. This project is being paid for through the proceeds of the sale of the old Arts Center, so no taxpayer funds are being used in the relocation. (Bountiful City does provide \$50,000 in funding to the Arts Center as well as funding for the Community Theater and the Community Choir, all of which will base their operations out of the new Arts Center.)

"Bountiful City's Cost Of Living Index Is Lower Than Any Comparable Utah City"

City	Water 6000 gal	Sewer	Electricity 800 Kwt	Garbage 1 can	Prop. Tx 97-98	Franchise Tax*	TOTAL
Ogden	\$118.20	127.92	657.00	127.80	457.30	81.48	\$1,569.70
Clearfield	\$90.00	136.90	657.00	221.16	211.21	81.48	\$1,397.65
Layton	\$86.40	138.00	657.00	180.00	213.08	56.28	\$1,330.76
Orem	\$99.24	204.24	657.00	108.84	174.28	73.37	\$1,316.97
Provo	\$105.84	54.60	706.08	114.00	219.16	84.36	\$1,284.04
West Jordan	\$97.44	156.96	657.00	78.48	200.37	69.13	\$1,259.38
Brigham City	\$75.36	289.20	670.08	88.92	127.62	0	\$1,251.18
Sandy	\$129.94	78.00	657.00	112.05	148.29	81.48	\$1,206.76
Murray	\$105.12	102.72	661.68	30.00	111.17	42.00	\$1,052.69
Bountiful	\$80.76	60.00	529.56	72.00	123.23	73.80	\$939.35

*gas based on levelized \$50 billing monthly; electrical based on average 800 kwt consumption monthly; telephone based on local lin charge portion subject to the franchise fee.

**How Does Bountiful Compare With
Other South Davis Cities?
See Cost Of Living Index Comparison Box On Page 3.**

I Appreciate The Opportunity To Serve A Great City

This year, 1997, we have celebrated the arrival of the pioneers to the Salt Lake Valley 150 years ago. While the July 24th event and celebration was appropriate, it is important to note that this did not end the pioneer trek. Many pioneers followed, and those who came to the valley were sometimes asked to continue on and colonize and settle other parts of the territory.

One of these pioneers was a man named Perrigrine Sessions. Arriving in Salt Lake City after having crossed the plains in September, 1847, he was asked by Brigham Young to continue on. Obediently, on September 27, 1847, Perrigrine moved his family about nine miles north of Salt Lake City to an unnamed place, constructed a dugout with skins for a roof, and he and his family became the first settlers of what is today Bountiful, Utah, the second oldest settlement in the State.

Like so many other efforts, however, the building of a city took the combined energy of many others who would follow. The early families—Call, Barlow, Hatch, Moss, Tolman, Holbrook, Stoker, Pace, etc.—committed with their sweat and tears to make this community a beautiful place for them and their families. Today, as Bountiful approaches 40,000 population, each of us has an opportunity to make a difference in our community, and leave it better than we found it.

For the past 17 years I have been honored to be the city manager of this outstanding community. I have grown to love it, to admire and respect its citizens, to appreciate how dedicated its employees are, to realize how blessed we have

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been to have dedicated mayors and councilmembers whose integrity is of the highest caliber, and to understand how unique this city is in terms of its mission and success. During the floods of 1983, I gained an insight into how strong and unbreakable the will of this community is, as we worked together to deal with seemingly insurmountable problems and came out on top.

With less than one officer per 1,000 population, we have one of the lowest crime rates in the state. With less than 20 full-time firefighters and a dedicated group of part-time firefighters, we have had, over the last 10 years, one of the lowest fire loss ratios of any city in the state. We have the lowest overall cost of services and our water, sewer, electric, and sanitation systems are the envy of the state. We have little or no public debt, and have sufficient financial resources for the present, in spite of having a tax rate that is among the lowest of any city in our County or in the State. We have one of the highest participation rates in soccer, basketball, football, and other youth programs.

We have become more than the “City of Beautiful Homes and Gardens”—although we are certainly that. We have become a city whose light literally shines as a beacon to all those who pass through it.

I recently had the opportunity to accept another position as State Olympic Coordinator. I was honored to be asked to do the job by Governor Leavitt, and was confirmed by the Senate to serve in that position. However, after intense introspection and review, and with the support of Mayor Cushing and the City Council, I have decided to continue as city manager, hopefully for years to come. I commit to utilize whatever talents, energy, and ability I have to continue to keep this community citizen-oriented, quality-driven, financially self-sufficient, and up-to-date in its public infrastructure. I thank all of you for the support, the trust, and the confidence that you place in me and in the other 175 full-time and 200+ part-time employees who serve you. We pledge to continue to earn that support.



Tom Hardy listens to a citizen suggestion at a City Council meeting. Despite Senate confirmation to be the State's Olympic Coordinator, he decided to stay with Bountiful City.

City Is Fortunate To Have Leadership In Key Positions

By Mayor John Cushing

A prominent Utah educator of the past once said, “Let us realize that the privilege to work is a gift; that power to work is a blessing; that love of work is success.” In August, Jack Balling, our City Engineer and Public Works Director, retired after 30 years of service to our

community. This month, Tom Hardy, our City Manager of 17 years, was to have left the city to accept a position with the State of Utah. As the state's Olympic Coordinator, he would have represented all the citizens of Utah. In the not-too-distant future, Arden Jenson, Bountiful's Recorder and Finance Director, will be retiring. He has been employed by the city for 34 years. If the above quote is true, these three men have enjoyed their work and certainly met with success.

Tom Hardy has been a most effective manager and administrator. He has a wealth of knowledge of every area of municipal government. That, with his skills to communicate and articulate his thoughts

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orally and in writing, have made him a valuable resource to our elected officials here in the city. The Utah League of Cities and Towns and many others have placed value in his opinions and expertise as well. The legislature deals with issues each year affecting cities in Utah, and Tom has been a champion of our cause. Other professionals and his peers have continually expressed respect for his professional ability. We are pleased that Tom has reconsidered leaving and will remain here to serve as Bountiful City Manager. We know that our staff and the citizens of Bountiful welcome this news and will continue to benefit from his leadership.

Jack Balling, a professional engineer, has seen tremendous change and growth since leaving a promising personal career to come to work for the city. Virtually all construction has come under his review. He has had the challenging responsibility to see that all building and construction has complied with every law, code and ordinance. This, at times, is a weighty assignment because he, as the city's messenger, has had to defend the wishes of the city's governing body. We wish Jack, with his wife and family, every happiness during his retirement years. He will keep busy, and he now has time to enjoy many of the things which he has postponed.

I'll have more to say about our City Recorder when he retires next year.

City Soon To Be On The Web



The Bountiful Youth Council is working with volunteer Shawn Frazier to develop an Internet web page, according to information systems manager Mark McRae.

“Shortly, citizens will be able to access information on recreation facilities, and City Council minutes or agendas,” said McRae. “Within the next several years, we will have expanded the web page to let citizens sign up for city services, review their utility account and generally do business with the city from their own personal computer.”

Watch for future information.

The Cost Of Living Index Comparison For South Davis County

City	Water 6000 gal	Sewer	Electricity 800 Kwt	Garbage 1 can	Prop. Tx 97-98	Franchise Tax	TOTAL
Centerville	\$200.40	60.00	657.00	178.20	147.73	67.56	\$1,310.89
Farmington	\$110.40	60.00	657.00	177.00	143.99	81.48	\$1,229.87
West Bount.	\$216.00	60.00	657.00	159.00	128.28	0	\$1,220.28
North S. Lake	\$87.00	60.00	657.00	168.00	179.98	0	\$1,151.98
Woods Cross	\$96.00	60.00	657.00	168.00	100.32	0	\$1,081.32
Bountiful	\$80.76	60.00	529.56	72.00	123.23	73.80	\$939.35
AVERAGE	\$131.76	60.00	635.76	153.70	137.26	37.14	\$1,155.62

Computerized Irrigation System Leaves The Grass Greener With Less Water At Golf Course

The new computerized irrigation and sprinkling system at Bountiful Ridge Golf Course will do more than beautify the course for golfers. It will also save one of Utah's most valuable resources: water.

Installed at a cost of nearly \$1 million, the new system more than doubled the number of sprinkler heads (reducing the spacing between heads from 150 feet to 64 feet), thereby increasing the control the grounds crew has in watering individual areas. For instance, the system may now be activated for only five minutes in a particular area, whereas a more parched section of the course would be watered for an extended period of time.

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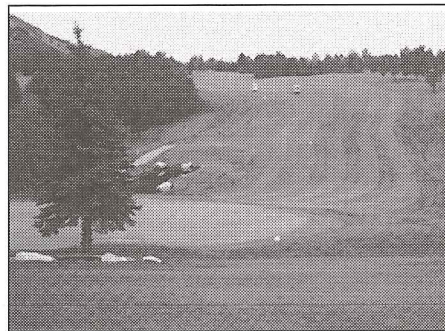
said superintendent Chuck Goode. “The course can now be watered by one person—and on top of that, the grass is now greener even though we're using less water.”

The water conservation comes through technology which governs the sprinkling. A weather station monitors the wind, temperature and moisture, then advises the computerized system how much water is necessary. This is especially helpful since Bountiful Ridge rests on three different terrains: the top three holes rest atop solid clay, the bottom holes lie on sand, and the

bulk of the course has a gravel underpinning.

“It's been a challenge to keep the course green without overwatering some parts,” said Goode. “But by using the new technology, we will be able to do a better job of irrigation while using about 20% less water.”

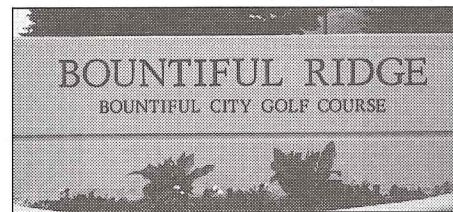
In the past, he said, crews used between



800,000 and 1 million gallons of water per night on the 150-acre golf course.

The system overhaul also included expansion of main water lines. In the original design during the 1970's, the lines were relatively small. With the new construction, the smallest main lines are 4" in diameter and most are 6" or 8". The lines were necessary to effectively utilize the 1,500 sprinkler heads spread throughout the course.

Bountiful Ridge is considered one of the best public courses in the state and has been featured on a nationally-marketed golf software program. The course logs about 85,000 rounds annually.



Plan For A Safe Halloween

For children, Halloween has become an eagerly-anticipated house-to-house search for treats. (In Bountiful City, it has also been an annual time to celebrate with the Pumpkin Patch sponsored by the Bountiful Youth Council at North Canyon Park.)

To help make Halloween night a safe and fun time for children, law enforcement professionals suggest the following:

—Dress children in colors that can be seen at night, rather than dark clothing, or add some type of reflective material on the front and back of their costume.

—Don't allow children to go unaccompanied. Adults should monitor younger trick-or-treaters.

—Have children trick-or-treat in neighborhoods they know well.

—Talk to children about their responsibility of watching for vehicles. Advise them not to run from home to home or dart across streets without stopping to look for vehicles.

—Allow children to eat only those treats which are properly packaged or protected.



History Booklet Available

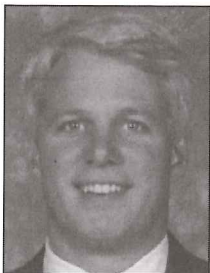
Readers wishing to see history through the eyes of 12 pioneers can purchase copies of the Bountiful Cemetery Historical Walking tour booklet for \$3 at the city offices.

Paul Rowland, New City Engineer & Public Works Chief, Praises Past Leadership And Wise Development

Paul Rowland left Utah in the early 1980's to pursue an engineering career. A budding disaster brought him back.

After graduation from Bountiful High and Utah State University, Rowland worked in the San Francisco Bay area for a private company involved with nuclear power projects. In 1983 he returned to Bountiful to visit and looked up City Engineer Jack Balling whom he had worked for as an intern six years earlier.

"My visit back in 1983 occurred right after the flooding which had torn up the culverts," he said. "While chatting with Jack,



Paul Rowland

I indicated my interest in returning to Utah and asked him if he knew of any engineering positions along the Wasatch Front. He immediately offered me a job designing culverts to prevent more flooding."

Balling's leadership that year is now taken for granted, says Rowland.

"The flooding had created some very real emergencies, but Jack was proactive instead of waiting around for a tooth fairy to solve the problem. He put together a funding plan through a temporary increase in the sales tax and made sure it was structured so that Bountiful got its fair share right up front. Then we went to work designing and building culverts to effectively handle the water. We all worked hard...That first year I remember working Christmas and New Year's Day.

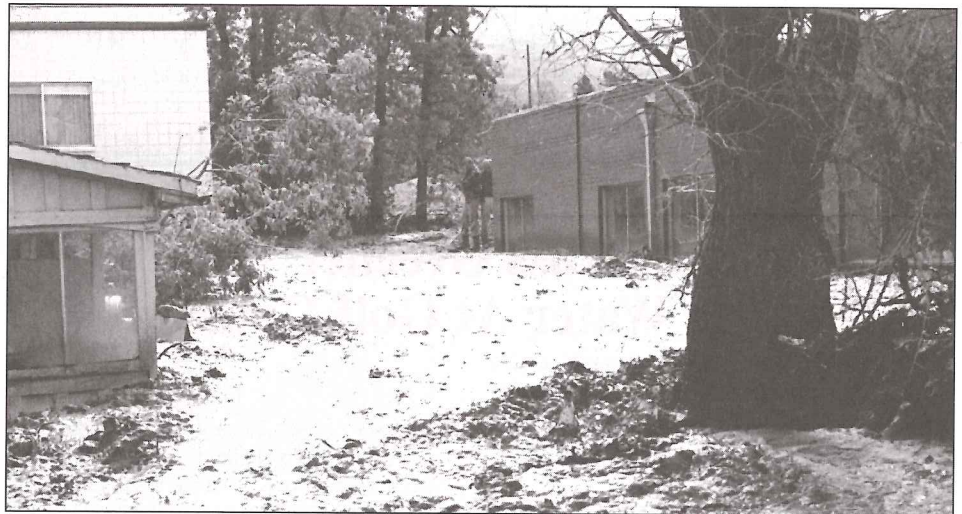
"Bountiful taxpayers were fortunate to have Jack Balling as their city engineer. He

was very stingy when it came to spending taxpayer money and he always made sure the city got the most for its dollar. That meant that he had to ruffle feathers by telling some people that they couldn't do this or that. But in all of his decisions, Jack always had the city's best interest at heart."

In replacing Balling as city engineer and public works director, Rowland admits he

city engineer today has more impact on citizens. When a city is in a growth mode, he illustrated, citizens aren't highly impacted by the initial construction of roads and sewers since the infrastructure is developed prior to people living in the areas. In maintaining the infrastructure, however, necessary repair occurs in already populated subdivisions.

"Today, we might not have to deal with



The flooding in 1983 led to Paul Rowland's returning to Bountiful City.

faces a much different community than the one in which he was raised.

"The challenge is different," says Rowland. "In the 1950's, 60's and 70's, the focus was on keeping an orderly growth with new subdivisions and construction in the foothills. Today, however, Bountiful is fairly built-out, and our emphasis is on maintaining our roads, storm drain systems and other infrastructure."

In some ways, he said, the role of the

the challenge of designing a sewer system. The problem today is that to repair the existing system we have to shut down a city street."

Rowland's staff consists of two professional engineers, one graduate engineer, two building inspectors, a public works inspector, a draftsman and a secretary.

"It's a good group of professionals," he says. "We want to work with residents to help them in meeting the needs of their families. But at the same time, we also must keep the other citizens in mind and not forget regulations and other mandates."

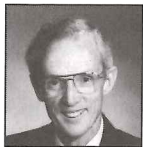
An example, he says, is citizen action to erect a stop sign or traffic semaphore. Those decisions cannot be immediately approved due to federal and state regulation which specifies a process: traffic study, approval of the city traffic safety commission, recommendation of the city engineer and then an okay from the City Council.

"People can become impatient if they see several accidents in a given area, but they should see the reasoning behind the process. Traffic concerns must be weighed on the basis of safety and efficient traffic flow, and these decision cannot be made overnight."

Rowland resides in Farmington with his wife and three children. His father was an electrical engineer; his mother was an instructor at Bountiful High School.

City Council & Committee Chairmanship

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