

Minutes of the  
BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL

July 28, 2020

6:00 p.m. – Work Session

7:00 p.m. – Regular Session

Present:	Mayor	Randy Lewis
	Councilmembers	Millie Segura Bahr, Kate Bradshaw, Kendalyn Harris, Richard Higginson, Chris R. Simonsen
	Asst. City Manager	Galen Rasmussen
	City Engineer	Lloyd Cheney
	Planning Director	Francisco Astorga
	City Attorney	Clinton Drake
	Power Director	Allen Johnson
	Water Director	Mark Slagowski
	Asst. Water Director	Brett Eggett
	Community Service Council	Richard Watson
	Recording Secretary	Maranda Hilton

Official notice of the City Council Meeting was given by posting an Agenda at the temporary City Hall locations (805 South and 150 North Main Street) and on the Bountiful City Website and the Utah Public Notice Website and by providing copies to the following newspapers of general circulation: Davis County Clipper and Standard Examiner.

**Work Session – 6:00 p.m.**  
**South Davis Metro Fire Station Conference Room**

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

**CARBON-FREE POWER PROJECT UPDATE – MR. ALLEN JOHNSON**

Mr. Allen Johnson gave the Council an update on the Carbon-Free Power Project. He presented the history of the project, the need for another source of carbon-free power generation, the project’s proposed schedule, the City’s current position and upcoming decisions. The Council and Mayor asked questions about how the funding and refunding processes would work if the project is not viable at any point along the timeline. They asked Mr. Johnson about the likelihood of getting enough subscribers on board and about how nuclear power compares in cost to other types of renewable energy sources. Mr. Johnson also explained the discontinuation of the Joint Use Module Project (JUMP) program and what that means for the participants moving forward. He said that the next off-ramp available for the City will be in October 2020 and he will bring this item back to Council in September for their vote on that matter. If the Council decides to take that off-ramp, the \$654,000 that has been paid so far will not be refunded. The next off-ramps will be in May 2023, and then in December 2025 before construction begins. Councilman Higginson acknowledged that this is a big decision and applauded Mr. Johnson and the Power Commission for being so proactive in finding new energy sources and positioning the City to be at the forefront of good energy practices.

The work session was ended at 6:58 p.m.

1 **Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**  
2 **South Davis Metro Fire Station Conference Room**  
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4 Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Mr.  
5 Mike Mayfield led the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Paige Mayfield, a youth ambassador for “Better  
6 Days 2020” and a junior at Bountiful High School, offered a thought.

7 Ms. Mayfield explained that the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Utah women voting under the Equal  
8 Suffrage Act is being celebrated this year, and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to the  
9 United States Constitution which granted all women the right to vote. She said that Utah has led the  
10 way in voting, noting that Seraph Young was the first woman to cast a ballot in 1870. She talked  
11 about Dr. Martha Hughes Cannon, the first female state senator in the nation who served in Utah.  
12 Mrs. Cannon beat her husband in 1896 to win a seat. Ms. Mayfield also spoke about Zitkála-Šá, a  
13 Native American suffragist, activist, writer and musician who moved to Utah in 1903 and worked on  
14 native suffrage issues. Zitkála-Šá also wrote the music and libretto for the Sun Dance opera about  
15 Native issues. Ms. Mayfield said “I’m honored to live in Bountiful where we strive to hear women’s  
16 voices and native voices.” She presented the Council with a Utah Heritage Box City Toolkit on  
17 behalf of “Better Days 2020”, which includes buttons, posters and a banner and expressed her  
18 appreciation for being allowed to present to them today.

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20 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

21 The public comment section was started at 7:07 p.m.  
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23 Ms. Susan Becker (1188 East 1650 South) asked the Council to please review and update the  
24 City Planning Code. Her neighbor was permitted to build an 18-foot tall cinderblock wall right on the  
25 property line in order to level their property to build a pickle ball court. She feels this should be  
26 reviewed since all other structures and fences have height and setback limitations in the Code. She  
27 and her husband are considering moving out of their home because it is undesirable to live there now  
28 and their property value has gone down. The other consideration she wished to make the Council  
29 aware of is that the wall was built right on top of a sewer easement, which they received a waiver to  
30 do. She worries that the sewer line will now be inaccessible if there is an emergency.

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32 Ms. Angie Smith (1659 South 1175 East) also asked the Council to change the Planning  
33 Codes. She fears that her neighbors will be allowed to do the same thing to her property line if the  
34 problem isn’t fixed now. She brought a photograph to show Council what the cinderblock wall looks  
35 like. She also asked Council to please find a solution to the parking problem along 1150 South by  
36 Celebration Field. She said most months of the year there are cars parked on both sides of the street  
37 which makes for a very narrow, dangerous street with poor visibility.

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39 Mr. Carl Moore (Peaceful Advocates for Native American Dialogue) said he wished to  
40 address the use of the Brave as Bountiful High School’s mascot. He said that using indigenous people  
41 as mascots relegates indigenous people back in time and informs today’s culture that native people  
42 are only natives if they look and act like this image that has been created of them. He said this is  
43 damaging to their psyches as well as other people’s psyches. He also warned that the use of the  
44 “Brave” can perpetuate toxic masculinity as it encourages winning through use of a traditional  
45 masculine figure who “fights [and] kills”. He appealed to the Council to please get rid of the “Brave”  
46 and anything indigenous associated with the high school. He said if we wish to honor indigenous  
47 people that it should be done simply through education.  
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1 Mayor Lewis thanked Mr. Moore for his thoughts and reminded everyone that decisions  
2 regarding the mascot will be made by the Davis School District and not by the City Council.  
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4 Mr. Jaren Davis (2845 Palma Way, Salt Lake City) said he has spent 16 years working on  
5 preserving land and open spaces in Utah and he now has a proposal that would preserve 160 acres  
6 along the Bonneville Shoreline Trail from Mueller Park to Holbrook Canyon. He presented Council  
7 with a written document they could look over and said he hoped they would contact him with any  
8 questions.  
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10 Ms. Ellie Christensen (junior at Bountiful High School) stated her love for Bountiful High  
11 School, and said that although she recognizes the mascot decision is not the responsibility of the  
12 Council, she wished to appeal to the Council and Mayor as the leaders of our community, asking  
13 them to lead us to become better and more inclusive. She stated that symbols mean nothing without  
14 the values that they represent, and Bountiful High students are good and are a positive example in our  
15 community. They cannot stand for that under a mascot that hurts people.  
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17 The public comment section was ended at 7:17 p.m.  
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19 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD JULY 14, 2020**

20 Councilman Simonsen made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held  
21 July 14, 2020 and Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion. The motion passed with  
22 Councilmembers Bahr, Bradshaw, Harris, Higginson and Simonsen voting “aye”.  
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24 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

25 Councilman Higginson did not have a report, but noted that the transmission rate (of COVID-  
26 19) has been below one for one month and the number of cases is falling.

27 Councilwoman Bahr reported that the BCYC had a service project at the Bountiful History  
28 Museum on Saturday and that it was a lot of fun. They conducted tours, hosted games on the lawn  
29 and ran an interactive weather station exhibit.

30 Councilwoman Harris did not have a report.

31 Councilman Simonsen reported that the Bountiful Veteran’s park will be laying sod on  
32 Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m. and that volunteers are needed to help lay it. He also mentioned some  
33 of the projects being completed by the Bountiful Community Service Council. They are helping  
34 repair the roof on the Baptist Church and they recently cleaned up and chipped a lot of wood in the  
35 Mill Creek area to help create a fire break and reduce wildland fire risk.

36 Councilwoman Bradshaw did not have a report.  
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38 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES GREATER THAN \$1,000 PAID JULY 6 &**  
39 **13, 2020**

40 Councilwoman Harris made a motion to approve the expenditures paid July 6 & 13, 2020 and  
41 Councilwoman Bradshaw seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bahr,  
42 Bradshaw, Harris, Higginson and Simonsen voting “aye”.  
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44 **RECOGNITION OF LORNA KOCI FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE AS DIRECTOR OF**  
45 **THE BOUNTIFUL FOOD PANTRY – MAYOR RANDY LEWIS**

46 Ms. Lorna Koci was invited to report on her nine years as the Director of the Bountiful Food  
47 Pantry. She said it has been a wonderful experience to serve and she has never received so much joy  
48 and fulfillment from any other job. She said the support of the City and of the community has also

1 been wonderful. The Bountiful Food Pantry helps people realize that there is a need for this in the  
2 community and that they serve families who are in very difficult situations. Over the last seven years  
3 the Pantry Pack Program has grown very large, from three schools giving out 155 packs a week, to  
4 over 65 schools giving out 107,000 packs last year. Over 200 people regularly volunteer at the pantry  
5 each week and many others come in the evenings. She said they distribute two million pounds of  
6 food each year and half of that comes from our generous local grocery stores. Ms. Koci said she will  
7 miss this work very much but is grateful to “pass the baton” to Ms. Mariesha Bosgieter who will  
8 bring new and wonderful things to the position.

9 Mayor Lewis thanked Ms. Koci and presented her with flowers, saying how loved she is. He  
10 recalled how small the donation center was when he first moved to Bountiful, and said to see how it  
11 has grown is amazing. He thanked her again for exhibiting “pure religion” by helping the fatherless  
12 and the widows and stated that she was absolutely the “right person for the right job.”

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14 **RECOGNITION OF BRETT EGGETT FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE AT THE**  
15 **BOUNTIFUL CITY WATER DEPARTMENT – MAYOR LEWIS**

16 Mr. Mark Slagowski, Water Director, began the comments by saying what a pleasure it has  
17 been to work with Brett for the last 30 years. He conveyed how Mr. Eggett came to the Water  
18 Department when the culture was pretty rough, but because of his example and intolerance of crude  
19 language and behavior it slowly changed to the wonderful culture that they are very proud of today.  
20 He said that Mr. Eggett has been a great teacher as well and has taught the crews very well over the  
21 years. He said he appreciates Mr. Eggett’s contribution to the City and to their department.

22 Mayor Lewis said how wonderful it is that one person can make such a difference, and  
23 thanked him for what he has done and said how much the City appreciates him.

24 Mr. Eggett thanked the Mayor. Mayor Lewis presented Mrs. Eggett with flowers.

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26 **RECOMMENDED PLAN FOR CONTINUING THE 2020 CONCERTS IN THE PARK**  
27 **SERIES – MR. GALEN RASMUSSEN**

28 Mr. Rasmussen reported that at the Council’s request staff has created a plan for holding the  
29 “Concerts in the Park” event series in August. He explained that they used the current State  
30 guidelines to draft the plan and that as the guidelines continue to change they will make sure they  
31 update it as necessary. He said they recommend the following actions be taken:

- 32 1. Post notices of the concerts on the City website and social media platforms, and in the  
33 Davis Clipper newspaper. The notices will include health department cautions and  
34 guidelines for social distancing and safe practices.
- 35 2. Post physical signs at entrance points around the park (four locations) stating health  
36 department guidelines.
- 37 3. Mark sitting and standing areas around the stage that will help groups to social distance  
38 from one another.
- 39 4. Allow early entrance for people who are at “high risk” for COVID-19.
- 40 5. Performers and vendors will be responsible for their own compliance with State  
41 regulations.
- 42 6. Fill out an “Event Plan” in preparation for each concert and have it on hand for inspection  
43 upon request by the health department.
- 44 7. Make announcements throughout the show to encourage social distancing and wearing of  
45 masks.

46 He also said that in order to comply with state recommendations to keep track of concert  
47 attendees, they will be encouraging concert goers to use the “HealthyTogether” COVID-19 App. This

1 allows people to share their location with the health department and fulfill the contact tracing  
2 recommendation.

3 The Council asked which concerts are coming up. Mr. Richard Watson answered that August  
4 7<sup>th</sup> will be Wildwood, August 14<sup>th</sup> will be Vision Band, August 21<sup>st</sup> will be Green River Revival, and  
5 August 28<sup>th</sup> will be Endless Summer.

6 The Council asked some clarifying questions about the plan details which were answered by  
7 Mr. Rasmussen and Mr. Watson.

8 Councilman Higginson made a motion to adopt the plan and remain nimble as guidelines  
9 change and Councilwoman Bahr seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers  
10 Bahr, Harris, Higginson and Simonsen voting “aye, and Councilwoman Bradshaw voting “nay”.

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12 Mayor Lewis asked Mr. Lloyd Cheney to give a brief report about the City Hall remodel  
13 project. Mr. Cheney said he would know a more firm completion date tomorrow after they get an  
14 updated schedule from the contractor. He said that November was the last date they had heard.

15 Mayor Lewis asked him to report on the progress of Bountiful Town Square also. Mr. Cheney  
16 said they are forging ahead and making the granite that they have work.

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18 **ADJOURN**

19 Councilman Higginson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilwoman Harris  
20 seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Bahr, Bradshaw, Harris, Higginson  
21 and Simonsen voting “aye”.

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23 The regular session of City Council was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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City Recorder