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2 Minutes of the meeting of the City Council of West Bountiful City held on Tuesday,
3 August 17, 2011 at West Bountiful City Hall, Davis County, Utah
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6 Those in Attendance

7 MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Kenneth Romney, Mark Preece, James
8 Bruhn, John Baza, Dave Tovey. Valerie Shaw was excused.

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10 STAFF PRESENT: Craig Howe (City Manager), Heidi Voordeckers
11 (City Recorder), Ben White (City Engineer), Steve Doxey (City
12 Attorney), Interim Chief John Rasmussen, Nathalie Ellingson
13 (secretary).
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15 VISITORS: Alan Malan, Terry Olsen, Kelly Enquist, Brenda Ralls,
16 James Ahlstrom, Wendy Hughes, Spencer Hughes, Gary Jacketta, Laura
17 Charchenko.
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20 Mayor Kenneth Romney called this meeting to order at 7:35 pm.
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22 Invocation/Thought: Invocation by Mayor Romney.
23 Pledge of Allegiance led by John Baza.
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26 Accept Agenda
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28 MOTION: Dave Tovey moved to approve the agenda as written.
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30 SECOND: Mark Preece seconded the Motion.
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32 PASSED: Voting was as follows:
33 Mark Preece – Aye
34 Valerie Shaw – Absent
35 James Bruhn – Aye
36 John Baza – Aye
37 Dave Tovey - Aye
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39 2.
40 Public Comment
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42 Kelly Enquist – Once the property tax increase is passed, it is unlikely to
43 ever be reduced. He has been to many of the meetings and work
44 sessions and agrees that an increase is needed to take care of the streets.
45 Due to the state of the economy, he wondered if it is an appropriate time
46 to increase the tax rate. He hopes the decision made tonight will be in
47 the best interest of the people.
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49 Brenda Ralls – read a statement signed by Verlene Stanger, Larry
50 Stanger, Dewayne Hughes and herself. It listed problems they have with
51 the tax increase, including the hardship it presents for people on fixed
52 incomes, the increase in power bills and gasoline tax next year, the
53 increased water rate in 2010, and the drop in home values. They
54 understand that city funds were mismanaged in the past, but the citizens
55 do not have unlimited funds to rectify the situation. The council has
56 stated that there is no alternative to increasing the property tax rate, but
57 they suggest that there are alternatives and respectfully request that
58 council consider other options.
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60 Terry Olsen – He has been thinking about the tax increase all week, has
61 listened to the comments made by council members, and feels they need

1 to reach into their hearts and think about what is best for the community.
2 With that in mind, he will accept whichever way they vote. On another
3 issue, he was pleased with the idea regarding animal control that Craig
4 Howe presented to him in a memo. By working with the police and
5 residents when an animal gets loose, the city will save a lot of money.
6 He hopes they keep the animal control issue on the table.
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11 3.
12 Appointment of Election Judges
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14 Heidi Voordeckers, Recorder – It is necessary for the city council to
15 approve judges prior to the next election. It is recommended there be six
16 judges and two alternates. A memorandum lists the judges as follows:
17 Denice Dennis, Lucille Eastman, Laverne Greaves, Arlene Mann, Ester
18 Miller, Peggy Tullis, and as alternates, Kathy Bangerter and Bev Haslam.
19 All these people have served as judges before and are eager to serve
20 again.
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22 MOTION: James Bruhn moved to approve the judges per the
23 memorandum.
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25 SECOND: Mark Preece seconded the Motion.
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27 DISCUSSION: John Baza asked if judges are compensated. Heidi
28 stated they are paid \$200 for both elections, and it is budgeted as part of
29 elections costs.
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31 PASSED: Voting was as follows:

32 Mark Preece – Aye
33 Valerie Shaw – Absent
34 James Bruhn – Aye
35 John Baza – Aye
36 Dave Tovey – Aye
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39 4.
40 Discussion on Law Enforcement.
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42 Mayor Romney – He included an email in the councils' packets
43 regarding some police department issues that need to be taken care of
44 right away. They need to lease three vehicles and they need to
45 immediately replace one officer who has left the department, and
46 possibly replace another officer soon who is probably leaving. He spoke
47 of talking with Bountiful City and the County regarding outsourcing
48 policing of West Bountiful to one of them. He was also approached by
49 Woods Cross and North Salt Lake when they learned that West Bountiful
50 had been talking to the County. Both the County and Bountiful require
51 a formal request regarding level of service and expected costs. The
52 council needs to decide whether they want to put out formal bids for
53 services or if they want to drop the issue and stay with West Bountiful's
54 police department.
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56 Officer Rasmussen explained about some of the applicants he is
57 considering and how much time will be needed for training. He said he
58 has some sharp applicants.
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60 Mayor Romney asked council for their comments.

- 1 • John Baza stated he is concerned about the morale in the
- 2 department with officers and employees worrying about changes
- 3 in their employment. For this reason John felt the council should
- 4 make a final decision at this meeting to keep the department as it
- 5 is.
- 6 • Dave Tovey agreed it is important to hire new officers and
- 7 recognizes there is no compelling reason to change the
- 8 department, but he also thinks council needs to follow the process
- 9 through of finding out the costs involved with outsourcing. If
- 10 they do not follow through, the subject will come up again in a
- 11 few years.
- 12 • James Bruhn stated going out for bids just to make comparisons
- 13 when they do not intend to actually make any changes would be
- 14 unfair and a waste of time and energy for everyone involved.
- 15 • Mark Preece said he had felt the same way as Dave Tovey in
- 16 regards to following through with the process, but he has had
- 17 more comments from citizens regarding the police department
- 18 than he has had about the tax increase. The citizens are happy
- 19 with the police force as it is.
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- 21 • Dave Tovey stated that Council Member Shaw was absent from
- 22 the meeting in order to avoid the appearance of having a conflict
- 23 of interest, although she spoke with Dave Church and bother
- 24 were of the opinion that no conflict exists.
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27 It was also stated one of the reasons this came up in the first place was
28 because the police department was a possible place to cut costs.
29 However, the figures they did received so far from the county do not
30 indicate much of a difference in cost and the level of service would not
31 be as high.

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33 At this point, the Mayor suggested they move ahead with leasing the cars
34 and look at hiring. He believes it is best to keep the department as it is
35 and work on getting it staffed. Most of council agrees. A vote was not
36 taken as this was listed in the agenda as a discussion item. If council
37 members feel a vote is necessary, they can bring a resolution to the next
38 meeting to be voted on.

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41 5.
42 Consider Approval of
43 Police Vehicle Lease.

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46 Craig – The goal with leasing is to roll three vehicles on three three-year
47 rotations, for a total of nine. They have leased vehicles in the past
48 through Ken Garff and the results were not satisfactory. This lease
49 would be through a different company, Hinckley, Inc. (Hincklease). The
50 bid they had received had expired, but Hinckley agreed to extend the bid.
51 They can get three Ford Explorers at a lesser rate and get a higher
52 mileage allowance. Explorers are popular with other police departments,
53 and the lease rate is less for Explorers because they have a high resale
54 value. The yearly cost to the city would be \$22,000.

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56 The agreement presented to council refers to the schedule for each
57 vehicle. Steve Doxey recommended they approve the agreement, but he
58 and Craig Howe should review the final agreement when they get it.

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60 MOTION: James Bruhn moved to approve the police vehicle lease
61 subject to review of the final lease by Steve Doxey and Craig Howe.

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2 SECOND: John Baza seconded the Motion.
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4 PASSED: Voting was as follows:

5 Mark Preece – Aye
6 Valerie Shaw – Absent
7 James Bruhn – Aye
8 John Baza – Aye
9 Dave Tovey – Aye
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12 6.
13 Consider Approval of
14 Resolution 281-11, a
15 Resolution Adopting
16 the 2011-2012
17 Certified Tax Rate - .002471%.

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19 Mayor Romney stated that council has the option of voting for a lower
20 rate than was posted but they cannot vote on a higher rate than was
21 posted. He also stated that they have taken a long time looking at the
22 needs of the city and the options. They held several town hall meetings
23 where the tax increase was discussed, and they held the public hearing.
24 He thanked the citizens for their support and their comments. He asked
25 for comments from each council member before the vote is taken.
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- 27 • Valerie Shaw – Although not present, she relayed her comment to
28 Mayor Romney, saying she suggests they approve a rate increase
29 of about 40%.
- 30 • John Baza – He first asked how they can make sure the funds
31 from the tax increase are used only for roads. Heidi Voordeckers
32 said the council can designate part of the general fund balance to
33 a certain purpose. The designation will hold for at least a year
34 and they can pass a longer term resolution in a future meeting.
35 John went on to say he served on the finance committee where he
36 had to face what it takes to run a city, and initially he was in favor
37 of the tax increase. However, after the public hearing, he was
38 affected by several points, one being that the country is in an
39 economic crisis and it is a bad time to raise taxes. He feels the
40 city should rely on business development to increase its financial
41 position. City finances will improve as the national economy
42 turns around. He agreed with citizens who say that, once passed,
43 the tax will become permanent. He also questioned whether the
44 streets are important to fix unless there are safety issues. He said
45 he plans to vote according to the voice of the people.
- 46 • Dave Tovey – He has tried to keep an open mind, but he believes
47 that something must be done because he does not want to be part
48 of a council that causes more expensive problems for people in
49 the future. The roads can still be driven on, but will become a
50 safety issue eventually. He wants to consider a rate increase of
51 30-35%.
- 52 • James Bruhn – He agreed that if the roads get worse the city will
53 experience home values dropping and businesses leaving. He
54 also said that, since the property tax has not been raised since
55 1972, the city is paying 2011 bills with 1972 income.
- 56 • Mark Preece – He would consider a rate increase of 40%, but he
57 doesn't want to have to raise the rate again in two or so years.
58 However, he has heard citizens say they would rather have a
59 lower increase now and then have it revisited in two or three
60 years.
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1 MOTION: Dave Tovey moved to approve Resolution 281-11 as written,
2 with an amendment making the tax increase 35% over auditors' tax rate
3 of last year, and with directions to staff to draft a resolution that
4 additional money from tax increase be set aside for capital road
5 improvements.
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7 SECOND: Mark Preece seconded the Motion.

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9 DISCUSSION: James Bruhn asked if Dave would change the motion to
10 read 40%, but Dave said 5% wouldn't make much difference and it will
11 be revisited anyway.
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13 PASSED: Voting by roll call was as follows:

14 Mark Preece – Aye
15 Valerie Shaw – Absent
16 James Bruhn – Aye
17 John Baza – Nay
18 Dave Tovey - Aye
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21 7.
22 Consider Approval of
23 Resolution 282-11, a
24 Resolution Adopting
25 the 2011-2012 Budget.
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27 Mayor Romney – The only amendment of the budget would be that
28 money generated from the tax increase would go to the road fund, and
29 they should approve the budget with a change to reduce the increase to
30 income and adjust expenditures.
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32 MOTION: John Baza moved to approve Resolution 282-11 with a
33 change to the current year property tax to be adjusted in the amount
34 between the proposed increase and the approved property rate, and
35 decreasing expenditures on streets by the same amount.
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37 SECOND: James Bruhn seconded the Motion.

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39 PASSED: Voting by roll call was as follows:

40 Mark Preece – Aye
41 Valerie Shaw – Absent
42 James Bruhn – Aye
43 John Baza – Aye
44 Dave Tovey - Aye
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47 8.
48 Administrative Report
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50 Craig Howe –

- 51 • A member is missing from the audit committee meeting which is
- 52 meeting on Friday at 1:00 pm. James Bruhn said he would
- 53 attend.
- 54 • Another Cities and Towns training is coming up in September.
- 55 Anyone who wants to attend should let Heidi know and she will
- 56 send in the registration.
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60 Engineers Report
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Ben White –

- The slurry seal will be finished tomorrow.
- The 400 North consultant selection is under way with UDOT. Although it is a UDOT project, the city will have some input.
- At the next meeting he will be requesting funds for two storm drain projects and for fixing the drainage issue at the Golden West subdivision.
- Pages Lane is closed under the freeway until November for a county project.

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Mayor/Council Reports

Dave Tovey – The Youth Council did a project of spreading out sand, and there is more to be done.

John Baza – He will be attending a couple of Wasatch Front Regional Council meetings. He does not anticipate that any of their plans will affect West Bountiful.

James Bruhn – The Arts Council held a Movie at the Park last Friday and James was disappointed in the turnout. It was a good movie. He will be gone all next week attending a Wasatch Integrated conference.

Mark Preece – Someone has applied for a new home at Heritage Point, which the Historical Committee will discuss at their next meeting. Mark will not be attending. There will be no Communications meeting until next month.

Mayor Romney – Thanked everyone for all their work.

11.
Approval of Minutes for the
August 2, 2011 City Council Meeting
and Work Session

MOTION: Mark moved to approve minutes for both meetings.

SECOND: John Baza seconded the Motion.

PASSED: Voting was as follows:
Mark Preece – Aye
Valerie Shaw – Absent
James Bruhn – Aye
John Baza – Aye
Dave Tovey – Aye

12.
Closed Meeting,
if necessary, for reasons
allowed by state law.

Not applicable.

13.
Possible action following
closed meeting, including

1 appointment to boards and
2 commissions.

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4 Not applicable.

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6 14.
7 Adjourn
8 (9:34 pm).

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10 MOTION: James Bruhn moved to adjourn.

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12 SECOND: Dave Tovey seconded the Motion.

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14 PASSED: Voting was as follows:
15 Mark Preece – Aye
16 Valerie Shaw – Absent
17 James Bruhn – Aye
18 John Baza – Aye
19 Dave Tovey – Aye
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MAYOR KENNETH ROMNEY

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HEIDI VOORDECKERS (CITY RECORDER)



NATHALIE ELLINGSON (SECRETARY)