

Minutes of the Special West Bountiful City Council meeting held on **Wednesday, September 10, 2014** at West Bountiful City Hall, 550 N 800 West, Davis County, Utah.

Those in attendance:

**MEMBERS:** Mayor Kenneth Romney, Council members James Ahlstrom, James Bruhn, Kelly Enquist, Debbie McKean, Mark Preece

**STAFF:** Duane Huffman (City Administrator), Steve Doxey (City Attorney), Steve Maughan (Public Works)

**VISITORS:** Paul Johnson, Brian Childs, Ryan Hatch, Travis Garten, Darren Palmer

Mayor Romney called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. James Ahlstrom gave an Invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by James Bruhn.

**1. Accept Agenda**

**MOTION:** *James Bruhn moved to approve the agenda as written. Debbie McKean seconded the Motion which PASSED by unanimous vote of all members present.*

**2. Public Comment**

No comments.

**3. Consider awarding contract for property and liability insurance based on submitted proposals resulting from the 2014 request for proposals for property and liability insurance.**

Mayor Romney thanked the three companies for submitting proposals and referred to a recommendation by Staff which has been distributed to the companies. He offered to give each company an opportunity to address the Council.

**URMMA** – Paul Johnson, CEO, said they offer something no one else does by giving the City control of its own insurance company. As a member of the Board, companies participate in decisions regarding changes to URMMA. He added that they have excellent claims management, provide local control of training to meet needs, and their attorneys and claims adjustors are local. He said that some cities are afraid of the payback provision, but he assured the Council that they have a very good safety net in place to handle large claims. He said their plan allows cities to keep premiums low, and a review of West Bountiful's claim history did not raise any concerns about the payback provision.

**Olympus** – Brian Child explained they are different than the other two because they are not a pooled risk program, but a brokerage. Olympus is very stable, and gave an example of one public agency client they have had for 47 years and several over 30 years. As your broker you benefit from

free market enterprise as they design programs that best fit specific needs. He said they carefully evaluated the City and believe it to be a good fit. The benefits of market competition and innovation help to deliver the best coverage possible. In response to a question he added that claims are handled by leading sector third party administrator in Texas.

**Utah Trust** – Ryan Hatch, Travis Garten, Darren Palmer. The Trust is the largest government pool in the state, insuring 87% of cities in the state. Their policies are designed to achieve sustainable rates to enjoy over time. They explained there was some confusion about pricing due to a worker's compensation discount, but the net premium is actually less than initially proposed. Benefits to the City are that the Trust is local, proven, and has had a great track record over our 25 year partnership.

There was general discussion about pricing of the different options, and contaminated water coverage.

The Mayor asked each council member to share their thoughts.

Kelly Enquist said it is a tough call. URMMA is difficult to understand, and he leans toward brokerage type coverage so he would go with Olympus.

Debbie McKean stated that she likes the stability and loyalty with the Trust and believes the City has been served well, so there is no reason to switch.

James Bruhn likes that the City has been with the Trust a long time, and finds no reason to change.

Mark Preece explained that after the first meeting, he came away leaning toward Olympus, but after further research he now leans toward URMMA.

James Ahlstrom also likes URMMA. He believes they are better suited to our City and we will benefit from financial savings.

In response to questions, Duane explained the scoring method and results staff used to make its recommendation.

**MOTION:** *Kelly Enquist moved to accept the proposal for property and liability insurance from the Utah Local Government Trust resulting from the 2014 request for proposals for property and liability insurance. James Bruhn seconded the Motion which PASSED with a vote of 3-2.*

James Ahlstrom stated on the record that he believes not selecting a less expensive option would be a mistake for the City.

The vote was recorded as follows:

James Ahlstrom – Nay

James Bruhn – Aye

Kelly Enquist – Aye

Debbie McKean – Aye

Mark Preece – Nay

4. **Executive session, if needed, pursuant Utah Code 52-4-205 (c) to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation.**

**MOTION:** *James Bruhn moved to go into Executive session, in the Police Conference room, to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Mark Preece seconded the Motion which PASSED.*

The vote was recorded as follows:

James Ahlstrom – Aye  
James Bruhn – Aye  
Kelly Enquist – Aye  
Debbie McKean– Aye  
Mark Preece – Aye

**MOTION:** *Mark Preece moved to close Executive session. James Ahlstrom seconded the Motion which PASSED.*


The vote was recorded as follows:

James Ahlstrom – Aye  
James Bruhn – Aye  
Kelly Enquist – Aye  
Debbie McKean– Aye  
Mark Preece – Aye

5. **Adjourn**

**MOTION:** *James Bruhn moved to adjourn this meeting of the West Bountiful City Council. Mark Preece seconded the Motion which PASSED by unanimous vote of all members present.*

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*The foregoing was approved by the West Bountiful City Council by unanimous vote of all members present on Tuesday, October 7, 2014.*

  
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CATHY BRIGHTWELL (CITY RECORDER)