Minutes of the West Bountiful City Council meeting held on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at West Bountiful City Hall, 550 N 800 West, Davis County, Utah.

Those in attendance:

MEMBERS: Mayor Ken Romney, Council members James Ahlstrom, James Bruhn, Kelly Enquist, Debbie McKeen, and Mark Preece

EXCUSED:

STAFF: Duane Huffman (City Administrator), Steve Doxey (City Attorney), Chief Todd Hixson, Ben White (Engineer), Steve Maughan (Public Works Director), Cathy Brightwell (City Recorder/Secretary), Steve Doxey (City Attorney)

VISITORS: Alan Malan, Jason Meservy, Mark Larson, Derrick Morton, Zack Larson, Drew Vanderstek, John Page, Andy Williams, Tom Larse, Kaden Gerber, and members of Troop 290

Mayor Romney called the Regular meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Zack Larson and Drew Vanderstek from Boy Scout Troop 219 recited the Scout oath, led the Pledge of Allegiance and sang happy birthday to Council member Preece.

1. Accept Agenda

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

2. Public Comment.

No comment.

3. Recognition of Tom Larsen, Tom Roseman, and Derrick Morton for their Assistance with Building the EmPAC Trailer

Chief Hixson publicly recognized and presented letters of appreciation to Tom Larsen and Derrick Morton for donating their time and skills towards work on the emergency response trailer, specifically electrical work and welding. This hard work is especially noteworthy because they do not live in West Bountiful. Tom Roseman also helped but was unable to make the meeting tonight. Mayor Romney talked about the importance of their contribution, especially noting the impact in relation to the size and financial resources of West Bountiful.
4. Hearing to Receive Input from Employees Regarding Changing from the Contributory to the Non-contributory Public Employees’ Retirement System for Tier 1 Local Government Employees.

Duane Huffman explained that the legislature opened a window for the City to transition from the “contributory system” to the “non-contributory system” for its Tier 1 public employees. All employees in the system before July 1, 2011 fall in this group, which currently consists of 9 employees. The difference between the two plans is that under the contributory plan entities are able to require employees to contribute up to 6% of the premium, but West Bountiful has never required this. The two primary benefits of the non-contributory system is that the premiums are about 2% less per year and it offers a few extra options for retirement ages. Mr. Huffman added that even if the City makes the change, affected employees are given the choice individually whether to also convert. He said that if they do not, the City may want to consider requiring them to pay the difference in the rates.

An employee meeting was held yesterday with a representative from URS who explained the changes and answered questions. In considering the issue, the City is required to hold a hearing to give employees a chance to be heard on the issue.

MOTION: James Bruhn moved to open the employee hearing. Debbie McKeen seconded the Motion which PASSED by unanimous vote of all members present.

Steve Maughan, Public Works Director, spoke on behalf of the affected public works employees. They have researched the issue and have decided it has benefits to employees to make the conversion; they are comfortable to make the change.

No additional employees presented to speak.

MOTION: Mark Preece moved to close the public hearing. James Bruhn seconded the Motion which PASSED by unanimous vote of all members present.

5. Consider Resolution 370-15, A Resolution Converting to the Public Employees’ Non-contributory Retirement System.

MOTION: James Bruhn moved to Approve Resolution 370-15, a Resolution Converting to the Public Employees’ Non-contributory Retirement System. Debbie McKeen seconded the Motion which PASSED.

The vote was recorded as follows:
- James Ahlstrom – Aye
- James Bruhn – Aye
- Kelly Enquist – Aye

Mayor Romney explained that this Resolution does not bind us to anything; it only allows the process to move forward. Duane Huffman mentioned that he has been in communication with other entities, and based on the costs of the required public notice they have discussed pooling resources to share the cost of a joint newspaper ad. To make the timing work, the City needs to wait to adopt the Resolution until the next meeting. Another reason to wait is to see if another entity, such as the County, decides not to adopt it. He added that there are still significant details to work out, for example, our fire impact fee would go away and the fire district would establish new fees.

There was discussion about Bountiful’s participation, and the overall likelihood of approval.

**MOTION:** James Ahlstrom moved to table Resolution 371-15. Kelly Enquist seconded the Motion which PASSED by unanimous vote of all members present.


Duane Huffman explained that this agreement is similar to previous lease agreements approved by the Council. The total cost of the fairway mower is $52k; with a 6 year lease at 2.7% interest our payment would be $9,598. He confirmed there is no prepayment penalty and it will belong to us at the end of the lease.

**MOTION:** James Ahlstrom moved to approve Resolution 369-15, A Resolution Approving an Equipment Lease Agreement with Zions First National Bank. Kelly Enquist 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: James Bruhn moved to Appoint Election Poll Workers Lucile Eastman, Jennifer Cottle, Christine Harker, Arline Mann, and Jennifer McMillan for the 2015 Municipal Primary Election. Debbie McKeen seconded the Motion which PASSED by unanimous vote of all members present.


   Chief Hixson summarized his written report. Gerald Newman has resigned after many years of service as a crossing guard, and Laverne and Darrell Greaves have expressed interest in taking back their crossing guard duties to substitute only. Leroy Elliot, our current back-up guard, will be offered a full time position.

   The Department received twenty-two applications for our vacant police officer position. The Chief said he is pleased with the response as many applicants initially appear to be qualified and a couple of them bring experience from other agencies.

   The Chief commended Officer Breeze on the excellent job she did putting together the annual Safety fair.

   Davis County Animal Control has begun discussions with cities regarding the fees charged for their services. They have indicated they would like to renegotiate existing contracts at the end of the year so that the County and the cities will equally share the costs. One proposal is that by 2021 our fees could go from $10.4K to $31k per year, plus per incident fees. Most of the cities are not happy with the proposed significant increases. There was general discussion about other options that may be available.

10. Engineering/Planning Commission Report

   Ben White reported that UDOT is almost done with the I-15 project. 400 North is scheduled to be complete before school starts, probably around August 10th. The 2600 South interchange is in its final stages with final paving to be done next week.

    The Wingers building has been demolished. It will be replaced with a 6000 sf strip mall able to house up to 3 tenants. A similar building will be built in the old Burger King space in the future.

    The Birmam Woods trail will be paved next week, weather permitting.

    There are no updates on the Shopko building. The last the City heard was that they had planned repairs to the building before they will announce the name of the new tenant.

    Park concrete bids will be opened next Wednesday; we hope to have a bid ready to award at the next city council meeting.

    We are sending letters next week to all residents affected by the upcoming Pages Lane project. We will let them know that individual meetings will be set up with each affected homeowner to discuss the impact to them. The following week we will stake the sidewalk so residents can visualize where it will be. The project will begin early spring 2016 with the goal to have it complete by July 4th, so that UDOT can begin their work on 400 North.
Repair and replacement of the Legacy waterline is finished but will not be in service until the water testing results are in later this week. We are also working on a conceptual design for sidewalk at the east end of 1000 North.


Duane Huffman distributed a conceptual drawing of a monument sign for West Bountiful and Bountiful at the 500 South/I-15 interchange. It would be on the northeast corner just west of the Shell gas station (old Texaco station) on UDOT right of way but in West Bountiful City limits. He explained that initially UDOT was going to contribute $50k and the two cities would each contribute $30K for signage/landscaping. We have almost $30k in credit from 400 North, but UDOT is now only offering to pay $20k. We have been talking with Bountiful about how to handle the ongoing maintenance, water, power, and capital improvements, but need direction from council.

James Ahlstrom said he supports having a nice sign; he believes it adds value and shows pride in the community. Council member Bruhn commented that he is not sure it is the best location for a welcome to West Bountiful sign. The Mayor noted that this is a big deal to Bountiful’s Mayor. Mayor Romney added that if we do not use the money, we lose it.

There was discussion about the size and design of the sign, landscaping and maintenance options, and future funding alternatives. Mr. Huffman clarified he is not looking for a decision this evening but wants to make sure we are moving in the right direction. The consensus was that we should continue working on the project, but that Bountiful should maintain the area around the sign, and secure a maintenance agreement detailing the standards of quality that have to be met.

12. Mayor/Council Reports.

James Ahlstrom — no report.

Mark Preece — the Sewer district met with Ben and Duane about their recovery project, and the district is moving forward. He added that the Long Drive event was well attended; he believes it was a lot better than last year. Forty competitors from around the country, plus the high school championship brought more people. We got a lot of good comments about the condition of the course.

James Bruhn commented that the Meet the Candidate’s Night was good.

Debbie McKeen reported that West Bountiful calls to Mosquito Abatement are way down. Newsletter articles will be due August 15. She added that the next Arts council meeting will be at the Park with an appreciation dinner. Council members and their spouses are invited. As a token of thanks she would like to give each Arts Council member a t-shirt.

Kelly Enquist asked the Council to think about allowing dogs in our Parks — only on a leash. He believes people have become more responsible to clean up after their animals. He asked the Chief if we enforce our restrictions and the Chief replied they occasionally give warnings but no
citations have been issued to his knowledge. Duane Huffman suggested we contact the Health
department to get their thoughts.

Mayor Romney asked Steve Maughan to make sure the key to the new bathroom matches the
bathrooms at the park and behind city hall.

13. Approval of Minutes from the July 7, 2015 City Council Meeting.

MOTION: James Bruhn moved to approve the minutes from the July 7, 2015 meeting.
Debbie McKean seconded the Motion which PASSED by unanimous vote of
all members present.

14. Executive Session Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated 52-4-205(c), to Discuss Pending or
Reasonably Imminent Litigation.

MOTION: James Ahlstrom moved to go in to Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. pursuant
to Utah Code Annotated 52-4-205(c), to Discuss Pending or Reasonably
Imminent Litigation, in the police training room. James Bruhn 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: James Bruhn moved to close the Executive Session at 9:45 pm. Debbie
McKean seconded the Motion which PASSED by unanimous vote of all
members.

13. Adjourn

MOTION: Debbie McKean moved to adjourn this meeting of the West Bountiful City
Council at 9:47 p.m. James Bruhn seconded the Motion which PASSED by
unanimous vote of all members present.

The foregoing was approved by the West Bountiful City Council on Tuesday, August 4, 2015.

Cathy Brightwell (City Recorder)