Minutes of the West Bountiful City Council meeting held on Tuesday, August 4, 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 McKean, and Mark Preece

**EXCUSED:**

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

**VISITORS:** Alan Malan, Andy Williams, David Boswell, Rob Page, Trent Vest, Dennis Vest, Nate Southerland, Kim McKean, Boy Scout Troop 209 and Troop 290

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

Troop 209 recited the Scout Oath, Troop 290 gave the Scout Law and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Accept Agenda**

   **MOTION:** Debbie McKean moved to approve the agenda with recognition that the order may need to change based on the city attorney's need to leave by 9pm. James Bruhn seconded the Motion which PASSED by unanimous vote of all members present.

2. **Public Comment.**

   No public comment was given.

   Mayor Romney told the audience that West Bountiful received an award for having the best drinking water in the state, and the Council distributed celebratory water drop squeeze balls to the audience. He also suggested to the boy scouts in attendance that they should consider submitting an application for youth city council. He told them they can get applications in to Tonya Boswell and/or Council member Preece by the end of the week.

3. **Presentation by Davis County School District.**

   Pam Park, Assistant Superintendent, and Tim Leffel, Administrator over Finance & Accounting, presented information on the upcoming $298m school building bond and showed a short video, *Room to Learn;* an overview of needed projects. They explained that growth is the
biggest issue; 11k growth in enrollment has forced significant increases in the number of portable classrooms in use and putting several schools on year round schedules. The biggest immediate needs in the District are a new high school in Farmington; a new junior high school in west Layton; one new elementary school or a rebuild of an existing elementary school in West Kaysville; remodeling at Viewmont, Woods Cross, and Mountain high schools; class room addition at Mueller Park junior high school; and rebuild West Bountiful elementary; plus some improvements to water, HVAC, and other miscellaneous needs. They explained that $246m will go to major projects, and approximately $52m will be used for roofs, boilers, etc. The final projected impact will be about $13 per homeowner per year once all bonds are issued and proceeds can only be used for construction; bonds cannot be used for salaries.

Council member Ahlstrom asked what happens to the West Bountiful Elementary project if other, higher priority projects go over budget. Mr. Leffel responded that they have a contingency fund for overruns and a capital fund balance of about $25m that could be used to handle overruns on other projects. They described an assessment process they use to determine which schools have the greatest need. West Bountiful Elementary has the worst rating of all elementary schools in the district. If the Bond is passed, construction for West Bountiful would probably be in four years.

In response to questions from the audience about what they plan to do if the bond does not pass, they said there are no pleasant options. They will consider all options which could include possible split sessions for junior high and high schools.

They thanked the Council for letting them make their presentation and added that if the Council is so inclined, the School District would appreciate the Council passing a Resolution supporting the bond.

4. Consider Appointment of Esther Miller as Replacement Poll Worker for Primary Election.

MOTION: *James Ahlstrom moved to appoint Esther Miller a Replacement Poll Worker for the Primary Election. James Bruhn seconded the Motion which PASSED by unanimous vote of all members present.*

Mayor Romney provided an update on the issue that had been tabled at the last meeting. He explained that this Resolution allows them to start the process of converting to a District. He added there are still some issues to resolve. James Ahlstrom commented that his reading of the Resolution is that it keeps the process moving and does not bind them to anything.

MOTION:  
James Ahlstrom moved to approve Resolution 371-15, A Resolution of West Bountiful City, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Utah, Proposing the Creation of a Local District and Service Area for the Provision of Fire Protection, Emergency Medical Response, Paramedic, Emergency Response Services, Ambulance Services and Related Services to the Cities of Bountiful, Centerville, North Salt Lake, West Bountiful, Woods Cross and the Unincorporated Area of South Davis County and the Transfer of the Responsibilities and Operations of the Existing South Davis Metro Fire Agency to the Proposed District as described above. 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

6. Consider Award of Park Concrete Improvements to Hughes General Contractor’s Inc.

Duane Huffman explained that the City requested bids for three concrete projects at City Park. The base bid was for a perimeter around the new playground area, with two bid additives for expansion of the volleyball courts and a basketball court. The lowest qualified bidder was Hughes General Contractor’s at $52,276 for the base bid, $57,379 for the basketball additive, and $82,990 for the volleyball additive.

Council member McKeen asked if we might get better bids at a different time of year. Duane Huffman and Steve Maughan both responded that their analysis of the bids show that the concrete portion is very competitive and most of the cost is related to the excavation. There was discussion about the basketball courts and whether they should wait to do more research; for example, is there a better location? Council member Bruhn said he thinks the location is good and the kids he has talked with really want it. Council member McKeen agrees it is much needed. Council member Ahlstrom asked why the volleyball courts need to be expanded. Mr. Huffman and Mr. Maughan responded that the current size and proximity to each other are safety concerns. They need to be larger and further apart, so it makes sense to make them regulation size.

There was discussion about available funding and additional expenses such as tree removal that needs to be considered. Ms. McKean took a few minutes to explain RAP tax to the Scouts in attendance.
MOTION:  
James Bruhn moved to Award all three Park Concrete Improvement bids to Hughes General Contractor's Inc. Debbie McKean 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

7. Consider Sidewalk Options for the Corner of 1000 North and 550 West.

Duane Huffman reported that staff has looked into options to improve pedestrian safety at this corner. He discussed options to install curb and sidewalk on 550 W and 1000 North and offered a third option which is to continue sidewalk on the east side of 550 W to meet up with existing sidewalk and put in crosswalk. There was discussion about different options, funding, and timing. They also discussed ways to help the owner of the corner property cut back the tree and shrub overgrowth to make way for sidewalk and to provide more visibility.

The consensus was that this is a high priority safety issue that needs to be addressed. Staff was asked to get bids for the project and then funding options can be considered.


Planning commission is considering flag lot regulations, and discussing general zoning issues. A recommendation to the Council is expected in September.

Stakes have been placed along Pages Lane showing where the new curb and sidewalk would be installed. We have begun to receive calls from residents. Duane and Ben will attempt to meet with each affected resident before scheduling a group meeting with the Council.


The Utah League of Cities and Towns fall conference is scheduled for September 16-18 at the Sheraton Hotel in Salt Lake. Duane asked members to let him know if they will be attending so he can handle the registration. Council member Preece asked to be registered for all three days.

Mr. Huffman added that previous discussions on economic development will pick up again at the next council meeting in the form of 6:30pm worksession.
10. **Mayor/Council Reports.**

   **Kelly Enquist** – no report.

   **Debbie McKeen** reminded everyone that the Arts council appreciation dinner will be at the Park on Thursday at 6:30 pm, and newsletter articles are due on August 15th. There was discussion about recent reports of West Nile Virus in the area and she will get more information to share with residents.

   **James Bruhn** – no report.

   **Mark Preece** – no report.

   **James Ahlstrom** talked about some comments and suggestions he has received from residents; for example, considering the name of the City, maybe having a contest to change the name of the City; sponsoring races to raise money for the City; and encouraging xeriscaping landscaping by setting an example in front of City Hall. He was also asked about availability of secondary water on 1100 West and was told that it is available to anyone who wants to pay to put in the pipes, but it is a Weber Water issue.

   **Ken Romney** asked when the staff would be ready to proceed with continuing work on the Personnel Policy, and Duane responded that he was waiting for the Council for direction to proceed. The consensus was to move forward with the work.

11. **Approval of Minutes from the July 21, 2015 City Council Meeting.**

   **MOTION:**  
   James Bruhn moved to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2015 meeting. James Ahlstrom 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 Bruhn moved to go in to Executive Session at 8:28 p.m. pursuant to Utah Code Annotated 52-4-205(c), to Discuss Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation, in the police training room. James Ahlstrom seconded the Motion which PASSED.

   The vote was recorded as follows:
   - James Ahlstrom – Aye
   - James Bruhn – Aye
   - Kelly Enquist – Aye
   - Debbie McKeen – Aye
   - Mark Preece – Aye
MOTION: James Ahlstrom moved to close the Executive Session at 9:55 pm. James Bruhn seconded the Motion which PASSED by unanimous vote of all members.

MOTION: James Bruhn moved to go in to Executive Session at 9:58p.m., pursuant to Utah Code Annotated 52-4-205(a), to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. 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: Kelly Enquist moved to close the Executive Session at 11:13pm pm. James Ahlstrom seconded the Motion which PASSED by unanimous vote of all members.

13. Adjourn

MOTION: James Bruhn moved to adjourn this meeting of the West Bountiful City Council at 11:15 p.m. Mark Preece 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 18, 2015.

Cathy Brightwell (City Recorder)