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# THE WEST BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A REGULAR MEETING AT 7:30 PM ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2025, AT THE CITY OFFICES

Invocation/Thought – James Ahlstrom; Pledge of Allegiance – Kelly Enquist

- 1. Approve Agenda.
- 2. Public Comment Two minutes per person; five minutes if on behalf of a group.
- 3. Discuss Traffic Design Options to Improve Pedestrian Safety at 400 N 800 W.
- 4. Consider Purchase Approval for Police Vehicles and Public Works Vehicle.
- 5. Consider Resolution #557-25, A Resolution Amending the West Bountiful City Employment Policies and Procedure Manual Regarding Tuition Reimbursement.
- 6. Meeting Minutes from November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- 7. Staff Reports-Police, Public Works, Engineering, Admin & Community Development.
- 8. Mayor/Council Reports.
- 9. Closed Session, if necessary, for the Purpose of Discussing Items Allowed Pursuant to UCA § 52-4-205.
- 10. Adjourn.

This agenda was posted on the State Public Notice website (<u>Utah.gov/pmn</u>), the city website (<u>WBCityut.gov</u>), posted at city hall, and emailed to the Mayor and City Council on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

# **MEMORANDUM**



**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**DATE:** 11-26-25

**FROM:** Duane Huffman

RE: Expenditure Approvals – Service Vehicles

The city's procurement code requires that certain expenditures of \$10,000 or more first be approved by the city council. Approval is requested for the following:

#### 1. Police Vehicles

This year's budget includes \$110,900 in the General Fund for the replacement of two police service vehicles. Staff recommend the purchase of a 2026 Ford F150 (\$61,946) and a 2026 Ford Explorer Police Intercept (\$48,542). Quotes attached.

In conjunction with these purchases, the city will dispose of a 2021 F-150 and 2020 Explorer at auction.

#### 2. Public Works Vehicles

This year's budget includes \$65,000 in the Water Fund for the replacement of one service truck for the water department. Staff recommend the purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD (\$59,903.96).

In conjunction with this purchase, the city will dispose of a 2020 Chevrolet Silverado at auction.

# **MEMORANDUM**



TO: Mayor & Council

**DATE:** November 26, 2025

**FROM:** Duane Huffman

RE: Tuition Reimbursement Policy

This memo introduces a tuition reimbursement policy for adoption. The proposed policy was initially reviewed at the Nov 18 council meeting and is updated based on that discussion.

#### **Background**

The FY 25/26 budget includes up to \$20,000 in the General Fund for an employee tuition reimbursement program. Such a program could benefit the city by strengthening workforce capability, improving recruitment and retention, and providing cost-effective professional development compared to other options. Most importantly, it signals to employees that the city values their growth.

#### **Highlights of Draft Policy**

The draft Tuition Reimbursement Policy outlines clear and responsible parameters for participation:

- Eligibility: Full-time employees with at least one year of continuous service; coursework must be job-related and pre-approved by department leadership and the City Administrator.
- Covered Expenses: Tuition, mandatory fees, and required textbooks from accredited institutions.
- Repayment Obligation: Employees must remain with the City two years after their last reimbursement; repayment tiers apply for earlier separation, except in cases such as layoff, disability, or retirement, which may qualify for waiver at the City Administrator's discretion.
- Program Administration: Funds are allocated on a first-come basis and may consider seniority when needed; job performance must remain satisfactory; the City may modify or discontinue the policy based on available resources.

#### **Updates**

At the Nov 18 council, two elements of the policy were discussed in detail, and the new proposal is updated as follows:

- Approved schools. Under the section "Covered Expenses", the policy is updated to include state funded schools (universities, colleges, and technical schools), along with other schools Accredited by a "nationally recognized" accrediting agency per the U.S. Department of Education.
- Reimbursement Limits: The original draft included an annual limit of \$2,400 per employee. This figure was based on a comparison of other cities' tuition programs as well as a review of tuition costs of local schools. For reference, the following tables provide this information:

Entity	Limit/Practice
Bountiful City	50%
Brigham City	90% up to \$6,000
Cedar Hills	50% up to \$2,500
Centerville	\$2,000 per year
Eagle Mountain	\$2,500
Farmington	50% up to \$3,000
Layton	50% up to \$3,000
Murray	\$3,500 per year
Riverdale	50%
South Ogden	50%
Springdale	\$3,000
Syracuse	\$2,000
West Point	\$1,000
South Salt Lake	\$2,500

School	Annual Tuition
Davis Tech	\$2,280
Utah State	\$4,390
Weber State	\$5,768
UVU	\$6,016
Western Governors	\$8,300
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The updated policy has increased the annual limit to \$4,000.

#### Recommendation

Staff recommends the approval of this policy.

## WEST BOUNTIFUL CITY

RESOLUTION #577-25

# A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE WEST BOUNTIFUL CITY EMPLOYMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

**WHEREAS**, Section 10-3-717 of Utah Code authorizes the city council to establish by resolution personnel policies and guidelines; and,

**WHEREAS**, periodic reviews and modifications are necessary to ensure that polices and guidelines are lawful, proper, and effective; and,

**WHEREAS**, the West Bountiful City Council now desires to amend the Employment Policies and Procedures Manual to amend include a section on Tuition Reimbursement:

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of West Bountiful that:

- 1. The *West Bountiful City Employment Policies and Procedures Manual* is amended as shown in the attached Exhibit A.
- 2. The provisions of the *Manual* shall be severable, and if any provision thereof or the application of such provision under any circumstance is held invalid, it shall not affect any other provisions of the *Manual* or the application in a different circumstance.
- 3. This resolution shall be in effect upon adoption.

Passed and approved by the City Council of West Bountiful City this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2025.

		Kenneth Romney, Mayor
Voting by the City Council: Ay	e Nay	
Council member Ahlstrom Council member Butterfield Council member Enquist Council member Nielsen Council member Preece		
Attest:		
Remington Whiting, City Record	ler	_

#### **Tuition Reimbursement Policy**

#### **Purpose**

To encourage employees to pursue education that enhances their ability to perform current or future duties with the City.

#### **Eligibility**

- Full-time employees who have completed at least one year of continuous service.
- Coursework must be job-related and pre-approved by the Department Head and City Administrator prior to enrollment.

### **Covered Expenses**

Tuition, mandatory fees, and required textbooks from schools:

- Belonging to the Utah System of Higher Education, or
- Belonging to Utah's Career and Technical Education system, or
- Accredited by a "nationally recognized" accrediting agency per the U.S. Department of Education.

#### **Reimbursement Limits**

- Reimbursement is available per semester or academic term, up to a maximum of \$4,000 per calendar year. All reimbursements shall be based on available funding.
   (Example: An employee may be reimbursed for multiple courses during the year, but total reimbursement cannot exceed \$4,000 in that calendar year.)
- Reimbursement requests must be submitted prior to June 1st and be for coursework completed during the same fiscal year, with:
  - o Itemized receipts; and
  - Proof of successful completion with a grade of "B" or higher (or "Pass" in a pass/fail course).

#### **Repayment Obligation**

Employees must remain employed by the City for two years following the date of the last reimbursement payment.

If an employee voluntarily resigns or is terminated for cause before completing this period, repayment will be required as follows:

Time Employed After Course Completion	Repayment Required
0-12 months	100%
13-24 months	50%

#### **Agreement Requirement**

Employees must sign a Tuition Reimbursement Agreement acknowledging:

- Repayment terms and schedule;
- Authorization for payroll deduction (if needed);
- Acknowledgment that reimbursement funds are not part of base salary or benefits.

#### **Other Terms**

- The City reserves the right to modify or discontinue this policy without notice.
- Program is always subject to available funds.
- Available funds will be distributed on a first-come basis for employees that enter the Tuition Reimbursement Agreement, and if needed, based on seniority.
- The repayment obligation may be waived in cases of layoff, disability, or retirement, at the discretion of the City Administrator.
- Job Performance. An employee's outside educational activities should not interfere with the employee's work and the employee's job performance must remain satisfactory.
   Unsatisfactory job performance during enrollment may result in denial or forfeiture of education assistance in addition to disciplinary action.

1		PENDING – Not Yet Approved				
2 3 4		nutes of the West Bountiful City Council meeting held on <b>Tuesday</b> , <b>November 18<sup>th</sup></b> , <b>2025</b> , at st Bountiful City Hall, 550 N 800 West, Davis County, Utah.				
5 6	Those	e in attendance:				
7	111080	on attenuance.				
8		MEMBERS: Council members James Ahlstrom, Kelly Enquist, Mark Preece, and Jenn				
9 10		Nielsen (virt	ually).			
11		STAFF. Due	ane Huffman (City Administrator) Brandon Frekson (Chief of Police) Steve			
12		<b>STAFF:</b> Duane Huffman (City Administrator), Brandon Erekson (Chief of Police), Steve Maughan (Public Works Director), Kris Nielsen (City Engineer) and Remington Whiting				
13 14		(City Record	er)			
15 16		PUBLIC: A	lan Malan, Richmond Thornley, Julie Thompson, Simon Mortenson			
17		<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Mayor Kenneth Romney, Council member Dell Butterfield, Kris Nilsen (City			
18		Engineer)				
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20	Regu	lar Meeting				
21 22 23	•		ed the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Mark Preece shared an inspirational thought, legiance was led by James Ahsltrom.			
<ul><li>24</li><li>25</li></ul>	1.	Approve Age	enda			
26		MOTION				
27 28		<b>MOTION:</b>	Kelly Enquist made a motion to approve the agenda. James Ahlstrom seconded the Motion which PASSED by unanimous vote of all members			
29			present.			
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31	2.	Public Comn	nent			
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33		N. C.				
34		No Comment				
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36	2	Carryage of Al	as 2025 West Downtiful Municipal Consul Floation			
37	3.	Canvass of the	ne 2025 West Bountiful Municipal General Election.			
38		Dominatan W	Whiting apparented the Company Election Converge agreement to the covergil and			
39 40		_	Thiting presented the General Election Canvass report to the council and			
41		explained that they were acting as a board of canvassers. The report included a summary				
42		report showing the votes cast by precinct, a precinct map, and county report that included pre-				
43		election test and audit report, a register of reports and a canvass audit certification. Remington noted that the turnout for the election was 45.18%.				
44		noted that the	turnout for the election was 43.1070.			
45		Votes Cost. T	otal Votes – 1612; Mayor: Dell Butterfield – 660, Kenneth Romney – 922. City			
46			y Enquist – 752, Richmond S. Thornley – 548, Julie Nichols Thompson – 1049,			

Mark W Preece – 573. Proposition #3 – Recreation, Arts, and Park (RAP) Tax
 Reauthorization: Yes – 1,200, No – 235.

MOTION: James Ahlstrom made a motion to accept the 2025 Municipal General Election Canvass as presented and declare elected Kenneth L. Romney as Mayor, and Julie Nichols Thompson and Kelly Enquist as Council members, and declare Proposition #3 – Recreation, Arts, Park (RAP) Tax Reauthorization approved.. Jenn Nielsen seconded the motion.

The vote was recorded as follows:

James Ahlstrom – Aye

Jenn Nielsen – Aye

Mark Preece – Aye

## 4. Discuss Draft West Bountiful Employee Tuition Reimbursement Policy.

The FY 25-26 budget includes funding for an employee tuition reimbursement program. Duane presented a draft tuition reimbursement policy for discission. Some of the highlights of the draft include eligibility, covered expenses, reimbursement limits, repayment obligations and the program administration. There was some discussion on what schools would and would not qualify and the eligible amount per employee. Duane will make modifications and bring the policy back for final consideration.

## 5. Meeting Minutes from October 7th, 2025

MOTION: James Ahlstrom made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Kelly Enquist seconded the motion which PASSED by unanimous vote of all members present.

#### 6. Staff Reports

Police Department – Brandon Erekson

- An offer an been accepted for one of the two positions currently open.
- The department continues to search for a crossing guard.
- The new part-time admin assistant has begun working.

Public Works – Steve Maughan

• One position is open and advertised in the parks department.

Administration/Community Development – Duane Huffman

• Kris is currently attending a storm water conference.

Working with UDOT on three projects (I-15 Project, Legacy Parkway Widening Project and Frontrunner Double Track Project)
 Received and are reviewing a request from UDOT to conduct nighttime construction on

• Received and are reviewing a request from UDOT to conduct nighttime construction on Legacy.

94	<ul> <li>Working to finish the audit on the FY 2025 fiscal year.</li> </ul>		
95	• Working on some smaller subdivision that include 2 lots or smaller.		
96	Working on a plat amendment for Mr. Todd Willey.		
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98	7. Mayor/Council Reports		
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100	James Ahlstrom:		
101	• Asked about the status of the golf course net replacement project. Duane said it underway.		
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103	Kelly Enquist:		
104	<ul> <li>Attended the Christmas Concert by the Arts Council with Susie Carter.</li> </ul>		
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106	Jenn Nielsen:		
107	<ul> <li>YCC is preparing for Christmas on Onion Street which will take place on December 6<sup>th</sup> at</li> </ul>		
108	1pm.		
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110	Mark Preece:		
111	• The sewer district recently approved the issuance of public bonds for the north plant.		
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113	8. Adjourn		
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115	MOTION: James Ahlstrom made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the West		
116	Bountiful City Council. Kelly Enquist seconded the motion which PASSED		
117	by unanimous vote of all members present.		
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120	The foregoing was approved by the West Pountiful City Council by unanimous yets of all members		
120	The foregoing was approved by the West Bountiful City Council by unanimous vote of all members present on December $2^{nd}$ , 2025.		
121	present on December 2 , 2023.		
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125	Remington Whiting, City Recorder		
123	remington whiting, only recorder		