

Murray City Municipal Council

Chambers

Murray City, Utah

The Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 21st day of November, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., for a meeting held in the Murray City Council Chambers, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

The meeting was conducted by Diane Turner

Council Members Present:

Dave Nicponski, Council District 1
Pamela Cotter, Council District 2
Jim Brass, Council District 3
Diane Turner, Council District 4
Brett Hales, Council District 5

City Staff Present:

Blair Camp, Mayor
Brent Davidson, Deputy City Recorder
Frank Nakamura, City Attorney
Janet Lopez, Council Administrator
Janet Towers, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Craig Burnett, Police Chief
Gil Rodriguez, Fire Chief
Joe Treadwell, Battalion Chief
John Tani, Paramedic/Firefighter
Joe Beard, Fire Captain
Spencer Finlinson, Paramedic/Firefighter
Oliver Webb, Firefighter
Pete Rude, Paramedic/Firefighter
Doug Hill, Public Services Director
Danyce Steck, Finance Director

Other's in Attendance:

Scouts
Citizens

Ms. Turner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

5. Opening Ceremonies

5.1 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Craig Burnett, Police Chief

5.2 Approval of Minutes

5.2.1 None scheduled.

5.3 Special Recognition

5.3.1 Murray City Council Employee of the Month, Captain Scott White, Fire Department.

Staff Presentation: Brett Hales, Councilmember
Gil Rodriguez, Fire Chief

Mr. Hales said the Council started the Employee of the Month program because they felt it was important to recognize the City's employees. He presented Captain White with a certificate, a \$50 gift card and told him that his name would appear on the plaque located in the Council Chambers. He expressed his appreciation to Captain White for all he does for the City.

6. Citizen Comments - Comments are limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise approved by the Council.

Roger Haglund – Murray City, Utah

Mr. Haglund said the property to the east of his home is for sale. The property is approximately 2 1/2 acres and the citizens in his area would like to see that property turned into a park. The Di Sera family has lived on that property since right around World War II and used to farm from Vine Street to Van Winkle Expressway. Now their farm goes to the back of the canal where the city has created a trail and it would make a beautiful place for a park.

There was an offer on the property that was accepted. However, when the potential buyer found out about the widening of Vine Street, he did not think he could put in enough houses to make enough of a profit and withdrew his offer. The property is available again and the citizens in that area are urging the city to find some funding to purchase it to put in a park. There is no more land being made in Murray and the land that is here is already largely built out. Now that there is a trail there, this would make a nice terminus at the opposite end of Wheeler Farm if the city can find the means to purchase this property.

Mr. Haglund stated he wishes the speed limit on Vine Street above 900 East was 30 MPH like it is on every other east/west street in Murray. In the new part of Murray, the speed limit on the east/west streets is 35 MPH. The idea of widening Vine Street to five lanes – two parking lanes, two driving lanes, and one center turn lane, makes it the widest east/west street in Murray. Making the street wider will not make people slow down. He would like the city to consider lowering the speed limit on Vine Street from 35 MPH to 30 MPH. The neighborhood has changed and this plan to widen Vine Street will further separate

neighborhoods. It will make the people to the south side will be further separated from those on the north side.

Lonnie Carter – Taylorsville City, Utah

Mr. Carter said he lives in Taylorsville, but he often uses the Murray Post Office. He thought the curb in front of the Post Office used to be painted red for no parking. That has gone away and now there are cars parked along the curb making it hard to see the oncoming traffic as you turn out of the Post Office's parking lot.

Lori Haglund – Murray City, Utah

Ms. Haglund said she is here tonight to talk about the city acquiring the property on Vine Street and creating Di Sera Park. She is continually surprised that she hasn't seen this item on an agenda because her conversations with the Di Sera family indicate that they would be in favor of the city purchasing the property to put in a park.

Ms. Haglund said based on signatures she has gathered from neighbors in the area, a park is really a priority for citizens. She hopes the city will follow the advice in the Murray City General Plan where it states that parks and recreation for residents is important. The General Plan shows the areas that are served by a park and the eastern area that was annexed from Salt Lake County has no parks. Ms. Haglund turned in the signatures that have been collected.

Gunter Oese – Murray City, Utah

Mr. Oese said he is against putting a park on the Di Sera property. It would be a liability to Murray City to buy the property and develop it. A new subdivision would be great on that property and would go together with widening Vine Street.

Bonnie Johnson – Murray City, Utah

Ms. Johnson said she thinks a park would help the environment. It would bring families from the east and west sides together. There is a trail being developed in that area right now and a park would connect the residents and help the community.

Madeline Stover – Murray City, Utah

Ms. Stover said she agrees with building Di Sera Park. She has been going around to all her neighbors who live on Fontaine Bleu Drive and they all would love to have a park. It makes sense to have a park that brings the canal trail together.

7. Consent Agenda

7.1 None scheduled.

8. Public Hearings

8.1 Public Hearing

8.1.1 Staff and sponsor presentations and public comment will be given prior to Council action on the following matter:

Consider an ordinance amending Chapters 13.08, 13.12, 13.16, 13.24,

13.28, 13.30, 13.32, 13.44, 13.48, and 13.52 of the City Code related to Public Services including waste water fees in the Murray City service area.

Staff Presentation: Frank Nakamura, City Attorney
Doug Hill, Public Services Director

Mr. Nakamura said these changes are part of the Attorney's Office efforts to update and make technical changes to some ordinances. He went over some of the substantive changes that were made to this ordinance.

Mr. Nakamura said they did not change the water fees as part of this update. The city is working on a tiered water rate that is required by state law. This ordinance will be amended again when the tiered water rate system is complete. The reason for the public hearing tonight is for the proposed waste water fee changes. Mr. Nakamura deferred to Mr. Hill for an explanation of those changes.

Mr. Hill said Murray City is one of seven member entities of the Central Valley Water Reclamation Facility, which is the sewer treatment plant that treats all of Murray's sewer. The city owns 8% which is based on how much the city sends to that plant. For several years, Central Valley Water has been planning an upgrade to their plant to handle the requirements that have been established by the state for phosphorus and nitrogen removal as well as to take care of plant expansion. Central Valley Water has estimated that over the next ten years the cost for these upgrades will be approximately \$250,000,000 and the seven member entities will share in that cost.

Mr. Hill said when the city found out it was going to have to pay for a portion of the upgrade and expansion to Central Valley Water, we realized that with our current rates we would not be able to make that payment to Central Valley Water. The city hired a financial consultant to work with our Finance Director, Danyce Steck, and other staff to look at what the city's capital needs were going to be not only from Central Valley Water but within the city as well. The consultant also looked at the city's operating costs going forward and what those costs are projected to be over the next five years. Based on those costs, the recommendation being made tonight is to approve the appropriate rate increases to be able to take care of these costs.

Mr. Hill explained that the city charges a base monthly fee to everybody regardless of how much sewer they are using or not using (See Attachment 1). That base charge is \$7.62 per month. Residents are assessed a usage charge that is based on how much water they use during the winter months (November through April). The reason the city does that is because most people don't use any outside water during the winter months which makes

it easier for the city to determine how much of the water being used is going down the sewer. The current usage charge is \$2.26 per hundred cubic feet.

Mr. Hill stated the average monthly sewer bill for a single-family home is approximately \$30. The proposal is for the sewer rates to increase a little each year over the next five years. This would bring the average sewer bill for a single-family home from \$30 to approximately \$38 per month.

The public hearing was opened for public comment. No comments were given, and the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Brass said he sits on the Central Valley Water Board and they have been collecting data on the impact the plant has on the Jordan River. When the EPA and the Division of Water Quality changed the rules on phosphorus and nitrogen discharge from the plant into the river, it essentially made the plant obsolete. To meet the new rules, the plant must be completely rebuilt, and Central Valley Water has five years to do it.

8.1.2 Council consideration of the above matter.

MOTION: Mr. Brass moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Mrs. Cotter.

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mrs. Cotter	Aye
Mr. Brass	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye

Motion passed 5-0

9. Unfinished Business

9.1 None scheduled.

10. New Business

10.1 Consider a resolution of the Murray City Municipal Council authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$5,800,000 aggregate principal amount of Sales Tax Revenue Bonds.

Staff presentation: Danyce Steck, Finance Director

Ms. Steck said this resolution would authorize, herself, the Mayor, City Attorney, or a Mayor Pro-Temp delegate to price and time the issuance of these bonds. The maximum amount of the bonds is \$5,800,000 which will be used to build a new fire station. The bonds will not be issued if the problems with the property for the new

fire station continue. The payoff of the bonds is less than 14 years which is the period that the city will be collecting the local option sales tax to pay the debt service. The purpose of this bond is to smooth out the cash flows for the city as we attempt to finish the downtown redevelopment and build a new City Hall.

Ms. Steck stated the city will be holding a public hearing to receive public comment on the issuance of these bonds on December 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Brass moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was **SECONDED** by Mr. Hales.

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mrs. Cotter	Aye
Mr. Brass	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye

Motion passed 5-0

10.2 Consider a resolution approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City and the Utah Community Action Head Start Program and Murray City School district to lease City property.

Staff presentation: Doug Hill, Public Services Director

Mr. Hill said the city owns a building on 6100 South and Main Street – adjacent to Grant Park. It used to be an old fire station and the old library. When the new fire station was built over on 5900 South, the Fire Department vacated the property on 6100 South. The Murray School District asked the city if they could use that building for their early childhood education and Head Start programs. The city had a 10 year lease with the School District for them to use that building. They were responsible for all the maintenance and care of the building and the city retained the ability to use that building during the months of May through August for whatever use was needed. Primarily it's been used for rehearsal space for the city's arts programs.

Mr. Hill said the lease is up for renewal and the proposal is to renew it again for an additional five years instead of ten years. In addition, the city will be allowed to use the building, after school hours, for one additional month due to the limited space for the city's arts programs. The School District and Head Start have agreed to these terms and have already signed the agreement.

MOTION: Mr. Nicponski moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was **SECONDED** by Mrs. Cotter.

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mrs. Cotter	Aye
Mr. Brass	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye

Motion passed 5-0

10.3 Consider a resolution approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City and Salt Lake County for the purpose of cost sharing for the 2017-2022 UPDES Media Campaign.

Staff presentation: Doug Hill, Public Services Director

Mr. Hill said UPDES is another term for storm water discharge and making sure that the city doesn't pollute the rivers and streams in the community. Twenty-five years ago, Congress passed the Clean Water Act which now requires communities to have a program to treat storm water, inspect it, and make sure the city does everything within our ability to make sure we are not polluting the streams and rivers.

One of the requirements of the Clean Water Act was that communities had to do a public education program and educate the public about not dumping things down the storm drains. That was where the "we all live downstream" slogan and commercials came from. Murray City joined with all the other cities in Salt Lake County to meet this public education requirement.

This agreement comes in blocks of five years and the city has been doing this for 15 to 20 years. The city has been paying \$5,000 per year to the coalition that handles all the public media. Because of various annexations and incorporations of cities over the last five years, Salt Lake County has reallocated the financial requirements based on the city's population. Through this agreement, the city's cost will increase by about \$1,900.

Mr. Hill stated this is a good, fair allocation. He added that the money to pay for this comes out of the Storm Water fund.

MOTION: Mrs. Cotter moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Brass.

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mrs. Cotter	Aye
Mr. Brass	Aye

Ms. Turner Aye

Motion passed 5-0

11. Mayor

11.1 Report

Mayor Camp said he appreciates the comments and insight the city gets from the public at Council meetings. He said the city has been in contact with the owners of the property on Vine Street.

Mayor Camp noted that the swimming pool over at the Park Center has new lane dividers and flags.

Mayor Camp said he attended the public announcement for the funding event for the Boys and Girls Club expansion that includes the Murray club and the West Capital club downtown. Their goal was to raise \$7,000,000 to expand both clubs and they had already raised \$5,600,000 of that before they went public with the announcement. The Murray Boys and Girls Club works with about 120 children everyday and they have a waitlist of about 60.

Mayor Camp stated that on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 the basketball teams from Cottonwood High School and Murray High School will be playing against each other at Cottonwood High School. Because both schools are in Murray and both schools loved Mayor Ted Eyre, during half-time they will have a tribute to Mayor Eyre and make a presentation to his family. The game starts at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Camp noted the city offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24, 2017 for Thanksgiving.

11.2 Questions for the Mayor

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17p.m.

Jennifer Kennedy, City Recorder

Attachment 1

Starting on: Ending on:	Current	1-Nov-17 31-Oct-18	1-Nov-18 31-Oct-19	1-Nov-19 31-Oct-20	1-Nov-20 31-Oct-21	1-Nov-21 And After
Base monthly charge/Account	7.62	8.00	8.40	8.82	9.26	9.73
Use charge/hundred cubic feet	2.26	2.37	2.49	2.62	2.75	2.88
Average monthly sewer bill	30.22	31.73	33.32	34.98	36.73	38.57