

# Murray City Municipal Council Chambers

## Murray City, Utah

### Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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The Murray City Municipal Council met on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. (or as soon as possible thereafter) for a meeting held in the Murray City Council Chambers, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

The public was able to view the meeting via the live stream at [www.murraycitylive.com](http://www.murraycitylive.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/Murraycityutah/>. A recording of the City Council meeting can be viewed [HERE](#).

#### **Council in Attendance:**

Kat Martinez	District #1
Pamela Cotter	District #2
Rosalba Dominguez	District #3 - Conducting
Diane Turner	District #4
Garry Hrechkosy	District #5
Jennifer Kennedy	Council Director
Patti Johnson	Council Office Administrator III
Crystal Brown	Officer Administrator

#### **Administrative Staff in Attendance:**

Brett A. Hales	Mayor
Doug Hill	Chief Administrative Officer
Tammy Kikuchi	Chief Communication Officer
G.L. Critchfield	City Attorney
Brooke Smith	City Recorder
Brenda Moore	Finance and Administration Director
Craig Burnett	Police Chief
Joey Mittelman	Fire Chief
Kim Sorensen	Parks and Recreation Director
Bruce Holyoak	Parks Superintendent
Flip Nielson	Parks Leadworker
Blaine Haacke	General Manager of Power
Zach Green	Utility Planner II for Power
Matt Erkelens	Forestry Supervisor
Jared Hall	Community and Economic Development Director

Russ Kakala  
Ben Gray

Public Works Director  
Sr. IT Technician

**Others in Attendance:**

Eric Bishop	Dan Bishop	Laura Ashby	Chris Shaw
Kim Alexander	Terri Daley	Jesus Gomez	Shelley Phillips-Nielson
Bob Van Bibber	Shari Van Bibber	David Rodgers	Natalia Harmond
Gabe Ulibarri	Emily Newbold	Ben Newbold	Pam Sanders
Loran Pasalich	Morgan Smith	Frank Mendez	Melissa Mendez
Bryan Watts	Lawrence Horman		

**Opening Ceremonies**

Call to Order – Councilmember Dominguez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The audience was invited to recite the Pledge of Allegiance led by David Rodgers.

**Approval of Minutes**

Council Meeting – August 2, 2022

Truth in Taxation Meeting – August 9, 2022

**MOTION:**

Councilmember Cotter moved to approve the Council Minutes on August 2, 2022, and the Truth in Taxation Minutes on August 9, 2022. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Martinez.

*Ayes: Councilmember Turner, Councilmember Hrechkosy, Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Cotter, Councilmember Dominguez*

*Nays: None*

*Abstentions: None*

*Motion passed 5-0*

**Special Recognition**

**1. Murray City Council Employee of the Month, Flip Nielson, Parks Lead**

Presenting: Councilmember Dominguez and Kim Sorensen, Parks and Recreation Director

Councilmember Dominguez introduced Flip Nielson as August 2022 Employee of the Month

and read a brief bio about him.

Kim Sorensen, Parks and Recreation Director, shared that Flip Nielson has worked for the city for 24 years. Flip Nielson was tasked with the responsibility of getting Murray Park ready for the Murray Fun Days and did an outstanding job. Flip Nielson supervised several full-time and part-time employees to assure the park was immaculate for the event.

Bob Van Bibber requested to share a few words about Flip Nielson over the podium. Bob Van Bibber has known Flip Nielson for a long time and shared several examples of the hard work and dedication that Flip Nielson has done not only in his capacity as a Murray City employee but for the community.

Flip Nielson was invited to the podium. He expressed appreciation for the acknowledgment and thanked the council for the recognition. Flip Nielson introduced his family and co-workers who were with him tonight.

Councilmember Dominguez thanked Flip Nielson for his service and presented him with a certificate and a \$50 gift card. His name will also appear on the plaque located in the Council Chambers.

## **2. 2022 Jim and Jean Hendrickson Beautification Awards**

Presenting: Matt Erkelens, Forestry Supervisor, and Darin Bird, Committee member  
PowerPoint Presentation - Attachment A- Murray City's 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Jim and Jean  
Hendrickson Beautification Awards Program

### **Shade Tree and Beautification Committee:**

District 1 represented by Judith Payne  
District 2 represented by Darin Bird  
District 3 represented by Geneal Nelson  
District 4 Vacant  
District 5 represented by Dr. Janice Evans

Darin Bird, Committee member announced the 2022 Jim and Jean Hendrickson Beautification Award winners:

### **District Award**

District 1 – Kent and Susan Mohlan, 808 W Clover Meadow Dr; 84123  
District 2 – John and Joan Fackrell, 6038 South LaSalle Circle; 84123  
District 3 – Stewart VanCleave, 4708 South Rainbow Circle; 84107  
District 4 – Ben and Emily Newbold, 5577 Hillside Drive; 84107  
District 5 – Olive Watts, 6250 Turpin Street; 84107

### **Mayor's Award**

Mayor's Award – Michael Dent, 540 E Edindrew Circle; 84107

Mayor's Citywide Xeriscape – Frank and Melissa Mendez, 1198 Hickman Cove; 84123

Mayor's Citywide Commercial – Lake City Dental, 142 W Winchester; 84107

Mayor's Citywide Multi-Family Residential – Three Fountains, 828 East Three Fountains Circle; 84107

The awardees were invited to the podium to accept the award. Each of them expressed gratitude for the recognition.

Councilmembers shared their appreciation for the Shade Tree and Beautification Committee and the residents who help make Murray beautiful.

### **Citizen Comments**

The meeting was open for public comment.

Lawrence Horman

Shared information about homeless issues.

Dan Bishop and Eric Bishop

Daniel Bishop introduced himself and his father/partner, Eric Bishop. They are currently working with Murray City to develop a 305-unit on Commerce Drive, north of Vine Street. They appreciate all the great professionals working in Murray City.

Eric Bishop shared that their family has deep family ties to Murray City and invited the council to take tours and come to the open house once the project is complete.

Chris Shaw

Requested the City add a crossing guard behind Longview Elementary, located at 627 South and between 535-541 East.

No additional comments were given, and the open public comment period was closed.

### **Consent Agenda**

None Scheduled

## Public Hearings

1. **Consider an ordinance permanently closing and vacating an unused Public Utility Easement at 4994 South Commerce Drive, Murray City, Salt Lake County, State of Utah.**

Presenting: Zach Green, Utility Planner II

Proposed Ordinance: O22-26

Slide: Alta/NSPS Lane Title Survey Bonnyview Partners, LLC

Zach Green, Utility Planner II for the Power Department, shared an overview of the ordinance requested to permanently close and vacation an unused Public Utility Easement at 4994 South Commerce Drive.

Murray City Power has large blanket easements covering most of the property at 4994 S. Commerce Dr. These easements are no longer needed as changes in overhead and underground power will require a new Public Utility Easement (PUE) for the Current Apartments development.

### Citizen Comments

The meeting was open for public comment.

No additional comments were given, and the open public comment period was closed.

### MOTION:

Councilmember Hrechkosy moves to approve the recommendations to permanently close and vacate an unused Public Utility Easement at 4994 South Commerce Drive. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Turner.

*Roll Call:*

*Ayes: Councilmember Turner, Councilmember Hrechkosy, Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Cotter, Councilmember Dominguez.*

*Nays: None*

*Abstentions: None*

*Motion passed 5-0*

## Business Item

None Scheduled

## Mayor's Report and Questions

Mayor Hales shared:

- On Friday, September 2, he attended the Carpenters Platinum, Tribute band at the Murray City Amphitheater. Approximately 700 people attended the event.
- Next month, the Murray City Amphitheater will be updating its seats in the theater. The new seats will include cup holders.
- Kim Sorensen, Parks and Recreation Director, met with the architect for the Armory Building, and they are excited to get going on that project.
- The new City Hall construction project is being worked on and invited the council to take a tour.

## COUNCIL QUESTION(S):

Councilmember Dominguez asked if there was any discussion about extending the outside pool operating hours since we are having a record-breaking heatwave.

Kim Sorensen, Parks and Recreation Director, was invited to the podium and shared that due to staffing shortages and school back in session, the pool will remain closed for the rest of the season.

## Adjournment

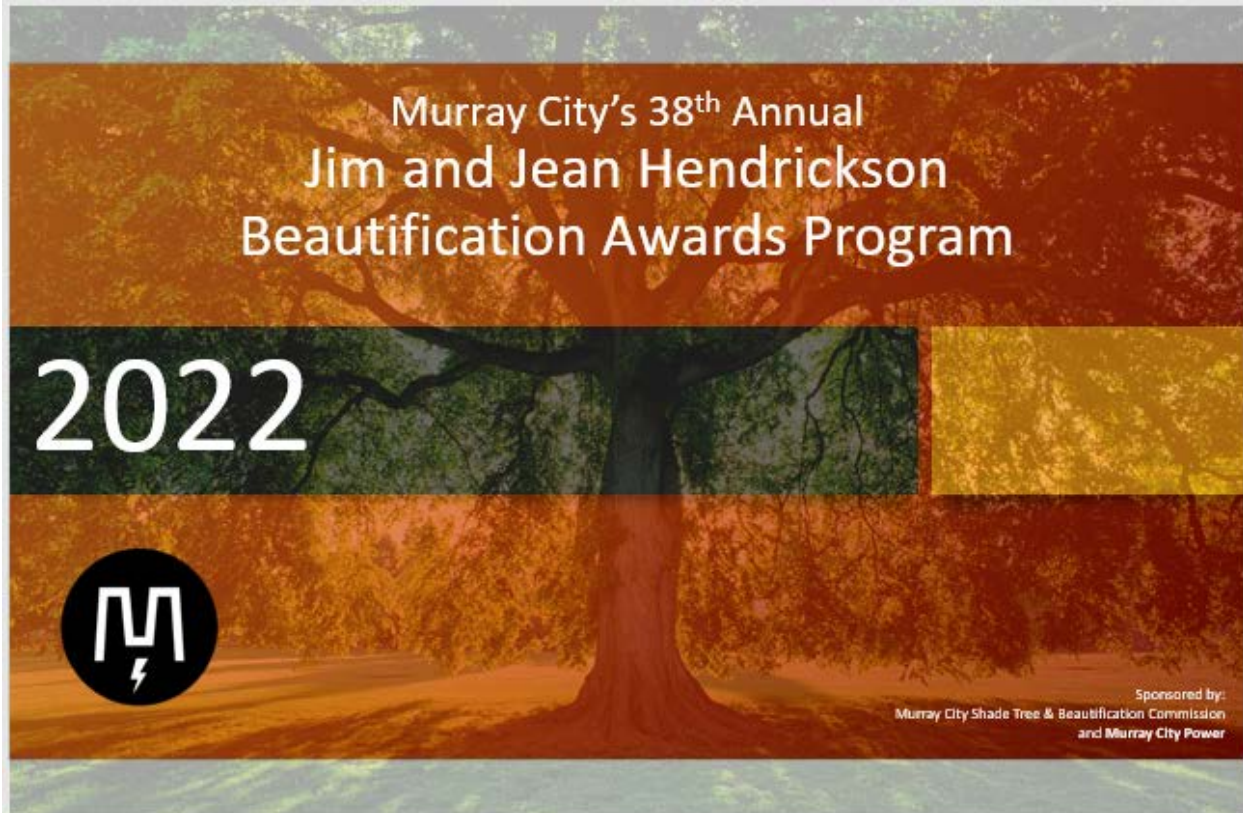
The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

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Brooke Smith, City Recorder



# Attachment A- 2022 Murray City 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Jim and Jean Hendrickson Beautification Awards Program



## Murray City Shade Tree & Beautification Commission Members

(Appointed by the Mayor)

- Judith Payne
- Darin Bird
- Geneal Nelson
- Dr. Janice Evans



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## District Awards

(Beautification Districts are the same as the Murray City Council Districts)



## District 1 - Winner

Kent and Susan Mohlman  
808 West Meadow Drive



## District 2 - Winner

John and Joan Fackrell  
6038 South LaSalle Circle



### District 3 - Winner

Stewart VanCleave  
4708 South Rainbow Circle



### District 4 - Winner

Ben and Emily Newbold  
5577 South Hillside Drive



## District 5 - Winner

Olive Watts  
6250 South Turpin Street



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## Citywide Commercial

Lake City Dental  
142 West Winchester Street



## Citywide Multi-Family Residential

Three Fountains





