

**MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Murray City Hall, 10 East 4800 South, Council Chambers, Murray, Utah 84107

Attendance:

Council Members:

Paul Pickett	District #1
Pam Cotter	District #2 – Council Chair
Rosalba Dominguez	District #3
Diane Turner	District #4
Adam Hock	District #5 – Council Vice-Chair

Others:

Brett Hales	Mayor	Jennifer Kennedy	City Council Executive Director
Doug Hill	Chief Administrative Officer	Pattie Johnson	Council Administration
G.L. Critchfield	City Attorney	Brooke Smith	City Recorder
Brenda Moore	Finance Director	Matt Youngs	Assistant Power Director
Phyllis Wall	Finance Department	Greg Bellon	Power Department Director
Craig Burnett	Police Chief	Stephen Olson	Fire Department
Marv Hendrickson	Annexation – Van Winkel	Hal Luke	Murray Senior Center
Danny Hansen	IT	Phil Markham	Community and Economic Dev. Director
Robert Wyss	Cultural Arts	Audrey McEuen	Murray Amphitheater
Sydney McEuen	Murray Amphitheater	Sydney McEuen	Murray Amphitheater
Levi Bean	Murray Amphitheater	Sofia Hutchings	Murray Amphitheater
Citizens			

Call to Order: 6: 30 p.m. – Council Member Paul Pickett

Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting – July 9, 2024

MOTION: Ms. Turner moved to approve, and Ms. Cotter SECONDED the motion.

Voice vote taken, all “Ayes.” Approved 5-0

Special Recognition:

- Murray City Employee of the Month – Robert Wyss - Cultural Arts, Amphitheater Technical Director.**
Mayor Hales introduced Mr. Wyss and expressed appreciation for all he does as technical director. Mr. Sorensen expressed gratitude and described all that Mr. Wyss accomplished before his employment with Murray City. Mr. Pickett presented the tribute, certificate and \$50 gift card.
- Report on the Light Up Navajo Project.** Power Director Greg Bellon said Murray has participated in Light Up Navajo since 2019. From that time to 2023, various power crews from all over the country have worked to connect electricity for the first time to 529 homes. This year 48 utility teams from 16 states worked on the project from April to July with the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority and 170 homes were connected.

Mr. Bellon mentioned the names of the Murray line workers who participated in the project including Lineman Tyler Montierth who was asked to give the presentation. Mr. Montierth expressed gratitude for being able to participate. He shared pictures of his crew in isolated and desolate areas and described the work week where they installed power to five homes, constructed 60 power poles and

installed a power meter in 114-degree weather. Mr. Bellon shared a plaque presented to the Murray City Power Department from the Navajo families and recited the words of appreciation for the work that was accomplished.

Citizen Comments:

Hal Luke – Murray Resident and Senior Recreation Center Advisory Board Member.

Mr. Luke said on June 24, 2024 there was a sponsored bridge tournament that was attended by 24 people who played 16 rounds of bridge for three hours. One of the top three final winners was a 103 year-old woman. Of the participants 25% were men, one person was in their 60's, six people in their 70's, 12 in their 80's, three in their 90's and two over 100 years old. Bridge can be played every Wednesday and Friday afternoon for three hours. Mr. Luke thanked the City and the Council for supporting senior recreation.

Sonja Jensen – Murray Resident.

Ms. Jensen expressed concern about police activity across the street from her home on 4460 Fairbourne Avenue. On June 26, 2024 at 6:30 a.m. she witnessed six officers positioned behind their cars with AR-15 guns drawn towards the apartment complex. The issue was handled and officers left. Then on Tuesday July 30, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. an incident occurred requiring 30 officers and a SWAT team to make several arrests. She stated that she was not upset with police, or the firearms, but that these type of people are allowed in our City. She understood the City could not dictate who apartment owners choose as renters, but felt apartment managers, landlords and property owners should be held accountable for these types of incidents. She felt a fine should be issued every time a situation like this occurs, noting that police patrol is happening but it did not stop the constant drug deals. She said even though arrests were made, the problem would not stop because new individuals keep showing up for the same reason. She was grateful to police but believed she should not have to live with this type of activity on her street. She noted many apartments being built in the City and strongly encouraged the Council to hold landlords and property owners accountable when situations like this happen.

Ms. Dominguez said for the record that a citizen comment from Brad Lambert was sent to the Murray City Council by email on July 23, 2024. She noted that all Council Members received it with the understanding that City staff was handling the matter.

Business Items:

- 1. Consider a resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding that may include law enforcement personnel from Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement Agencies for the purpose of locating and apprehending fugitives.** Police Chief Craig Burnett said the request would allow Murray police officers to participate in the United States Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force involving other law enforcement agencies in the valley. The task force works together in looking out for violent offenders.

MOTION: Ms. Turner moved to approve the resolution. Mr. Hock SECONDED the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Cotter	Aye
Ms. Dominguez	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hock	Aye
Mr. Pickett	Aye
Motion passed:	5-0

2. **Consider a resolution approving a Multi-Jurisdictional Agreement between Murray City and South Salt Lake City for building inspection services.** Community and Economic Development Director Phil Markham explained Senate Bill 185 – Residential Building Inspection Amendments that was passed during the 2024 Legislative Session. The bill means that cities are now required to provide inspection services within three business days of an application. In response to the legislation, several cities collaborated to create cooperative agreements meant to help each other by providing a building inspector for a city in need. The proposed resolution and agreement are related to Murray City working with South Salt Lake City who already approved the resolution and the agreement.

Mr. Markham noted that the next item on the agenda was the same resolution and agreement regarding Draper City who also approved the resolution and agreement.

MOTION: Mr. Hock moved to approve the resolution. Ms. Dominguez SECONDED the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Cotter	Aye
Ms. Dominguez	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hock	Aye
Mr. Pickett	Aye
Motion passed:	5-0

3. **Consider a resolution approving a Multi-Jurisdictional Agreement between Murray City and Draper City for building inspection services.**

MOTION: Ms. Cotter moved to approve the resolution. Ms. Dominguez SECONDED the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Cotter	Aye
Ms. Dominguez	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hock	Aye
Mr. Pickett	Aye
Motion passed:	5-0

4. **Consider an ordinance amending Section 2.62.120 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to Employee Holiday Vacations.** Council Member Adam Hock said the ordinance would adjust the Christmas Eve half-day holiday to a full-day holiday. Should Christmas Eve fall on a weekend employees would still recognize the holiday on the weekday before or the weekday after.

MOTION: Ms. Turner moved to approve the ordinance. Ms. Dominguez SECONDED the motion.

Ms. Cotter stated that because the proposal was not brought forward by the administration, she could not support it.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Cotter	Nay
Ms. Dominguez	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hock	Aye
Mr. Pickett	Aye
Motion passed:	4-1

5. **Consider a resolution accepting for further consideration of a petition for annexation known as Van Winkle related to property located approximately between 900 East and Van Winkle Expressway and between approximately 4800 South and the Boundary of Murray City at approximately 4840-4890 South in unincorporated Salt Lake County.** City Recorder Brooke Smith gave a brief background about the request to annex property into Murray City. She explained that on June 18, 2024 she reported to the Council in a work session that one required item was missing from the petition which was an accurate recordable map of the area.

On July 9, 2024 the petitioner turned in an accurate and recordable map addressing the inaccuracy. According to State Code now that the map is received, the process starts over by requesting that the City Council consider the resolution to accept further consideration of the annexation.

MOTION: Ms. Dominguez moved to approve the resolution. Ms. Turner SECONDED the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Cotter	Aye
Ms. Dominguez	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hock	Aye
Mr. Pickett	Aye
Motion passed:	5-0

Mayor's Report and Questions: Mayor Hales announced August programming at the Murray Amphitheater and shared that on August 7, 2024 at 1:00 p.m., a Firefighters Blast will be held at the Murray Park softball field under the direction of the Murray Library. Mayor Hales reported details about road construction currently underway on Vine Street that affects travel between State Street and 300 West and travel from State Street and 300 East.

Adjournment: 7:10 p.m.

**Pattie Johnson
Council Office Administrator**