

Murray City Municipal Council

Chambers

Murray City, Utah

The Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 3rd day of August, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., for a meeting held in the Murray City Council Chambers, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

Roll Call consisted of the following:

Jeff Dredge,	Council Chair
Krista Dunn,	Council Member
Darren Stam,	Council Member - Conducted
Jared Shaver,	Council Member
Jim Brass,	Council Member

Others who attended:

Dan Snarr,	Mayor
Jan Wells,	Chief of Staff
Janet Lopez,	City Council Office
Carol Heales,	City Recorder
Frank Nakamura,	City Attorney
Pete Fondaco,	Police Chief
Craig Burnett,	Assistant Police Chief
Gil Rodriguez,	Fire Chief
Doug Hill,	Public Services Director
Jeff Maglish,	Detective/Cadet Advisor
Doug Roberts,	Police Lieutenant
Nicholas Patterson,	Officer
Ross Pranter,	Officer
Colin Wood,	Officer
Juliette Dorsette,	Systems Administrator, Police Department
Robbie Robertson,	Former Council Member
New Cadets	
Scouts	
Citizens	

A. OPENING CEREMONIES

1. Pledge of Allegiance - Dylan Cooley, Boy Scout
2. Mr. Stam stated that there is a tradition in Murray City to have the Boy Scouts in attendance stand and introduce themselves, their troop leaders, and which Merit Badges they are working on.

The Scouts introduced themselves and their leaders.

3. Approval of minutes of June 24, 2010, and July 06, 2010.

Mr. Brass made a motion to approve the minutes of both meetings.
Ms. Dunn 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Carol Heales.

All ayes.

4. Special Recognitions

- a. **Swearing-In of new Officers of the Murray City Police Department:
Nicholas Patterson, Ross Pranter, and Colin Wood.**

Chief Fondaco stated that this is always a great time for the Police Department, to come in and replace officers who have retired. He would also like to recognize Robbie Robertson, who used to be a Councilman here at the City, and still does firearms for the community college; and Dave Attridge, who is in charge of the POST end of it at the Salt Lake community College, so he makes sure that these officers or candidates are ready to go when they graduate. We are grateful to have both of them here tonight.

Chief Fondaco invited the candidate officers up front for the swearing in, stating that Officer Pranter and Officer Wood both graduated from the Salt Lake Community College, and Officer Patterson graduated from the Utah Valley University. They are proud of these officers, they made it through the process to get this far, and Ms. Heales will do the final work.

Swearing-In by Carol Heales, City Recorder

The new officers introduced themselves and their families.

b. **Swearing-In of new Cadets of the Murray City Police Department: Camery Bagley, Jessica Dunn, Sam Fisiheteu, Onjoli Martelly, Camille Rasmussen, Jacqueline Rosen, Dylan Sorensen, and Rachel Voorhees.**

Chief Fondaco said that he would turn the time over to Officer Maglish, who does the interview process, along with his senior Cadets, and they do all of the interview process and turn the list over to him, so all he gets to do is sign his name and say that it is all acceptable; so, with that, he will turn the time over to Officer Maglish.

Officer Maglish thanked the Council for allowing them to do the ceremony during this meeting. He stated that this is a tough process, each one of the Police Cadets here tonight are chosen from the local high school, and it is tough-these are the best of the best. They are taken through a tough interview process, and honestly, he tries to intimidate them; he brings them in, sit them down, and they have an oral board that these cadets have to fight through that just like everyone else, and they show us what they are made of, and they are, by far, the best of the best when it comes to the kids from Murray High School and they deserve a hand just for getting to this part of the process and getting hired on with Murray.

Swearing-In by Carol Heales, City Recorder

Officer Maglish stated that he could not be prouder; a couple of years ago, they asked them to raise their right hands, and two raised their left-after he talked them all up! He asked the cadets to have their parent or someone come up and pin their badges on them.

Chief Fondaco thanked the cadets, and asked that the audience take a look at these cadets, as the Police Department uses them to buy beer; if you sell beer to any of those kids, you need to be put out of business! He keeps telling Officer Maglish that they need to find some older looking cadets so they have at least a chance to buy beer. Officer Maglish was telling him a story about sending them in to buy cigarettes, and he always lectures them and says: "now, don't go in and ask for a pack of Carmel's" so, they get that in their head, and go in and as nervous as they are, go up to the clerk, and ask for 'Carmel's'. The Chief has a lot of good stories on the cadets because they really are a lot of fun, and he will share one more:

When Rob Hall was in charge of the cadets, and they sent them in on a beer buy, and to explain what that is: they are not going out to buy beer for parties, they go in to make sure businesses are not selling beer to underage people, so we use the cadets to do that; Rob Hall sent the cadets into one of our stores, and pretty soon they came out with a cart, with a case of beer. Well, they are only supposed to buy a little bit; what happened was that when they got to the front, the clerk said 'this beer is on sale, and if you buy two six-packs, you get two six-packs for free.' So

they doubled their order and came out with a case of beer! Sometimes you get a lot of good, funny stories with the Cadet Program. They have a lot of fun, they do a good job, and he appreciates every one of them.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS **(Comments are limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise approved by the Council.)**

Mr. Robertson wanted to take the opportunity to thank the Council for all of their good work; he knows that it has been a tough beginning to the year with the budget process, they have come through it, and he feels that the city is in good hands, and thanked the Council once again for all their good work.

Mr. Stam thanked Mr. Robertson for all his years on the Council.

Public comment closed

C. CONSENT AGENDA

None scheduled

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None scheduled

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None scheduled

F. NEW BUSINESS

Consider a Resolution approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City and the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) that allows the City and its designee, Discount Tire, to do landscape improvements in UDOT's right-of-way subject to certain terms and conditions.

Staff presentation: Doug Hill, Public Services Director

Mr. Hill stated that a few weeks ago, the City Council approved a re-zone which allowed the Discount Tire at 6180 South Van Winkle Expressway the opportunity to expand their business; as part of their remodel plans, what they want to do is, there is a traffic island in front of the store that falls within the UDOT right-of-way that they want to landscape. Currently, it has a concrete barrier and weeds on it, so this is a great improvement for our city, and Discount Tire is willing to pay for these improvements and maintain the property. However, UDOT will not enter into an agreement with a

private business, but will enter into an agreement with the City; essentially, what they are doing with this agreement, should the Council approve it, is that we will agree, as a city, that this property would be installed according to UDOT's approval and maintained. We will then in turn, enter into an agreement with Discount Tire that will require them to take over the installation and maintenance requirements. This Interlocal agreement is something that has to come before the City Council; what you will not see is the agreement that our Attorney's Office has prepared that Discount Tire has said they are willing to sign. Basically there are two agreements that will be simultaneously signed that will bind Discount Tire to make these improvements.

Ms. Dunn made a motion to adopt the Resolution.

Mr. Shaver 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Carol Heales.

A Mr. Brass
A Mr. Shaver
A Ms. Dunn
A Mr. Dredge
A Mr. Stam

Motion passed 5-0

G. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Snarr stated that he has received some absolutely, incredible news: he does not know who Juggle.com is, but they selected our website for the top City Government website award. There are over 3,200 entities that they looked at, it is an interesting search engine that provides information on a variety of topics, and watch for our profile to be placed on the site, they said it was one of the best. Even though he is not sure who Juggle.com is, they must be absolutely incredible to select us as number one!

We have had some challenges in the timeliness of which we try to update things, but he will say, from his office perspective, Whitney Tyrrell really sits on top of this and she deserves a lot of kudos for staying on top of it and making sure that it is up to date and current, and that we get the postings done correctly. He knows that she personally goes to each individual department, if needed, and has become a great web-master. She is a very good multi-tasker, if you will, and he is very appreciative of her and of all the other departments that submit information.

Mayor Snarr said that there is a new business moving into the Comp USA building; we don't know who it is as they haven't drawn their occupancy permit, and what they are going to do, but we have been told that someone is going to take over that location. It would be nice if we could get that filled up, as well as the old Ti-Décor and Linens and Things buildings filled, it would help improve that area. We still have a lot of vacant buildings down there, and it would be nice to see them filled.

The Mayor Continued: from what he understands, the demo permit has been drawn on the old Nordstrom's building; they plan on, according to Chris, to start demolition sometime in the next few weeks. Obviously, we can all see the demolition taking place on that beautiful Larry H. Miller building; it just breaks his heart to see that building gone. But something is going to rise, and it is going to be something we are going to be proud of; it is going to be a state-of-the-art Toyota dealership in the state of Utah, as far as the amount of space, and they are going to bring some zoning issues that need to be addressed as far as additional space that they would like to acquire and change from commercial to residential, and from residential back to commercial – it is a little land swap that they are doing with the LDS Church with the property a little bit to the south.

Mayor Snarr said that as everyone is aware, we had a very unfortunate situation with the two individuals who were drowned on the Jordan River; He would, first of all, complement the City's Fire Department, they were very responsive; with all the training that they do in swift-water rescue, it really works. They knew what to do, they knew how to retrieve the individuals, unfortunately, neither one survived; really, when they pulled them out of the water, at that point in time they recognized that these individuals had expired. The press has really been pushing the Mayor's Office, they were after other department officials as well, wanting a response; to most of them he just said 'look, I'm not here to blame anybody. It is an unfortunate situation.' Finally, Channel Five were very persistent, and he said he wanted to make it perfectly clear, and if anybody watched it, he basically said it is unfortunate that this incident occurred, but we shouldn't be here to lay blame on any other party. He told her, before she started filming, that he was not going to blame West Jordan, he was not going to blame the state, he was not going to blame the County, and we shouldn't be blamed either for this. People have to be responsible for their actions, and water ways can be challenging, difficult, and dangerous. That is the position he is going to take, and he is not here to finger anybody for what happened, it is unfortunate. We, along with the State and County, will take a look at it and see if there are some things we can do differently, but there is some signage, and from what we understand, they went and scoped it out, and still made that decision to try to run through it, and it didn't work. In government, we are too fast to try and fix blame on everybody; sometimes we have to accept the fact that human beings are frail and make poor decisions, or something happens that is unfortunate.

H. QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

None

ADJOURNMENT