

**MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of Tuesday, November 25, 2025

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

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**Attendance:**

**Council Members:**

Paul Pickett	District #1
Pam Cotter	District #2 – Council Chair
Scott Goodman	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 Administrator
GL Critchfield	City Attorney	Joey Mittelman	Fire Chief
Kim Sorensen	Chief Administrative Officer	Rob White	IT Director
Jeff Martin	Parks Director	Brooke Smith	City Recorder
Craig Burnett	Police Chief	Chad Wilkinson	Community and Economic Dev. Director
Aaron Frisk	Public Works	Zac Smallwood	Planning Manager
Ben Grey	IT Support	Erica Brown	Chief Communications Officer
Laverne Snow	Mosquito Abatement District	Dan McBride	Mosquito Abatement District
Jen Leitner	Parks & Recreation	Robert Wyse	Murray Theater
Flip Nielson	Parks & Recreation	Katie Lundquist	Murray Theater
Citizens and Guests		Bruce Holyoak	Park Superintendent

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

**Citizen Comments:**

Dustin Lewis - Murray Resident

Mr. Lewis thanked the Council and Mayor Hales for their work, congratulated recently re-elected officials and expressed appreciation for improvements to 700 West and Winchester. He was grateful for his six years on the Library Advisory Board and working with various city staff. He also acknowledged Doug Hill for being a good mentor.

Dan Lundwall – Murray Resident

Mr. Lundwall spoke about the Murray Amateur Radio Club, founded in 2019 and its ongoing support for the City. He mentioned unique ham radio classes, working with the Fire Department, involvement in the Fourth of July parade and that the organization is growing with a membership of 81 people.

**Special Recognition:**

1. **Murray City Employees of the Month, Murray Theater Staff Katie Lindquist, Bethany Tucker and Robert Wyse.** Paul Pickett, Mayor Hales and Kim Sorensen presented Katie Lindquist, Bethany Tucker and Robert Wyse with certificates and \$50 gift cards. All employees were recognized for their dedication and hard work leading up to the Theater's grand opening and following events.

**Public Hearings:**

1. a. **Accept public comment and express sentiment regarding a request by the South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District to increase property taxes.** Laverne Snow introduced District Manager Dan McBride, who confirmed that the Truth in Taxation process and any proposed tax increase must be

presented to the City's legislative body to ensure accountability. Mr. McBride stated that MAD (Mosquito Abatement District) would be proposing a \$320,000 increase for the year 2026, that would bring their total property tax revenue to \$1.42 million. The increase would cost about \$0.77 per year for a \$600,000 home and \$1.40 for businesses. The increase was needed for stabilization due to inflation and for operational upgrades including drone technology. He noted that MAD had not implemented an increase in 20 years, except for a temporary one in 2010 to construct a new facility, which has since been reduced. A public hearing for the tax increase was scheduled for December 8, 2025, at their district office.

**b. Consider a resolution acknowledging receipt of a report from a member of the South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District on a proposed property tax increase.**

The public hearing was open for public comments. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed.

**MOTION:** Mr. Hock moved to approve the resolution and acknowledged receipt of the report. Ms. Cotter **SECONDED** the motion.

**Council Roll Call Vote:**

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

**2. Consider an ordinance relating to land use; amends the Zoning Map from R-1-8 (Single Family Low-Density Residential) to R-N-B (Residential Neighborhood Business) for the property located at 6446 South 900 East, Murray City.** Planning Manager Zac Smallwood presented the proposal for the zone change request, displayed the Future Land Use Map to confirm that the request was in line with planning objectives of the GP (General Plan) and outlined zoning regulations of the R-1-8 compared to the R-N-B zone. Mr. Smallwood confirmed that notice was given to the surrounding public and discussed findings to confirm why staff and the PC recommended approval to the City Council.

The public hearing was open for public comments. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed.

**MOTION:** Ms. Cotter moved to approve the ordinance. Mr. Goodman **SECONDED** the motion.

**Council Roll Call Vote:**

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

**3. Consider an ordinance related to land use; amends the General Plan to adopt and add the Murray City Water Use and Preservation Element.** Mr. Smallwood stated that the Water Use and Preservation Element would be a new chapter to the GP, which was required by the State of Utah in 2022. City planners began working with the Murray City Water Division to draft the new Code last spring. Mr. Smallwood explained the overall goal of implementing the ordinance and outlined five objectives along with related strategies. He reported that the PC voted unanimously in favor to recommend that the City Council adopt the Water Use and Preservation Element and confirmed that staff also recommended its adoption.

The public hearing was open for public comments. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed.

**MOTION:** Ms. Turner moved to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Hock **SECONDED** the motion.

**Council Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Cotter Aye  
Mr. Goodman Aye  
Ms. Turner Aye  
Mr. Hock Aye  
Mr. Pickett Aye

Motion passed: 5-0

**Business Items:**

1. **Consider a resolution providing advice and consent to the Mayor's appointment of Jeff Martin as the Murray City Parks and Recreation Director.** Mayor Hales introduced Jeff Martin and believed he was qualified for the position, highlighting Jeff's likeable and kind personality and willingness to learn as top reasons. He noted Jeff's 15 years of service with Murray City stating that Jeff was respected by many employees and coworkers.

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

**Council Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Cotter Aye  
Mr. Goodman Aye  
Ms. Turner Aye  
Mr. Hock Aye  
Mr. Pickett Aye

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **Consider a resolution approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Murray City ("City") and Murray City School District ("District") for mutual use of facilities** Chief Administrative Officer Doug Hill stated that the proposed resolution would amend an agreement that the City has had with the Murray City School District for several decades. The resolution was related to the mutual use of facilities, where the agreement allows the City to use school districts facilities for mostly recreational programs without paying a fee to the school district. The agreement conversely allows the school district to use Murray City facilities at no cost for sporting activities like baseball and golf. It also allows the Murray Education Foundation to use the Murray City golf course for an annual golf tournament without paying fees. In return the school district would allow the City to use their marketing program to market City recreation programs, at no cost, in all of their schools.

**MOTION:** Ms. Cotter moved to adopt the resolution. Ms. Turner **SECONDED** the motion.

**Council Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Cotter Aye  
Mr. Goodman Aye  
Ms. Turner Aye  
Mr. Hock Aye  
Mr. Pickett Aye

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **Consider a resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Murray City School District ("District") and Murray City ("City"), relating to school resource officers provided by the City to the District.** Mr. Hill said the agreement with the Murray City School District was related to providing school resource officers. The proposal was to extend the time period for the City to provide them

at Murray High and the two junior high schools for no cost. Mr. Hill confirmed that other minor changes were reviewed with Council Members in a previous work session. He confirmed that both agreements with the school district financially benefit Murray and its residents by covering costs that would otherwise fall on taxpayers. The agreements also help the school district save millions in having to build facilities for events and they help the City save money from having to build gymnasiums and soccer fields.

**MOTION:** Mr. Hock moved to adopt the resolution. Ms. Cotter **SECONDED** the motion.

**Council Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Cotter	Aye
Mr. Goodman	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hock	Aye
Mr. Pickett	Aye

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **Consider an ordinance amending Sections 3.52.060, 3.54.060, and 3.56.070 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to no fault utility and golf ball claims.** City Attorney G.L. Critchfield stated that there were situations when property damage occurred that was not the City's fault. For this reason the City has an existing ordinance allowing the City to apply a certain amount of money to help cover damages. For example, if a flying golf ball from the City golf course creates damage, the City will pay up to \$300 to cover it. The proposed amendment would increase the amount to \$500. Mr. Critchfield noted that the existing ordinance was passed in 2008 and with current inflation, staff believed the proposed increase was a fairer amount. To mitigate repair costs for power, water, and sewer damages, the proposal was to increase the current maximum amount of \$5,000 to \$10,000.

**MOTION:** Mr. Goodman moved to adopt the ordinance. Ms. Cotter **SECONDED** the motion.

**Council Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Cotter	Aye
Mr. Goodman	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hock	Aye
Mr. Pickett	Aye

Motion passed: 5-0

**Mayor's Report and Questions:** Mayor Hales announced that the Murray City Christmas Tree Lighting event would be held Saturday, November 29, 2025 which would include many new festivities. He also reported about a successful food drive initiated by the CED where food was provided to the Children's Food Pantry.

**Adjournment:** 7:27 p.m.

**Pattie Johnson**  
**Council Office Administrator III**