

# Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

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**T**he Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011 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:

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

Others who attended:

Dan Snarr,	Mayor
Jan Wells,	Chief of Staff
Brent Davidson,	Deputy City Recorder
Frank Nakamura,	City Attorney
Craig Burnett,	Assistant Police Chief
Tim Tingey,	Administrative & Developmental Services
Pat Wilson,	Finance Director
Greg Bellon,	Assistant General Manager
Doug Hill,	Public Services Director
Doug Hunter,	U.A.M.P.S.
Jon Harris,	Fire Department
Nick Swenson,	Police Department
Jeff Snelton,	Police Department
E. Verkler,	Police Department
B. Wise,	Police Department
Mike Fernandez,	Police Department
M. Faircloth,	Police Department, Retired
Joel Hafoka,	Police Department
Daniel Dukatz,	Police Department
Brett Hales,	Council Candidate
Jim Harland,	Council Candidate
Citizens	

5. **OPENING CEREMONIES**

5.1 Pledge of Allegiance - Mike Fernandez, Police Department

5.2 Mr. Brass excused Mr. Dredge from the Council Meeting.

5.3 Approval of Minutes for August 02, 2011

Call vote taken, All Ayes.

5.4 Special Recognition

5.4.1 Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah recognizing and joining the **National Moment of Remembrance** of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of September 11, 2001.

Mayor Snarr stated that we are coming up, unfortunately, on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a day that will be remembered in the annals of time, as a day when the United States was attacked on its own home territory. This was brought to our attention by a senator who asked us to pass this, as most cities are.

Mayor Snarr read the Resolution in its entirety.

Ms. Dunn made a motion to adopt the Resolution.

Mr. Stam 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Call vote recorded by Brent Davidson.

  A   Mr. Shaver

  A   Ms. Dunn

  A   Mr. Stam

  A   Mr. Brass

Motion passed 4-0

5.4.2 Award presentation and consideration of a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah declaring September 11-17, 2011 as **Public Power Week**.

Staff presentation: Greg Bellon, Assistant General Manager

Mr. Bellon introduced Doug Hunter, General Manager for U.A.M.P.S. and invited him up to make the presentation of awards.

Mr. Hunter said he has the great honor of bestowing the Elected Official of the Year award from U.A.M.P.S. to Council Member Jim Brass. This is the award that U.A.M.P.S. gives to an elected official every year that deals with sustaining public power in the communities.

Mr. Brass also works with a number of their members in his private capacity, and he gets a lot of testimonials from them on how Mr. Brass is always working to drive down costs and increase efficiency so that they can continue to supply power at the lowest cost possible. Mr. Hunter presented Mr. Brass with the award and thanked him for all of his service.

Mr. Brass said that he has worked with public power for about 35 years now and can't say enough about it; he is fortunate to be a Council Member in a city with public power-what utilities do for their cities is often under appreciated. He has done this for 35 years because they are great people: the linemen, the crews, everyone that he has dealt with; they have grown up together, become friends. Mr. Brass thanked everyone and said it is much appreciated.

Mr. Bellon said that one of the keynotes that came from the conference was to stabilize your electric fund by keeping a little cash-in terms of rate stabilization-so that there are no swings; this is something that they are going to keep on pushing.

Mr. Bellon read the Public Power Week Resolution in its entirety.

Mr. Shaver made a motion to adopt the Resolution.  
Mr. Stam 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Call vote recorded by Brent Davidson.

  A   Mr. Shaver

  A   Ms. Dunn

  A   Mr. Stam

  A   Mr. Brass

Motion passed 4-0

5.4.3 Swearing-in new officers of the Murray City Police Department: Joel Hafoka and Daniel Dukatz.

Chief Fondaco said that today is a special day-we like swearing-in ceremonies as it means we are replacing officers; currently, they are down seven police officers and due to the economy, they are going to maintain a level of five officers down so they are allowing them to replace two. This will hopefully help the Mayor and Council to put together a balanced budget; when the economy turns around, they are hoping to ask for full staffing once again.

He is happy tonight, and anyone who has been around Murray, will recognize these names. Joel Hafoka was a Police Officer here until seven months ago when he left to take up some personal obligations and clear those up; luckily for the City, those have been cleared up and now he wants to come back to this 'high paying' job that he had to leave. We are happy to have him back-he was a good officer and they expect even more now.

The second one they have today is Daniel Dukatz; if you have been around Murray for any length of time, you will remember that on December 18, 2008 we lost a detective to cancer-Rick Dukatz. Is the second or third son that the City has hired that the he has worked with the fathers.

Chief Fondaco said that Officer Dukatz has done a great job to get there- when you have a 100+ applicants, it is difficult to get up through the list. There was a couple of times that he took the test where he didn't have certification, he didn't have the requirements, so he came on the list very low and we were not able to get to him. He took it upon himself to go to the Police Academy, to do some things that he got extra credit for, so when he took the test this time he was able to score high enough that we could hire him; you have to be in the top ten, and out of 158 applicants, to come out in the top ten, that is a pretty good showing of what he had to do.

Brent Davidson performed the swearing-in ceremony.

Officer Hafoka and Officer Dukatz introduced their families.

Chief Fondaco had one final presentation: When Rick Dukatz passed, they retired his number- #28; what that means to the police department is that no other officer can have that number. When he passed, he was a detective and had a detective badge which he gave to Detective Wiseman. Detective Wiseman has kept this badge for a long time and gave it to the Chief this morning, asking him to give it to Daniel Dukatz, saying that it would mean much more to him.

Chief Fondaco presented Officer Dukatz his father's badge, saying that he still cannot wear it, but when he becomes a detective, he can wear it then.

Ms. Dunn stated that Detective Dukatz was a good friend to many people, and if Officer Dukatz is half the police officer that his father was, they are honored to have him on the force. She also said they are very happy to have Officer Hafoka back again.

Mr. Shaver said that it reflects greatly on the leadership of the Police Department that they chose to come and work with the Murray Police.

Mr. Stam added that it says a lot for Murray that they get a lot of Murray people coming to work here and they seem to stay. It goes to show what kind of a place we have, and that they want to be a part of that.

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

None given

**Public comment closed**

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

None scheduled

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None scheduled.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None scheduled

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**10.1 Consider a Resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the State of Utah Department of Community and Culture and Murray City Corporation to receive funds for the City's Arts Program.**

Staff presentation: Doug Hill, Public Services Director

Mr. Hill said that the State of Utah would like to give Murray City \$2,000 in the form of a grant to be used in the city's arts programs; if the Council approves the Resolution, they will submit the agreement and accept the money.

Ms. Dunn made a motion to adopt the Resolution.  
Mr. Shaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Call vote recorded by Brent Davidson.

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

Motion passed 4-0

**11. MAYOR**

**11.1 Mayor's Report**

Mayor Snarr said that they had the opportunity to participate in a special event that is hosted every Labor Day up on the east side; It was a great Labor Day breakfast for all those who attended. There were a number of questions regarding City services that they had the opportunity to discuss with the residents.

4800 South is again open to two-way traffic with narrow lanes and a speed of 20 miles per hour.

The construction is on schedule and it is his understanding that the property owned by Granite Credit Union is under contract with a California company to potentially build medical facilities and have met with staff as part of the planning process.

This Sunday at 11:00 our time, there will be held a National Moment of Remembrance; church bells will ring and sirens will be heard as a reminder of this day, ten years ago.

## **11.2 Questions of the Mayor**

None given

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**