

Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

The Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 4th day of October, 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 - Conducted
Darren Stam,	Council Member - Excused
Jared Shaver,	Council Member
Jeff Dredge,	Council Member

Others who attended:

Dan Snarr,	Mayor
Jan Wells,	Chief of Staff
Jennifer Kennedy,	City Recorder
Frank Nakamura,	City Attorney
Craig Burnett,	Assistant Police Chief
Tim Tingey,	Administrative & Developmental Services
Pat Wilson,	Finance Director
Doug Hill,	Public Services Director
Kevin Potter,	Fire Department
Jim Hendrickson,	Shade Tree Commission
Nick Mingo,	EDM Partners
Michael Brodsky,	Hamlet Homes
Deb Ashton,	Murray School District
Citizens	

5. OPENING CEREMONIES

5.1 Pledge of Allegiance - Kevin Potter, Fire Department

Ms. Dunn excused Mr. Stam from tonight's meeting.

5.2 Special Recognition

5.3.1 **Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah declaring October 17-21, 2011 as "Ribbon Week-Healthy Community Proclamation-Live Your Dream!"**

Staff presentation: Deb Ashton, Murray School District

Ms. Ashton stated that this year, Ribbon Week is October 17-21, 2011 and the theme is "Live Your Dream." She handed out information packets to the Council and stated there are some very good resources included for parents. There are different stages where students are more vulnerable to using substances, and they are really helping students in the District to recognize those times and have healthier coping skills. There is also information on signs and symptoms of drug use; at Murray High School, the drug-test athletes on a monthly basis and have been doing that for many years. They also have, in their policy, that if there is reasonable suspicion, any student or staff may be drug-tested. They are really trying to send a non-use message to all of their students. At the high school, they also test for steroids.

They are involved with the 'Sharp' survey every two years, and the 2009 results were interesting and are included in the packet: the top three most frequently used substances, where they are getting the alcohol, etc. As an educator and clinical social worker, they are really trying to help the students engage in school. Two risk factors that predict problem behaviors such as substance abuse are low commitment to school and academic failure, which they see in upper elementary.

They have some really great presentations in conjunction with the Attorney General's Office; they like to come in and do classroom presentations. Cyber-bullying is one of the most dangerous areas right now that students are facing; you can see the protective factors, strategies to implement if you feel that your child is using. There is an updated list of community resources and tips for parents. All of these forms are available on the Murray School District Website and they are really working with counselors and administrators to work with Red Ribbon. When she looks at all of the different problem behaviors, she feels that substance abuse is at the core of all of the other problem behaviors such as teen pregnancy, drop-out rates, truancy, etc.

Ms. Dunn read the proclamation in it's' entirety.

Mr. Brass made a motion to approve the Resolution.
Mr. Shaver 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy.

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

Motion passed 4-0

Mayor Snarr presented the Resolution to Ms. Ashton, saying that Murray City has taken a very proactive approach to do everything they can to help young people; if they have the proper resources, counseling and guidance, it can make a significant difference in their lives and in the lives of others that they impact in the community.

The Mayor stated that he appreciates Ms. Ashton's efforts for the many years that she has been involved in this, and all of the other counselors and others in the schools, concerned about the welfare of our young people. It impacts all of our ability to find resources for the children if we find out that they are experiencing problems-sometimes there are challenges with the families themselves, and they need to have additional resources to work through those issues.

5.3.2 **Murray City's 27th Annual Beautification Awards for 2011.**

Staff presentation: Jim Hendrickson, Shade Tree Commission.

Mr. Hendrickson said that the Shade Tree Commission is working with the citizens of Murray to keep Murray City one of the most beautiful cities in the State of Utah. They are making progress, thanks to folks such as all of these; Murray City has received the honor of being a Tree City for a number of years and will continue that effort by making trees grow in the City because trees help us keep things cooler. He appreciates all those who make the effort to plant trees and gardens, take care of lawns, etc.

Mr. Hendrickson introduced his Board of the Shade Tree Commission, and the Commission presented the awards.

District #1:

Residential: Latta Residence

District #2

Residential: Larsen Residence

District #3

Residential: Hall Residence

District #4

Residential: Erickson Residence

District #5

Residential: McNeil Residence

The Board members presented the residential awards.

Commercial Properties: Red Robin Restaurant

Multi-Family: Three Fountains Condominiums

Single Family: Maurice Residence and Dautel Residence

Xeriscape: Dansie Residence

Mayor Snarr stated that all of these businesses make a big difference in our community-they are the lifeblood of what makes Murray a very affordable community to live in. When they go the extra mile to put in landscape to make it more attractive.....he always says it's the image on the outside that invites you to the inside. We have many beautiful properties in Murray where people have really taken to heart the importance of making their properties look beautiful and inviting.

The Mayor stated that the Xeriscape award was not only for beauty, but for the use of water wise landscaping, which benefits all; he added that all of these people have gone above and beyond to keep their properties immaculate year around.

Mayor Snarr presented the Awards to the recipients in attendance.

Mayor Snarr expressed his appreciation to the Shade Tree Commission; they have the privilege of seeing beautiful things and recognizing them in our community. To him, that is important and we need to let our residents know that they can make a difference. He expressed his thanks all for their involvement in trying to give back to the community in the most meaningful way of all-by creating something beautiful.

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**

8.1.1 Staff and sponsor presentations and public comment prior to Council action on the following matter:

Consider an Ordinance amending Ordinance 07-10 adopting the Fireclay Redevelopment Project Area Street Network. Circulation Plan and Street Design Cross Sections as part of the Transit Oriented District Design Guidelines.

Staff presentation: Tim Tingey, Administrative & Developmental Services.

Mr. Tingey stated that he is very excited about some of the things that are happening in the Fireclay area; it is starting and continue to grow and there are positive developments that are occurring. Mike Brodsky, with Hamlet Homes, has been an integral part of all of that and is continuing to do so; that is what has prompted these modifications tonight.

A new medical facility, where our Conditional Use Permit will be considered in a couple of days, is being requested to modify the Transportation Master Plan and to eliminate two sections of road-roughly 4200 South-which is planned as part of the street network for the Fireclay area, and the Strathmill section which is adjacent to the TRAX line. They are proposed to be eliminated, primarily to facilitate this development. It is located in the north-west quadrant of the Fireclay area; because of its location, they still feel that the

vision that has been established of this area being well connected for pedestrian movement will still be adhered to with this proposal. It will also help to utilize this property more fully, and there will still be the trail connections.

This was considered by the Planning Commission in September, as well as the Redevelopment Agency in August, and they are recommending approval of this modification.

Public Hearing opened for public comment

None given.

Public comment closed

8.1.2 Council consideration of the above matter.

Mr. Dredge made a motion to adopt the ordinance.
Mr. Shaver 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy.

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

Motion passed 4-0

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None scheduled

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Consider an Ordinance amending Sections 13.04.040 and 13.04.060 of the Murray City Municipal Code regarding utility account billing and termination notices.

Staff presentation: Tim Tingey, Administrative & Developmental Services

Mr. Tingey stated that they have looked very closely at some of the recent organizational changes; some of the retirees were meter readers; they are looking very closely at improving efficiency and saving costs to the City. That is why these amendments are being proposed.

On reconnections, they are looking at reducing the hours that they conduct the reconnections for utility services; on weekdays, they would reduce that by two hours-going from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. rather than 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and on weekends and holidays, rather than the fourteen hours, reducing that by ten hours going from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They would have the meter readers on stand-by during those hours on those days.

In addition, they are proposing an elimination of the hand-delivery of notices for termination of services; they only do that at certain times of the year and they don't feel that will cause a great amount of impact on the termination of services. They still put forth a lot of efforts to try to contact people via the mail or on telephone calls.

Based on the reasoning behind that, they are recommending approval of these proposed changes.

Mr. Shaver made a motion to adopt the Ordinance.
Mr. Brass 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy.

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

Motion passed 4-0

10.2 Consider a Resolution requesting the recertification of the Murray City Municipal Justice Court.

Staff presentation: Frank Nakamura, City Attorney

Mr. Nakamura stated that every four years, Utah Law requires that the Justice Court be recertified by the Utah Administrative Office of the Courts; this should be recertified prior to February 2012. We are in need of getting all of the reports and work into the Office of Administrative Courts for the recertification process.

Mr. Nakamura said that his office is obligated to advise the Council of the statutory requirements of the operational standards, which he has provided to the Council. The only difference from previous years is that the Court has had to implement a state-wide reporting and case management system, which has been done with a lot of effort, implemented as of July 01, 2011. Next year they will need to implement a digital audio recording system which is on-line.

With that, they are requesting that the request of the Utah Administrative Office of the Courts be approved to recertify the Murray City Municipal Justice Court for another four years.

Mr. Brass made a motion to approve the Resolution.
Mr. Dredge 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy.

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

Motion passed 4-0

11. MAYOR

11.1 Mayor's Report

Mayor Snarr stated that the City has begun the process of creating a new Strategic Plan; the Novak Consulting Group is helping with this effort and over 150 employees have already responded to the survey that was sent to them last week, and they have until the 14th to complete it. They would like residents to complete a survey as well and it is available on the City website. A press release has been sent, a line added to the utility bills, and information has been included in the Murray Journal. We hope that residents will take the opportunity to participate with us in the process.

The Chamber of Commerce, the Youth Chamber, Murray PTA and the Exchange Club are continuing the tradition of the Murray Park Haunted Trail; it will be held on October 24th and 25th from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., the cost is \$2.50 per person and the proceeds will be donated to the Exchange Club's Prevention of Child Abuse Program. They are also using the event to collect food for the Women's Shelter.

As most are aware, another exciting project that is being developed down at the Fireclay area is through the Hooper Knowlton Group; as there is HUD financing involved, they have learned that HUD also comes in and needs to make sure that there is environmental review, so they have a 30-day delay so that they can insure that all environmental aspects are addressed and that the contaminated material is dealt with properly.

Road work is continuing and completion of projects is at the mercy of soil conditions, weather, other entities and contractors. They appreciate the patience of residents as they complete what they can; some projects may need finishing touches next Spring. He has held many conversations with residents to explain what they are trying to do to do a quality project and do it right the first time.

The paving on Revere was done today, even with the rain they received today and it looks great; they will be over marking it tomorrow and making sure it is safe. He thanked the residents for not parking on the street in order for them to complete the road in an expeditious manner.

Peak Circle may not be completed this year; they have done some patching so that they could get a good grind on it.

The Mayor said that they will be asking for support for a Joint Resolution supporting Fire Prevention Week at the next Council meeting; even though the activities will be held on October 9th – 15th for local schools and Scout Troops, the Fire Department will be out there, and then they will be asking for the Joint Resolution on the 18th of October.

A few weeks ago, Murray City held its annual Miss Murray pageant and Mallory Rogers won the competition; she has competed for four years, and this is her fourth year at the University of Utah. Ms. Rogers will be coming in on the 18th of this month to introduce herself and talk about what her platform is. She is a very kind, good person, and the Mayor appreciates her efforts. It is wonderful for these young people to get involved, showcase their talents and be able to respond to questions.

11.2 Questions of the Mayor

None given.

13. ADJOURNMENT