

Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

The Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 18th 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 - Excused
Krista Dunn,	Council Member - Conducted
Darren Stam,	Council Member
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
Doug Hill,	Public Services Director
Pat Wilson,	Finance Director
Gil Rodriguez,	Fire Chief
Kevin Potter,	Deputy Fire Chief
George Zboril,	Fire Inspector
Russ Groves,	Deputy Fire Marshall
Jeff Ellis,	Fire Department
Jordan Peterson,	Fire Department
Joey Mittelman,	Fire Department
Mallory Rogers,	Miss Murray
Jim Winder,	Salt Lake County Sheriff
Martha Ellis,	Salt Lake City Fire Marshall
Citizens	
Scouts	

Ms. Dunn excused Mr. Brass from the meeting.

3. OPENING CEREMONIES

3.1 Pledge of Allegiance - Jeff Ellis, Fire Department

3.2 Ms. Dunn stated that it is a tradition in Murray City to have the Scouts in attendance stand and introduce themselves, their Scout Leaders, and the Merit Badges that they are working on.

The Scouts introduced themselves.

3.3 Approval of Minutes for August 23, 2011

Call vote taken, All Ayes with one correction.

3.4 Special Recognition

3.4.1 Introduction of the 2011-2012 Miss Murray, Mallory Rogers.

Mayor Snarr introduced Ms. Rogers, saying that it is a great honor to meet these young ladies who are willing to give back and participate in our community and represent Murray so well.

Ms. Rogers is the daughter of Scott Rogers and Peggy Curtis; born in the heart of Texas, Ms. Rogers moved to Murray in 1998 and has been a happy Murray resident ever since. She graduated from Murray High School in 2008 with a diploma and college credit under her belt. Currently, she is a senior at the University of Utah, studying clinical psychology and working through pre-medical courses. She is a member of the American Medical Women's Association, as well as the Association of Future Female Physicians.

Ms. Rogers has worked towards building both her academic and professional resume. As a student journalist for the University newspaper, The Chronicle, and working as a research assistant, studying adolescence and diabetes, she is working towards her first publication in a scientific journal. When not studying, writing, or running research participants, Ms. Rogers loves to be physically active ; she started dancing at the age of three and went on to become a member of Murray High School's Dance Company, serving as an officer her senior year. Following in her father's footsteps, she now focuses much of her energy towards training as an amateur boxer. Because of her extensive fitness background, she has had the opportunity to teach motor skills development, gymnastics, dance, and self-defense, as well as receive a 200-hour yoga certification. Health and wellness

have become an integral part of Ms. Roger's life, inspiring her platform of "Every Body."

As Miss Murray, Ms. Rogers seeks to bring a better level of fitness to all demographics in our community; Murray is already the best city in America, and Ms. Rogers choses to embody this phrase in her own way, turning Murray into the healthiest city in America.

Ms. Rogers stated that the first thing about her platform is that the main idea is to bring a better level of fitness to all demographics in Murray; she finds it important to establish why this is important in our community: we see a rampant, red-hot scourge of fitness in our world these days; we see every other infomercial where a celebrity is advertising some new body-building equipment, there are nutrition supplements-every time you open up your KSL.com, there is always the newest health scare, all these different things happening in our community to help us become aware of health. Although this is occurring in our community, we still have some staggering statistics when it comes to disease and mortality.

Ms. Rogers noted some of the statistics that affect Utah: 1 in 17 adults have diabetes; which is almost 6% of Utahns. They are estimating that it is actually 8%-the other 2% have not been diagnosed yet. Cardiovascular disease is the leading killer in the industrial world, especially in the United States, and over 1 million Utah adults are overweight and over 461,000 are obese. Additionally, 21.5% of Utah elementary school age children are overweight or obese and 20.4% of Utah high school students are at an unhealthy weight.

Even though we have a lot of information in our society that is telling us to exercise and eat healthy, something doesn't seem to be connecting. What she is working on doing, is bringing a realistic and non-intimidating form of classes to Murray. They have classes at the schools, the senior centers and the Recreation Center, all specifically catered towards the age groups; they also have a female athletic scholarship, which is very near and dear to her heart-as a female athlete, it is very difficult to find finances for college; they are just not out there. What she plans on doing is finding community events and city events that she can do fund raising at and also go to local businesses for help.

As far as senior citizens go, there is an increase in osteoporosis and cardiovascular disease; it is very important have exercise that is catered to them, especially Alzheimer's groups and this is something that she has a lot of experience in. She is currently working at a senior center in Holladay to work with the Alzheimer's group-Memory Lane- and they are very responsive to this care, as well as the caretakers who enjoy having this there. What makes their classes and activities unique is that she focuses on function over form and when teaching, she sends the message that exercise is about creating health and well- being, rather than creating a six-pack or a body builder physique and exercise is directly relevant to all of the diseases that she has mentioned previously and includes stress, memory retention,

increasing endorphins to the brain to promote mental health and regulating blood sugar for diabetes; these are all important things.

Miss Rogers introduced her family.

Miss Dunn introduced Sheriff Jim Winder, Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office and Martha Ellis, Fire Marshall, Salt Lake City.

3.4.2 Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah declaring October 9-15, 2011 as Fire Prevention Week.

Mayor Snarr read the Resolution in its entirety.

Staff presentation: Russ Groves, Deputy Fire Marshall

Mr. Groves stated that Murray City, fortunately, does not have the fires that many of the other communities have; he credited the firefighters in Murray who take the time to do fire inspections and public education, which they do a great job with and take a lot of pride in. He believes that this has done a lot of good here in Murray. He thanked the Council, the Mayor and the Administration for their support in the different programs such as C.E.R.T., the Safety Fair and others which are beneficial in providing information to the public, and contributes to the low amount of fires in the City. Last year, there were no injuries due to fires, and he cannot remember the last time, if ever, there was a death from fire in Murray, which is a great success.

The City's Fire Prevention Bureau, with Phil Roberts as the Fire Marshall, himself as Deputy Fire Marshall, and George Zboril as Fire Inspector-between them they have approximately 35 years of fire prevention and he doesn't know of any other department in the valley that has this kind of experience and qualifications; it is a good system that Murray has.

Ms. Dunn recognized the safety personnel in the Fire and Police Departments.

Mr. Stam made a motion to adopt the Resolution.

Mr. Dredge 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy.

 A Mr. Dredge

 A Mr. Stam

 A Mr. Shaver

 A Ms. Dunn

Motion passed 4-0

3.4.3 Swearing-in of Jeff Ellis as the new Murray City Fire Department Battalion Chief.

Staff presentation: Chief Gil Rodriguez, Fire Chief

Chief Rodriguez said that when Randy Willden retired, it opened a position for Battalion Chief; due to the reorganization, they put the Battalion Chiefs back on shift. They had a comprehensive and extensive assessment center, and even with Mr. Ellis coming out on top, Mr. Ellis has been working on this process for many, many years and Chief Rodriguez said that he had not chosen to be Battalion Chief three months ago, he has been working towards this for years-taking classes, getting involved with the fire service, etc. The fire service is a unique animal, especially in a State such as Utah, and a County like Salt Lake where they all know each other, are involved with each other and all know what they are doing. Mr. Ellis has been involved with the Metro I&T, has been involved with every aspect of the fire service, not just in Murray but the valley as well.

Chief Rodriguez congratulated Mr. Ellis, saying that he hit the ground running; the Battalion Chief is not just over a shift and crew, there are responsibilities such as training and you find out very fast that you will never make everybody happy. There is always something better that they should be training on and it is a huge responsibility, and Mr. Ellis will do a great job. The Chief stated that he has all the confidence in the world that Mr. Ellis will fit in great with the team and it is an eye-opener, but there is no better man for the job.

Swearing-in ceremony conducted by Jennifer Kennedy, City Recorder.

Battalion Chief Ellis said he had been working and training for this day for a long time and is looking forward to the job. He introduced his friends and family.

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

Zach Russo asked if the Council had any ideas on park expansions or ideas, and if they had the plans for flooding in the community?

Mr. Hill stated the City updated its General Plan five years ago, and one of the things that they studied was the amount of open space that is available in the City and compared that to the population that we have, where they live and how far away they are from the parks. The General Plan made some recommendations that the City needs to add some open space areas in the southwest part of the City and also in the northeast part. This is something that is a goal for them but the City does not currently have a lot of money because of the economy, so they have not gone out and purchased any property for this and there are no immediate plans to do anything as far as adding additional parks. The City has a great recreational program and hear from residents quite often, about building various

recreational facilities, dog parks, skateboard parks, more baseball and soccer fields...these are things that the Mayor and City Council deal with each year, and they talk about which facilities they would like to build if there is the money available.

The City also has a great cultural arts program, which may not be in the area of parks, but is part of the Parks and Recreation Department and there has been a lot of planning lately and discussion about providing an indoor Performing Arts Center for our Cultural Arts Program for theater and performances for the community.

Ms. Dunn said that when you talk about flooding and emergency types of things, that is actually a joint effort by most all of the city departments.

Mr. Hill said that they were very fortunate this year in not having a significant amount of flooding, considering the amount of snow pack they had; it is one of the things that Murray worries about every year because they have two of the major creeks that go through our city- Big and Little Cottonwood Creeks, plus there is the Jordan River. Flooding is a big part of the city's preparation every Spring, and it is that type of planning that helps to keep the flooding down. This year there was not much flooding, something that they can credit to the great planning that went on by the citizens to take care of that.

Mr. Shaver asked if we had the County and City make adjustments-part of the challenge previously was the debris that got caught under bridges and things. Bridges were lifted out and creeks dug deeper so that the water could pass more freely.

Mr. Hill said that yes, that was done and the City employees are great at checking those storm drains regularly, and a lot of credit goes to Salt Lake County for all of the years that they have done planning efforts and the many improvements that they have put in, and we have coordinated with them on that as well.

Ms. Dunn said that for months and months prior to that, our employees are planning for and preparing for the possibility of flooding, and that includes our Police, Fire and Public Works Departments, as well as the Mayor's Office and everyone else in the city.

Koda Cameron, 1177 W. Bullion St, Murray, Utah

Mr. Cameron stated that since 2009, he had been bullied most of his life and people had been asking him questions; he said that he can't take this anymore and went on YouTube and made his own company, and has helped thousands of kids with bullying problems. He stated that over 70% of those kids are from here in Murray; out of that 70%, 90% of the bullying has gone away.

He wondered if there are any upcoming events that he could attend to talk about bullying.

Ms. Dunn suggested that he speak with the Mayor's Office regarding upcoming events, and also speak with the Resource Officer at his school; the schools get very involved with these things, and would be excellent places to start for this.

Max Demass, 757 Verona Meadows Ct.

Mr. Demass asked what the youth can do to help the community.

Ms. Dunn thanked the scouts for their participation in the Council meeting, and said that there are a thousand ways for the youth to get involved. There are all kinds of programs out there, from the Peer Leadership Teams and clubs that provide service to the community through the schools; Murray Youth Chamber of Commerce also works closely with the City. The scouting programs also offer services to the community. Anytime they would like to be involved with city programs or initiatives, all they have to do is pick up the phone and call the Mayor's Office or the Council Office-there are always things going on and they love to have the youth involved in the things that are going on in the community. There is no end to the ways that they can get involved.

Mr. Dredge said that as you walk across the street, as you drive down the street, you will notice that the streets need to be swept or cleaned up a little bit; the trash needs to be picked up. The City has many employees, but it is difficult to keep up with all of the streets in the City, so in your neighborhood or park, if there is something that you want to do in the park, or participate in like planting a tree, whatever it is, the Public Services Department would be happy to help you participate.

Ms. Dunn added that something as simple as helping an elderly neighbor clear the sidewalks, that is something that involves the safety of the whole community because people have to walk down those sidewalks and if your neighbor can't get out and do those things, it is a safety risk for everyone that uses those public sidewalks. All of these things are very important to our community, and there are a million ways to get involved-but if you can't think of any, call the City and we can help you think of some.

Mr. Dredge said that if these young men will take the Scout Oath and the Scout Law and have it be something that they live rather than have it be something that they memorize, they will find that they will have plenty of opportunities to serve and lift up people every day of their lives; if they are honest and kind and helpful, opportunities will come their way and they won't have to ask where they can serve.

Public comment closed

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

None scheduled

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

Consider an Ordinance vacating portions of the right-of-way located at approximately 4241 South Main Street, on the east side of Main Street and north of Gilbride Avenue and at 27 East Gilbride Avenue between Main Street and 30 East, and at 16 East Gilbride Avenue between Main Street and 30 East, Murray City, Salt Lake County, State of Utah.

Staff presentation: Doug Hill, Public Services Director

Mr. Hill stated that Mr. Knowlton is here representing Parley Partners, who is a developer in the Fireclay area; they have been working with the City Staff, Council and Mayor to develop plans for an apartment building in the Fireclay area. He is requesting that the City vacate portions of right-of-way located on Main Street and Gilbride Avenue that were originally dedicated to the City when the prior owner, Hamlet Development, owned it. Because of the layout of his development, he needs this additional right-of-way to locate his buildings and other improvements.

The City is recommending approval of the vacation of this right-of-way; it is a very small amount-approximately four feet, along both of these streets for some distance. This would then allow this development to go forth as the plans that have been submitted to the City. They are recommending this be vacated; what vacating means is that the City would give up their right to ownership of this property and then the State Law then specifies who owns this property and it is generally the adjoining property owners, which in this case would be the developer. The City would have no claim to this property-they do not guarantee who owns it, only that the City does not own it anymore.

The City has met all of the Public Notice and posting requirements; this has been signed over in that area, and this is why we are holding a Public Hearing on it tonight. It is a staff recommendation that we vacate this property.

Public Hearing opened for public comment

Robert W. Wright, 4205 South Main Street

Mr. Wright stated that he owns some property in the unincorporated County on the north side of this property; a few years ago, Murray City put an underground conduit through there, and his question is: If you are vacating this on the south side of the river, are they

vacating it on the north side of the river? Also, with this vacating, is the road (Main Street) going to be any narrower? When Hamlet did their development on the south side of the road, they changed the road and made it narrower and it is not as advantageous to drive down there now.

Mr. Hill stated that the vacation is only on the south side of the river; only that area which is within Murray City. North of the river is Salt Lake County and any vacation that would occur north of the river-if there was any interest-would have to be done by Salt lake County.

To the second issue, the road width will remain the same; it is the right-of-way that is being vacated and that property would fall behind the curb and gutter. The road will not change, only the area that would normally be reserved for the sidewalk or landscaping.

Mr. Wright said that if it does not affect that, what happens to the conduit that Murray City put in? There is a power pole on the other side of the river that is in part of a right-of-way there. Salt Lake County doesn't own that right-of-way as far as the power line, they gave Murray City permission to run that conduit under there, so his question again is, what about that conduit? Do we dig through it, abandon it or what?

Mr. Hill said that it is his understanding that the Power Department still does intend to bury that power line-it is an overhead power line; the previous property owner, Hamlet, had put in that request to the RDA, and he believes that the RDA approved funds to bury that line. It is his understanding that the Power Department is still planning to bury that. He also believes that they have an easement to do that through there, and that easement will remain in effect. Vacating this property does not change any easements; the City will still reserve and maintain all easements through this area, which would allow the power line to stay where it is.

Public comment closed

6.1.2 Council consideration of the above matter.

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

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy.

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

Motion passed 4-0

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None scheduled

8. NEW BUSINESS

None Scheduled

9. MAYOR

9.1 Mayor's Report

Mayor Snarr clarified: The road-Main Street- is the correct distance; they just put in the necessary curb and gutter in, but it meets all of the requirements of a width of a road. Now there is drainage and everything else, and is built to specifications.

Mayor Snarr said that the City would love to have any resident participate in our citizen survey with regard to strategic planning; it is available on the City website throughout the day tomorrow and if people want to participate and give feedback as to what they think the direction of the city should be in the future, he would encourage them to do so.

As everyone is aware at this time of the year, the Haunted Woods will be held in Murray Park on October 24th and 25th; it is sponsored by the Murray Youth Chamber and the Exchange Club. They took the responsibility to do this, whereas before this the City did and bore the cost. They ask for a nominal donation of \$2.50 and the proceeds will go to benefit the Exchange Club's Child Abuse Initiative; they will also be collecting food for the Women's Shelter. This is a very worthy cause and they encourage people to take their children there.

9.2 Questions of the Mayor

None given.

10. ADJOURNMENT