

Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

The Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 12th day of February, 2008 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:

Krista Dunn,	Council Chair
Pat Griffiths,	Council Member
Robbie Robertson,	Council Member - Conducted
Jim Brass,	Council Member
Jeff Dredge,	Council Member

Others who attended:

Daniel Snarr,	Mayor
Jan Wells,	Chief of Staff
Frank Nakamura,	City Attorney
Doug Hill,	Public Services Director
Carol Heales,	City Recorder
Janet Lopez,	Council Administrative Secretary
Citizens	

A. OPENING CEREMONIES

1. Pledge of Allegiance: C.J. Mower, Boy Scout Troop # 928
2. Mr. Robertson invited the attending Boy Scouts to stand and introduce themselves, their leaders, and state what merit badges they are working on.
3. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Dunn made a motion to approve the minutes of February 05, 2008
Ms. Griffiths 2nd the motion.

Voice vote taken; All Ayes

4. Special Recognitions:

None

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

Luke Zitting, 5450 S Riley Lane, Murray, Utah

Mr. Zitting stated that the Prairie Dog Coalition is asking the 'Roots and Shoots' groups to help with protecting prairie dogs in the Four-Corners regions. Prairie dogs are a keystone species of the Great Plains; Like the keystone that supports buildings, keystone species sustain the ecosystems, and are a key to 9 other species, such as hawks, owls, foxes, birds, and many others that depend on prairie dogs for food or shelter.

Mr. Zitting continued by saying that if we want these great plains species to survive, we need a healthy prairie dog population. Several other species, such as the Black Footed Ferret, are endangered or declining due to a 92% restriction in prairie dog acreage across the West. Currently, prairie dogs are poisoned, shot, or otherwise removed to make way for cattle ranches and human development. Prairie Dog Day strives to stop the killing of prairie dogs, and attempt to educate the public in wildlife management.

The good news is that the prairie dogs have seen in an increase in advocates for their cause, especially among young children who love watching these very social animals. There has been a link shown between Ground Hog Day and Prairie Dog Day, giving people a chance to provide positive messages about prairie dogs.

Doug Horn, 845 Silver Shadow Dr, Murray, Utah

Mr. Horn stated that he has a son on the Swim Team, and there has been some concern with trying to fit in all of the academic classes into his schedule. The problem stems from the fact that the swim team is not recognized as a physical education class by the Murray High School, because the Murray City pool is not on school property.

It was a decision by the Murray City Council to move the pool from the high school to the Park Center and secured funds from the schools to support that pool.

Mr. Horn asked that the Council apply pressure to reinstate the swim team class as a physical education class at the High School, so that those students involved with the swim team don't have to take an additional physical education class to meet the graduation requirements.

Mayor Snarr clarified that the City did not ask the school district to move the pool to the City's property; they came to the City and asked if they could move over here as they needed the additional land resources for parking, and it made sense to combine both the resources as the City was giving the school \$100,000 a year for the indoor pool at the school. The school district gave the City \$2 million, and the City agreed to maintain both of the pools.

Ms. Dunn stated that she was aware of the situation, but said that there used to be a State High School Activities Association ruling for the State that practice time could not count as physical education credit. She suggested that Mr. Horn check into the state ruling on this.

Ms. Griffiths stated that the High School Activities Association might be a good forum for Mr. Horn to address this concern to, along with the school board.

Mr. Horn stated that the issue had been addressed, and that the only issue was that the pool was not on school property. If it were on school property, the class would be counted as a class that they would obtain credit for.

Ms. Dunn stated that they would be happy to address the question in the next meeting with the school board that is held quarterly.

Mayor Snarr stated that the school soccer program is also held off-site, and that he does not believe that this program also is not counted as physical education credits, as it is not held on school property. He stated that it may be a State issue.

Mr. Horn reiterated that prior to the pool move, this class did count as school credit.

Mr. Robertson noted that the school system works completely independent from City government, but they are willing to suggest this to the school board.

Ms. Griffiths stated that a group from the rugby team had addressed the Council recently with the problem of not having anyplace to practice, and she noted that there are quite a number of concerns in the sports areas.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Robertson asked that the following confirmations be addressed as one, if there were no objections.

None noted.

1. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's reappointment of Ron Watts to the Murray Heritage Center Advisory Board as an at-large member for a term expiring February 1, 2011.
2. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's appointment of Robert Millard to the Murray Heritage Center Advisory Board as an at-large member for a term expiring February 1, 2011.

3. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's appointment of Shirley Meier to the Murray Heritage Center Advisory Board as an at-large member for a term expiring February 1, 2011.
4. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's appointment of Ellie Oaks-Green to the Murray Heritage Center Advisory Board as an at-large member for a term expiring February 1, 2011.

The attending candidates were asked to stand and be recognized.

Ms. Griffiths made a motion to approve the confirmations.
Mr. Dredge 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Ms. Heales:

AYE/NAY

<u> A </u>	Mr. Brass
<u> A </u>	Ms. Griffiths
<u> A </u>	Ms. Dunn
<u> A </u>	Mr. Dredge
<u> A </u>	Mr. Robertson

Motion passed 5-0

D. Public Hearing(s)

None Scheduled

E. Unfinished Business

None Scheduled

F. New Business

Consider a Resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Utah Department of Transportation, the Utah Transit Authority, and the City to share in design engineering costs and services. (Realign 300 West Street and Cottonwood Street)

Staff Presentation: Doug Hill, Public Services Director

Mr. Hill stated that the intersection of Winchester Street and 300 West has had several problems, and we have an opportunity this year to fix the problem. UTA will be building

the Mid-Jordan Light Rail Line, that will go from the station on Winchester Street out to Day Break in South Jordan. UTA has agreed, that as part of the station construction at Winchester Street, that they will work with the City to re-align the road so that it would become a traditional 4-way intersection. When completed, this will solve the traffic congestion at this location.

The problem the City faces is that it will cost \$5 million to complete the project, and we do not have the money in hand yet. We have applied for Federal funds, and have been awarded those funds, but will not receive the money until 2011. What this agreement is meant to do, is to allow UTA to construct the station and re-align the road; they will provide the funds up front, and in 2011, when the City receives the funds, we will reimburse UTA for the work. Interest would be paid, but the work would be done in today's costs, as opposed to waiting another 3 years.

Ms. Dunn made a motion to adopt the Resolution.
Mr. Brass 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Ms. Heales:

AYE/NAY

<u> A </u>	Mr. Brass
<u> A </u>	Ms. Griffiths
<u> A </u>	Ms. Dunn
<u> A </u>	Mr. Dredge
<u> A </u>	Mr. Robertson

Motion passed 5-0

Mayor Report

Mayor Snarr noted that as soon as the weather broke, Granite Construction completed the re-aligning and striping at the intersection of 5300 South and State Street, which has been a great improvement, and he thanked them for their good work.

Mayor Snarr also thanked all that have been involved in going up to the Legislature and spending time there.

Questions of the Mayor

None

Adjournment