

# Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

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**T**he Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2015 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:

Blair Camp,	Council Chair – Conducted
Brett Hales,	Councilmember
Diane Turner,	Councilmember
Jim Brass,	Councilmember
Dave Nicponski,	Councilmember

Others who attended:

Ted Eyre,	Mayor
Jan Wells,	Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Kennedy,	City Recorder
Frank Nakamura,	City Attorney
Janet Lopez,	Council Administrator
Janet Towers,	Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Craig Burnett,	Police Chief
Gil Rodriguez,	Fire Chief
Doug Hill,	Public Services Director
Danny Astill,	Water Superintendent
Justin Zollinger,	Finance Director
Scouts	
Citizens	

**5. Opening Ceremonies**

5.1 Pledge of Allegiance – Hank Brunisholz

5.2 Approval of Minutes

5.2.1 January 20, 2015

Ms. Turner made a motion to approve the minutes

Mr. Brass seconded the motion

Voice vote taken, all “ayes.”

5.3 Special Recognition

5.3.1 None scheduled.

Mr. Camp asked the scouts in attendance to introduce themselves and state their troop number and the badge they are working on.

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

No comments given.

**7. Consent Agenda**

Mr. Camp asked that all items be taken together; no objections were made.

7.1 Consider confirmation of Mayor Eyre’s appointment of Syanna T. Madsen to the Murray History Advisory Board in an At-Large position to complete the remainder of a three-year term, which expires August 1, 2016.

7.2 Consider confirmation of Mayor Eyre’s appointment of Fredy Pimentel to the Murray City Center District Design Review Committee in an At-Large position to complete the remainder of a three-year term, which expires January 1, 2017.

Mr. Brass made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda

Ms. Turner seconded the motion

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy

  A   Mr. Brass  
  A   Ms. Turner  
  A   Mr. Hales  
  A   Mr. Nicponski

A   Mr. Camp

Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Camp thanked Ms. Madsen and Mr. Pimentel, on behalf of the Council, for their desire and willingness to serve in these positions.

Mayor Eyre said he had the opportunity to interview each of these individuals and both of them are going to be a real attribute to the committees they will serve on.

Ms. Madsen went to BYU and graduated with a Bachelors of Arts Degree. A few years later she went back to Salt Lake Community College and continued her education. She has a great deal of experience in archeology and has done a lot of research papers and field work in archeology. She is also an expert with GIS. Her GIS and archeology experience is going to be a real benefit to the History Advisory Board.

Mayor Eyre said he also had the opportunity to interview Mr. Pimentel. Mr. Pimentel has a great deal of architectural experience. He has been a project manager on some major architectural buildings. His expertise will help out the MCCD.

Mayor Eyre stated it is a real pleasure to have both Ms. Madsen and Mr. Pimentel volunteer and accept the assignments to serve on these boards.

## **8. Public Hearings**

### **8.1 Public Hearing #1**

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

Consider an Ordinance amending the City's Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015 Budget.

Staff Presentation: Justin Zollinger, Finance Director.

Mr. Zollinger stated the Police Department has received a grant from the Department of Public Safety for \$5,000 for video cameras. They were going to have to be a specific camera type, but the City contacted the Department of Public Safety and told them the cameras the City currently uses are a little bit nicer and asked them if we could purchase the cameras we are already using rather than have two or three different types of cameras. The Department of Public Safety has approved that for this grant so the Police Department will not be adding different cameras; they will be adding more of the cameras they already have. This is much easier for

maintenance and upkeep.

The Police Department received a \$2,500 grant from the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice. That is for a narcotics workstation for the Police Department.

The City received alcohol money this year from the State of Utah in the amount of \$74,663. That money will be used for police car cameras. This money is given to the City every year in December or January. We do not know the amount but once it comes in it goes before Council in a budget opening.

The General Fund has received a refund of Class C Road Funds in the amount of \$16,892. This was from last year when we thought we were going to do the HAWK signal. We paid our portion of the deposit on that project but then the project got significantly more expensive and so our money was refunded back to us. This money will go back into Class C road funds.

The Solid Waste Fund needs an increase of \$15,000 to buy a new green waste trailer. This money is coming from the Solid Waste Fund reserves which have just under \$500,000 in them. The trailer that is being replaced is rusted out.

The ADS Department received a truck in July instead of June. Based off of accounting rules, you cannot accrue it back because that is not when you actually had the asset. The amount of this purchase was \$19,874. It was budgeted for last fiscal year, but not received until this fiscal year so it needs to be carried forward from the prior year's budget. This has also been adjusted out of the CIP so it is not spent twice accidentally.

### **Public Hearing Open for Public Comment**

No public comments given.

**Public comment closed.**

#### 8.1.2 Council consideration of the above matter.

Mr. Brass made a motion to adopt the Ordinance  
Mr. Hales seconded the motion

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy

  A   Mr. Brass  
  A   Ms. Turner

A   Mr. Hales  
  A   Mr. Nicponski  
  A   Mr. Camp

Motion passed 5-0

**9. Unfinished Business**

9.1 None scheduled.

**10. New Business**

10.1 Consider a Resolution approving the 2014 Murray City Water Conservation Plan.

Staff presentation: Danny Astill, Water Superintendent

Mr. Astill stated in January 1999 all cities were asked by the Legislature to put together a conservation report. Part of that conservation report is that all retail providers needed to show or demonstrate the types of things they think they can do to talk to people about conserving water. This was also part of the Governor's initiative.

In the 2004 legislative session, the code was amended which then made it a requirement for all cities and water providers of all kinds, to do this report. If you provided culinary water to over 500 connections, you were required to put this water conservation report together. Some very specific requirements came with that which makes this plan read more like a report. The plan has much of the same information that is in the City's annual report.

Mr. Astill stated the consumption numbers on the report are just for the last five years but since 2000, Murray's per capita numbers have dropped. They have gone up a little bit then continue to drop down depending on the type of year it is and what is happening. Since the City initiated this, it has actually seen a 25% drop in our per capita usage.

Mr. Astill said there is a calculation for the per capita usage that everybody does slightly different. From the time this started, Mr. Astill has kept this the same way. He said if he were to refine it, it would lose what he is trying to actually see; which is if the City is making headway, and we are.

The governor's goal back in 1999 was to meet the 25% per capita usage by 2050. Murray City did that in less than 10 years.

With the estimated population that was taken from the Wasatch Front Regional Council they figured Murray City's service boundary would be over 45,000 by 2050. Mr. Astill said the City is well under those numbers because right now we

are supposed to be approaching 40,000 and there are currently around 36,000 in our service population. Those numbers are used in the Water Department's master planning process and Mr. Astill said it gives them a greater safety factor that has already been built into our planning and water sources we have.

Mr. Astill said in using those numbers there is a line in the report that says what the City's usage would be if it did not use conservation versus if it did use conservation. With our conservation, the City is well below those numbers and looks good at this time.

Mr. Astill pointed out a map that shows the City's water resources. Many years ago the City chose to invest in some water resources; but at the time probably did not realize how important it was. The Water Department's goal is to continue to look into the future and anticipate how things might go so they can do the same thing; keep Murray City up to date and in good shape for the future. They try to look forward as far as they can and think about things in their master planning process and then plan accordingly.

Many people feel that the only way to get people to believe in conservation is to penalize them through complicated rate structures. The City has chosen not to do that and take a little more proactive approach to it by using many more tools other than just rates to encourage conservation. The City did make a rate change; there is a winter and a summer volumetric rate. It costs a little bit more in the summer; but people saw that and understood.

The City also started educating our citizens. The City has always partnered with the National Energy Foundation with the schools but recently added some things they wanted the National Energy Foundation to do with the classrooms.

The City also partners with USEPA with their WaterSense program. Last year they did a "Fix a Leak" week and ad campaign which the City joined. One of the things the City did was had an art contest in the schools and a lot of great art came out of that. That is on the docket for this year as well.

The City also partnered with Lowes and Lowes loved it. They sold out of every WaterSense product they had in the store and they look forward to the City doing it again this year. The City also partnered with some local plumbers who offered the residents discounts; if they did not want to do the work themselves, the plumbers would do it for them at a discounted rate. That was a success as well.

Mr. Astill said the community outreach has been a lot of fun since they have started the "Tap into Murray Quality" campaign with booths during Fun Days and at the Farmer's Market. Mr. Astill said thanks to the Council, they are able to fund their rebate program. That has been pretty successful.

The other thing the Water Department does is make sure the City is being an

example. Anytime they see a landscape change or an opportunity to do changes at the City's facilities, they try to do so. An example is the new sprinkling system that is going to be going into the cemetery. They have been involved and helping in preparation for the work to be done.

Mr. Astill said the City's conservation efforts have not been without benefits. It may seem like a small number but if you think about the City using three billion gallons of water a year, they have also replaced 146 fixtures. It doesn't sound like a lot, but it is saving approximately 6.4 million gallons of water a year. That is the water usage equivalent of 35 single family homes that the City is saving every year because of those fixtures.

Mr. Nicponski asked where these fixtures are.

Mr. Astill replied in the rebate program, people buy new fixtures to replace old ones in their homes. Most of them have been toilets which are the higher water users. The showerheads are quite efficient as well and they work really well if they meet the WaterSense criteria.

Mr. Astill said the reality is that Murray residents have really responded to their message. Their goal is to continue what they do best and create efficiencies in the City's system by responding to leaks. They have a minimum time to respond, and all of the leaks they have had recently, have been responded to about 10 minutes faster than that minimum time. Their efficiency and upgrades they do are important for them as well.

The Water Department only flushes when it is necessary or required. They work with contractors to make sure they do not flush more than they have to as well. Their goals are to continue their efforts, education and outreach. They look for opportunities to work and engage the City's larger water users along with this.

The Water Department bought a piece of property from the City down off the parkway. They want to create a conservation district or display area. They are looking forward to moving forward with that. It is estimated that 45,000 people may come through that area. Mr. Astill feels this will be a worthwhile benefit as they go forward.

Mr. Astill thanked the Council and Mayor for their support.

Ms. Turner asked what the Water Department does for the annexed areas, above 900 East, who do not receive water from the City. She asked if the City participates with conservation education or anything in conjunction with other water organizations for those citizens.

Mr. Astill replied those residents are part of the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District. The City has always partnered with them on their conservation efforts

and tries to include the residents in the annexed area in anything they do. They can participate in all of the City's rebate programs and other things if they are interested. He gets calls regularly from that area and they will do water checks for those residents. Jordan Valley is on top of things and the City will continue to partner with them in all those efforts they are trying to do.

Mr. Hales asked Mr. Astill if using social media was new for them or if they have always done that.

Mr. Astill said they have been using it for 14-15 months and it has been successful. In the summertime they have contests. It is interesting because some months are better than others. They will actually get somewhere in the neighborhood of 300-400 hits when the contests start and then the next month it will double. There are more people looking at social media and they are hoping it will grow as they continue to do the contests. They give away things like toilets, showerheads, and faucets that meet the WaterSense criteria. People seem to respond to the giveaways. They also enter drawings at the booths when they have them.

Mr. Camp said regarding the estimated population of the service area; he is assuming Mr. Astill is looking at growth within the current service area rather than looking at expanding the service area.

Mr. Astill stated that was correct.

Mr. Camp asked if anyone in attendance had comments relating to the Water Conservation Plan.

No comments were given.

Mr. Camp closed the public comment period.

Mr. Hales made a motion to approve the Resolution  
Ms. Turner seconded the motion

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy

  A   Mr. Brass  
  A   Ms. Turner  
  A   Mr. Hales  
  A   Mr. Nicponski  
  A   Mr. Camp

Motion passed 5-0

11. **Mayor**

### 11.1 Report

Mayor Eyre recognized the efforts of the City's representatives up on the hill. This is a very active time for the State Legislature and the representatives are keeping the City well informed. A lot of valuable input from them has been received on a regular and daily basis.

Mayor Eyre said the League has been a tremendous job helping the City but also making sure they are keeping us notified of bills that are important to us. They have a sophisticated computer system that helps track those bills and keeps alerts on the degree of importance they are.

The City is used to the League helping us out a great deal, but one thing people may not be aware of is the other day, the League was working with youth. There were a lot of youth council up there learning about government and how the Legislature works. After that, the youth picked a bill, discuss it, read it, then they debated the bill. They really got actively involved in how the Legislature works and the League deserves credit for the effort they put forth for the youth as well as us.

Mayor Eyre said he was able to talk to Bob Dunn of the Boys and Girls Club this last week and asked him if he would be the Grand Marshal for our parade this summer. Mr. Dunn has agreed to do that. The Mayor has also asked Mr. Dunn if he could coordinate so that right behind the Grand Marshal recognition car is a float for the Boys and Girls Club so they can support him as well.

### 11.2 Questions for the Mayor

## 12. Adjournment

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Jennifer Kennedy, City Recorder