

Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

The Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 23rd day of December, 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 - Conducted
Pat Griffiths,	Council Member
Robbie Robertson,	Council Member
Jim Brass,	Council Member
Jeff Dredge,	Council Member

Others who attended:

Daniel Snarr,	Mayor
Jan Wells,	Chief of Staff
Michael Wagstaff,	Council Director
Brent Davidson,	Deputy City Recorder
Frank Nakamura,	City Attorney
Pete Fondaco,	Police Chief
Craig Burnett,	Assistant Police Chief
Gilbert Rodriguez,	Fire Chief
Phil Roberts,	Fire Marshall
George Zboril	Fire Inspector
Sheri VanBibber,	Murray Exchange Club
Brenda Park,	Murray Exchange Club
Tyson Green,	Firefighter
Jason Coons,	Police Officer
Citizens	

A. OPENING CEREMONIES

1. Pledge of Allegiance - Austin Packard, Boy Scout
2. Ms. Dunn stated that Murray City has a tradition where they ask the Boy Scouts in attendance to stand and introduce themselves, their troop leaders, and which badges they are working on.

The Boy Scouts introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Minutes for December 9 2008;

Ms. Griffiths made a motion to approve the minutes.
Mr. Robertson 2nd the motion.

Voice vote taken; All Ayes

4. Special Recognitions:

1. Special Recognition by the Murray Exchange Club.

Presentation: Sheri VanBibber, Murray Exchange Club
Brenda Park, Murray Exchange Club

Ms. VanBibber stated that the Murray Exchange Club is a service club that does many things for the community, and they invite the residents to go online to: www.Murrayexchangeclub.org and see what they are doing, and to participate. They place many of the service projects in the Murray Journal, and are always in need of help. Part of what they do is prevention of child abuse, promotion of Americanism, involving youth in the community; and tonight they have a special recognition for some men in the community that have helped them with a lot of projects.

Ms. VanBibber asked Fire Marshall Phil Roberts and Fire Inspector George Zboril to step to the front. She stated that they do the CERT program training in Murray, which is the Community Emergency Response Team, and the Fire Department gets grants where everyone can take this class to be a first responder in the event of an emergency. The Club is trying to get grants to get the teens involved and trained in this program, and these two men have been working on making this happen; so the Exchange Club wanted to honor these two for the work that they do, and for helping to get the teen program kicked off, which has not been an easy endeavor.

Ms. VanBibber and Ms. Park thanked Mr. Roberts and Mr. Zboril for all that they have done with the CERT program.

2. Swearing-in of new Murray City Fire Fighter Tyson Green.

Presentation: Gilbert Rodriquez, Fire Chief

Chief Rodriguez said that this is one of the best parts of his job; when they offer someone a job with the City, especially with the police and fire, it is more than just a job, it is a career. They become part of the City's 'family'. He stated that Mr. Green is a great addition to the department, coming not only as a fire fighter, but as a paramedic as well. He worked part-time for Layton, and is very happy to have him join the department, and welcomed him to the family and the department.

Mr. Davidson conducted the swearing-in ceremony.

Mr. Green introduced his family.

3. Swearing-in of new Murray City Police Officer Jason Coons.

Presentation: Pete Fondaco, Police Chief

Chief Fondaco said that he had the honor of attending Mr. Coons' graduation from Salt Lake Community College, where he self sponsored himself through the police academy. Chief Fondaco stated that he likes hiring people from the college, because he can go to Councilman Robertson for recommendations, and Mr. Coons came highly recommended.

Mr. Davidson conducted the swearing-in ceremony.

Officer Coons introduced his family and friends.

Chief Fondaco added that, as most are aware, the City lost one of their own this week; Officer Rick Dukatz passed away, and the viewing will be this Friday with the funeral being held on Saturday. Unfortunately, he sadly must give a black band to Officer Coons to cover his new badge.

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

Colleen Warnock, 1103 W. Jerusalem Place, Taylorsville, UT

Ms. Warnock stated that she spoke with Mayor Snarr a few weeks ago, telling him about a Resolution that they have in Taylorsville that she feels would be good for Murray City. The Mayor had invited her to present the Resolution to the Council members, which she has done by giving them each a copy. She gave a brief summation of the Resolution: This is not a legally binding Resolution, however, it sets a community standard; it sends a positive message to the youth in the community, letting them know that we stand for decency and child appropriateness. There is a need for this type of Resolution, and she stated that in her own city, with this Resolution, she feels that they have some strength.

She has gone into some businesses, where she felt that something was not appropriate, and mentioned the Resolution to the manager(s), and has found that most will take care of the issue. To her, this sets a good base to have the City and the Council support this. The Resolution defines a community standard that encourages all businesses, schools, public and private, to adopt and uphold a child appropriate standard. This standard includes family friendly shopping, child appropriate advertising, and it really is a powerful force that unites the community.

Ms. Warnock stated that she really loves Murray City; they live just on the outskirts of the City, but do most of their business here in Murray. Her children love the Murray library, they do most of their shopping here, her husband works here in Murray, and the boys favorite fire department is in Murray. She feels very strongly about this Resolution, and hopes this is something the City will support.

She has also left a copy of Bountiful City's Resolution, which is very similar, with Mayor Snarr, and from all of the cities that have adopted one of these Resolutions or Proclamations, which total approximately 33 in Utah, they have all loved it, have had no legal issues, and it sends a very good message to the community. If the City chooses to establish a Resolution like this, you can state this in your newsletters to let the community and citizens know that this is the standard the City would like to maintain.

Ms. Dunn thanked Ms. Warnock, and said that the Council will review and consider this.

Public Comments closed.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

None Scheduled

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None scheduled

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None scheduled

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Consider a Resolution approving the transfer of \$30,000 from the Public Services Department Class C Road Program Fund to the Finance Department Non-Departmental Fund within the 2008-2009 General Fund to be used to retain a lobbyist.**

Ms. Dunn stated that this was sponsored by the Council, and the Council has discussed the idea or opportunity of retaining a lobbyist to work for the Council at the upcoming legislative sessions, to help them retain the funding for roads that was in one of the bills that passed last year, but was taken away because of problems with bonding. They have had several discussions, both amongst themselves and in a prior committee meeting, and so they have it on the agenda today for any further discussion by the Council.

No further Council discussion was brought up.

Mr. Dredge made the motion to approve the Resolution.
Mr. Robertson 2nd the motion.

Ms. Griffiths said that she assumes that everyone understands her position; she feels that the timing of using the money for a lobbyist is an issue with her, with the current status of the economy in our state, nation and globally. She, in her own mind, cannot justify spending this much money for a lobbyist for something that is uncertain, especially with the last week, seeing how more of the state budgets are being slashed, and several state employees jobs are in possible jeopardy. She worked for an organization which did legislative lobbying, and realizes the value of it, but the timing is a real issue for her with the economic status.

Call vote recorded by Carol Heales.

A Mr. Dredge
A Mr. Robertson
A Mr. Brass
N Ms. Griffiths
A Ms. Dunn

Motion passed 4-1

2. **Consider a Resolution approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City and Salt Lake County to transfer detention pond property from the County to the City.**

Staff Presentation: Frank Nakamura, City Attorney
Doug Hill, Public Service Director

Mr. Hill stated that the property east of 900 East was annexed into Murray City in 2003; many of the assets of the County at that time were transferred to the City, such as the public right-of-ways for streets, sidewalks and storm drains. Recently, Salt Lake County discovered that they had a storm detention basin in this area that was annexed, that does not contain any storm water that is generated in the County. It is storm water that is generated only from a subdivision that was originally approved in the county; they have asked that the City take over the ownership and responsibility for maintenance of this detention pond, which the City has agreed that it makes sense for the City to do. This Interlocal agreement formalizes our verbal understanding that the City will accept this property, and as a result will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of this storm detention basin, and they recommend approval.

Mayor Snarr clarified that the money for this will come out of the City's storm drain fund for the maintenance of the pond.

Mr. Nakamura stated that the way the City looked at it was if there are any issues surrounding this property, the City will be receiving the calls on it, similar to the Park and Ride property, so they decided that yes, we will take it and they have not yet entered into an agreement regarding the maintenance, but they are working on it.

Mr. Hill said that what Mr. Nakamura is referring to is that this property was maintained at a higher standard than most storm detention basins are; in other words, the property owners and home owners association had an agreement with Salt Lake County, which is now expired, that allowed them to put in an irrigation system, plant it with grass, and use it as a kind of "mini park"; He would not classify it as a park, being so small, but it was a type of mini park area that the home owner's association paid to have maintained. They have indicated to Mr. Hill that they are willing to continue to pay to have this maintained, but the City still needs to formalize that agreement if they indeed decide that the City wants to do that. It is unrelated to this issue, but it is out there as an area of discussion right now.

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

Call vote recorded by Carol Heales.

 A Mr. Dredge
 A Mr. Robertson
 A Mr. Brass
 A Ms. Griffiths
 A Ms. Dunn

Motion passed 5-0

G. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Snarr stated that over the past few years, they have been working to find a way to acquire the property that was formerly the maintenance facility that the National Guard owned. He will be meeting with members of Salt Lake County over the next week to look at the property; the City has sent out packets of information to the individuals involved in making that happen. Hopefully, sometime during the month of January, they will agenda that item on the County agenda to look at funding the acquisition of that property. They have a lot of money for open space acquisitions, and the City hopes that they will see that this is a good piece of property due to its location next to an existing park, and a lot of members of Salt Lake County utilize our park resources as well.

H. QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

None

ADJOURNMENT