

Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

The Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 1st day of December, 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 – Excused
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
Jon Harris,	Fire Department
Doug Hill,	Public Services Director
Danny Astill,	Water Superintendent
David Frandsen,	Water Department
Justin Zollinger,	Finance Director
Brenda Moore,	Controller
Scouts	
Citizens	

5. Opening Ceremonies

5.1 Pledge of Allegiance – Cesar Mendoza

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

5.2 Approval of Minutes

5.2.1 None scheduled

5.3 Special Recognition

5.3.1 Swearing-in of new Murray City Police Officers, Jesse Dana Hayden and Abraham Gutierrez.

Craig Burnett, Police Chief presenting

Chief Burnett said these are two brand new positions that were approved with this year's budget thanks to the Mayor and City Council. Both officers have been through the Police Academy and the second part of P.O.S.T. They graduated last week and did well.

Both new officers bring different talents and experience. Officer Hayden had 20 years of active duty and is a retiree from the United States Navy. He brings a lot of experience and leadership abilities. Officer Gutierrez has helped the Police Department with training in the past. He was a combat medic with the Army National Guard.

The Swearing-in Ceremony was conducted by Jennifer Kennedy, City Recorder.

Officer Gutierrez and Officer Hayden introduced their families.

The Councilmembers welcomed the new officers.

5.3.2 Recognize Murray City Water Division for EPA WaterSense 2015 Partner of the Year Award.

Staff Presentation: Doug Hill, Public Services Director

Mr. Hill said that two months ago Murray City was recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency as a Partner of the Year for the efforts our Water Department has done in teaching the kids and adults in our community the values of conserving water and using water saving fixtures etc. Mr. Hill thinks this is a great recognition. He congratulated Danny

Astill, Water Superintendent and David Frandsen who is the individual who put all of this together and did all the promotion and implementation in order to promote water conservation in our community.

Mr. Frandsen said what he loves most about his job is that he gets to wear a lot of hats, and water conservation is a small portion of what they handle. One of the great things about receiving this award is that Murray City went up against bigger cities, and beat them.

The Water Department has done a lot of things to be involved in the community. Things such as fix a leak week, the rebate program, and the newsletters that are put out. They have tried to be proactive. Mr. Frandsen said he is proud of everything the Water Department has accomplished. They have a great group of employees and he is proud of the support he receives from everyone.

The Councilmembers congratulated Mr. Frandsen and Mr. Astill.

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

Linda Gregerson – 1140 East Brenda Avenue, Murray, Utah

Ms. Gregerson said she has lived in Murray for three years now. She wants to stay in Murray but she wants to live close to a place that is close to a dog park. One thing that Murray does not have is a dog park. She is an advocate for dogs and dog parks because they are beneficial for dog owners to be able to have a place where they can go and take their dog off-leash, play, and get good exercise.

There are a lot of dog parks in Salt Lake, so she often ends up going down that way. South of Tanner Park (approximately 2700 South) there are only three dog parks; a small one in Sandy, a small one in Taylorsville, and one out in West Jordan. The parks in Sandy and Taylorsville have a lot of dirt and wood chips and are very crowded.

Ms. Gregerson said she has been working on a petition since last January for people in the Salt Lake County area who want more dog parks. There are currently over 1,300 signatures on it and about 75 are specifically Murray addresses. There are hundreds more from the surrounding areas such as Holladay, Midvale, Cottonwood Heights, and Taylorsville. All these people would love to see a good dog park on this side of town. Having one in Murray would draw those people into Murray rather than them having to go elsewhere to try to find some other place.

Ms. Gregerson presented the Council with a copy of the petition and pictures of what she thinks is one of the best dog parks in the County, which is in Rose Park. They have taken a section of a park along the Jordan River trail and turned it into a dog park. It is a beautiful park. It's grassy, there are trees and benches, and the people who come there are regulars and know each other. It has helped to develop a sense of community in that area.

She feels that would be a good model that could be done in Murray in one of the parks or green spaces that aren't being utilized much.

Mr. Nicponski noted this is one of the reasons the City needs to fund a survey about our parks and what the citizen's expectations are.

Steve Leonard – 6067 South Holly Berry Circle, Murray, Utah

Mr. Leonard said he has been a Murray resident for 43 years and he would also like to see a dog park here. He travels to Park City to use their dog park. He also goes to Tanner Park. He feels there needs to be a good size dog park in the central valley because the other small dog parks are too confined and get too busy for all the dogs that go there.

Mara Bolton – 1140 East Brenda Avenue, Murray, Utah

Ms. Bolton stated she does a lot of pet sitting and pet walking. She sees first hand all of the pet owners that are not able to take the time to go out of the City to walk their dogs; they pay her to do it. It is hard to get enough exercise for a dog unless they are off-leash.

Katie Headlee – 757 East Scott Avenue, Murray, Utah

Ms. Headlee said a dog park in the area would be helpful. She thinks it is important to be able to get dogs out to exercise. It would be a good part of the community because it gives the owners something healthy to do. She feels a dog park would get used and be appreciated.

7. Consent Agenda

7.1 None scheduled

8. Public Hearings

8.1 None scheduled

9. Unfinished Business

9.1 None scheduled.

10. New Business

10.1 Consider a Resolution acknowledging completion and receipt of the independent audit for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and order that notice be published pursuant to Section 10-6-152 of the Utah Code.

Staff presentation: Justin Zollinger, Finance Director

Mr. Zollinger said the financial statements have been posted on the City's website, www.murray.utah.gov. The City had a clean audit, there were no audit adjustments. Mr. Zollinger said he is grateful for the Finance Department because

they worked really hard this year with so many things and changes going on; it has been a busy year. He said hard copies of the audit are available in the Finance Department.

Mr. Camp said there was a presentation in the Committee of the Whole meeting this evening by one of the auditors and this audit is squeaky clean.

Mr. Nicponski made a motion to approve the Resolution
Mr. Hales seconded the motion

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy

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

Motion passed 4-0

- 10.2 Consider a Resolution approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City and Salt Lake County for receipt by the City of Tier II “Zoo, Arts, and Parks” Funds in the amount of \$75,000..

Staff presentation: Doug Hill, Public Services Director

Mr. Hill said the City has a wonderful cultural arts program. Thanks to the efforts of Mary Ann Kirk, Cultural Arts, the City has received a grant from Salt Lake County through the Zoo, Arts, and Parks tax fund. The amount of the grant is \$75,000 which will go towards funding our cultural arts programs within the City. This agreement, once executed, allows the County to send the money to Murray City.

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

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy

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

Motion passed 4-0

- 10.3 Consider a Resolution approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City and Utah Public Works Emergency Management Alliance and

participating agencies who have adopted and signed this agreement to provide mutual assistance in times of emergency.

Staff presentation: Doug Hill, Public Services Director

Mr. Hill said the Public Works agencies in the State of Utah have been working on trying to get the various cities and other agencies to sign a mutual aid agreement that would allow them to assist each other in times of emergency. Most cities in Salt Lake County have signed this agreement as well as many others in the State of Utah. This agreement would allow the City, in times of emergency, to either request assistance from other agencies or to provide assistance to other agencies. The agreement outlines the procedures of how to do this, how to reimburse, and how to manage various staff and equipment in times of an emergency.

Ms. Turner said this makes so much sense and she's not sure why it has not been done before; it is great.

Mr. Nicponski asked why a city would not participate.

Mr. Hill replied the agreement really does not bind anybody to anything. It generally does what the City would normally do anyway, although it does formalize it. Some cities, including Murray in the past, have felt if a city asked us for assistance, we would provide assistance. It was just never in formal language. Now that most everybody seems to be onboard with getting this agreement signed, Murray wants to be part of that process. These kind of agreements are also very helpful when there is an emergency and F.E.M.A. wants to see these agreements so they can reimburse us.

Mr. Hales made a motion to approve the Resolution

Ms. Turner seconded the motion

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy

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

Motion passed 4-0

11. **Mayor**

11.1 Report

Mayor Eyre went over the City's holiday hours. On Christmas Eve, the City

offices will be open until noon and closed on Christmas Day. On New Year's Eve the City will be open until 3:00 and closed on New Year's Day.

Mayor Eyre stated there were two significant house fires in Murray over the weekend. For one of the fires, they had to enter the house to make sure there were not occupants. Three of them were inside the house when the floor collapsed below them and they fell down to the basement. One of the officers was injured and received medical treatment. Mayor Eyre commended the Fire Department for the incredible work they do and the bravery they have.

Mayor Eyre said there was an incident on Monday morning over at Intermountain Medical Center that the Police Department was able to get a hold on very quickly. Their CEO appreciated the fast response and being able to mitigate a situation that could have gotten out of hand.

He commended Mr. Zollinger for the report they received tonight and what he has done for the City in regards to finances.

11.2 Questions for the Mayor

12. **Adjournment**

Jennifer Kennedy, City Recorder