



MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Murray City Municipal Council met on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 for a meeting held electronically in accordance with Executive Order 2020-5 Suspending the Enforcement of Provisions of Utah Code 52-4-202 and 52-4-207 due to Infectious Disease COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus issued by Governor Herbert on March 18, 2020 and Murray City Council Resolution #R20-13 adopted on March 17, 2020.

Council Members in Attendance:

Dale Cox - Chair	District #2
Rosalba Dominguez – Vice Chair	District #3
Kat Martinez	District #1
Diane Turner	District #4
Brett Hales	District #5

Others in Attendance:

Blair Camp	Mayor	Janet Lopez	City Council Director
Cory Wells	Water Superintendent	Jennifer Kennedy	City Recorder
Brenda Moore	Finance Director	Pattie Johnson	City Council Office Admin.
Craig Burnett	Police Chief	Danny Astill	Public Works Director
Melinda Greenwood	CED Director	Jared Hall	CED
G.L. Critchfield	City Attorney	Bill Francis	The Imagination Company

Mr. Cox called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following statement:

Welcome to the Murray City Council Meetings. We are glad you are viewing our proceedings. Tonight, we have scheduled: Committee of the Whole, a short break, and a Council Meeting.

Because of the current health pandemic, and in order to comply with the Governor’s Directive to “Stay Safe, Stay Home,” and the Public Health Order issued by the County Health Department and County Mayor, we have determined that an in person meeting, including attendance by the public and the Council is not practical or prudent. Therefore, this meeting will be held remotely through electronic means.

Each person is participating from a separate location. We are totally dependent upon the internet and technology to broadcast this meeting and to ensure that the public has an opportunity to view the proceedings, however, there could be a malfunction that is totally out of our control. We do not expect any issues but want you to be aware of that possibility.

If you would like to submit citizen comments or public hearing comments please email to city.council@murray.utah.gov they should be less than 3 minutes, include your name and contact information and they will be read into the record.

Approval of Minutes - Mr. Cox asked for comments or a motion on the minutes from:

- ° Committee of the Whole – March 3, 2019

- Committee of the Whole – March 17, 2020
- Committee of the Whole – April 7, 2020

Mr. Hales moved approval on all three sets of minutes. Ms. Turner seconded the motion. (Approved 5-0)

Discussion Items

Animal Services Contract - Chief Burnett reported it was time to either renew or attain a new contract for Murray's animal services. A brief history was shared to explain in 2009 the City decided to explore outsourcing animal control services; West Jordan City was chosen after an RFP (request for proposals) bid was completed at that time. The five-year agreement was renewed in 2010 for another five years. With the contract up for bid again, Salt Lake County approached the City during the recent RFP process. As a result, the City decided to go with Salt Lake County, who comparatively provided more services, overall, for the cost. Chief Burnett discussed the benefits by sharing a power point. (See Attachment #1)

Other bordering cities that use the County for animal services were noted. Chief Burnett confirmed using Salt Lake County would not only reduce the animal service budget but relieve Murray staff of many related responsibilities. Other positives include having an emergency vet on call for injured animals; vaccinations programs, voucher opportunities, and the TNR (Trap Neuter Release) program for cats. The cost was reviewed, as well as, the option to attain the Urban Wildlife Assistance program for raccoon and skunk abatement, for an additional cost of \$11,871. The cost without the wildlife program would be \$354,000 for the year. The interlocal agreement, to be considered in the council meeting is for animal services only; and a separate agreement for the County to lease the facility from Murray would be presented later. Chief Burnett stated West Jordan City did a great job over the years, and the change was merely, due to achieving additional important animal services for a better value.

Council Comments:

- Ms. Martinez asked how if pest control coincided with animal control services; and, if spay and neuter release programs were included in Salt Lake County services.
- Chief Burnett confirmed pest control is not offered; rats and other creatures are not included in the optional wildlife program. He explained cat colony TNR programs are driven only by citizens. Volunteers place traps and help release cats afterwards. Referrals are given by contacting animal control.

Water Conservation and Landscape Ordinance - Mr. Astill reported the new water conservation plan was completed in 2019. Mr. Wells worked hard to accomplish one of the goals, which is to help homeowners change landscaping in parking strips, to more water wise options. Ms. Greenwood and Mr. Hall assisted with ordinance details that could change if needed. Mr. Wells led a discussion and provided a lengthy power point to explain what the park strip conservation effort would look like; similar to the 'flip your strip' program to incentivize residents to convert parking strips to xeriscaping.

Mr. Wells reviewed:

(See Attachment #2)

- Current and future water conservation programs; rebate options, and how to apply for them.
- What the City is doing to promote water conservation; various programs, outreach information, and events.
- The 2019 Conservation Plan in general; information discussed:
 - Water rates.
 - National energy foundation partners.
 - Murray's Consumer Confidence report.

- How a park strip conversion program can help.
- Advantages of xeriscaping park strips.
- Water savings.
- Cost savings over time (2020 Rates).
- Water conserved by comparison.
- Water wise plants and choosing them correctly.
- Estimated annual cost of the program over three years.
 - 1st year = \$3,000 - \$4,000
 - 2nd year = \$4,000 - \$5,000
 - 3rd year = \$4,500 - \$6,500
- Current landscaping ordinance – Ms. Greenwood reviewed the ordinance with no necessary changes.

Council Comments:

- Ms. Turner appreciated hard work to ensure the finite resource of water. She asked if citizens east of 900 East were eligible for all rebates, since residents are part of the Jordan Valley Water District – and not Murray’s water supply. Mr. Wells confirmed residents in that area do not qualify for Murray rebates, but would be able to get other rebates located on the Utah Water Savers website. www.utahwatersavers.com .
- Mr. Cox commended the presentation and program.
- Ms. Martinez said the program was great and asked about other landscaping requirements. She compared the flip your strip requirements with other options she had seen, and wondered about required vegetation percentages, due to inquiries.
- Ms. Lopez noted stone or rocks only is not allowed in parking strips.
- Mr. Hall agreed the current ordinance requires a 50% bed coverage; he said Ms. Lopez was correct pavers and stone do not encourage water wise and xeriscaping – unless the strip is located on a double frontage lot on a high-volume street.
- Ms. Dominguez expressed excitement about the program. She asked if the Conservation Garden Park was available to all citizens for learning about water wise plant ideas.
- Mr. Wells confirmed anyone can walk the grounds at the facility to gain ideas.
- Mr. Astill said the water department budgets extra money in anticipation of a very successful, and needed program; so, the Council would not need to approve additional funding this year.

Budget Amendment FY 2019-2020 Wastewater Fund – Ms. Moore noted the immediate use of reserves for the Wastewater Fund to purchase a new sewer vacuum/cleaning truck. She explained the 10-year old truck currently used is breaking down; the suction is not operating effectively, so it needs replacing. A brand-new truck would take 9-12 months to purchase, at a much higher cost; this replacement vehicle was discovered on a lot in Salt Lake City and is in good condition. If approved during the council meeting, she would arrange the purchase right away, and revise the Wastewater Fund budget accordingly to purchase only one truck. There were no concerns or comments.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: 6:14 p.m.

**Pattie Johnson
Council Office Administrator II**