

# Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

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**T**he Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 5th day of October, 2010 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:

Jeff Dredge,	Council Chair
Krista Dunn,	Council Member
Darren Stam,	Council Member
Jared Shaver,	Council Member - Conducting
Jim Brass,	Council Member

Others who attended:

Dan Snarr,	Mayor
Jan Wells,	Chief of Staff
Rondi Knowlton-Jeffries,	Mayor's Office
Janet Lopez,	City Council Office
Brent Davidson,	Deputy City Recorder
Frank Nakamura,	City Attorney
Pete Fondaco,	Police Chief
Doug Hill,	Public Services Director
Blaine Haacke,	General Manager
Tim Tingey,	Community Economic Development Director
Gil Rodriguez,	Fire Chief
Phil Roberts,	Fire Marshall
Randy Willden,	Battalion Chief
Russ Groves,	Fire Department
George Zboril,	Fire Department
Patricia Wilson,	Finance Director
Jim Hendrickson,	Shade Tree Commission
Deb Ashton,	Murray School District
Murray Youth Chamber/City Council	
Citizens	

**A. OPENING CEREMONIES**

1. Pledge of Allegiance - Parker Schofield, Murray Youth Chamber
2. Approval of minutes of August 31, 2010

Mr. Brass made a motion to approve the minutes.  
Mr. Dredge 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Call vote recorded. All Ayes.

3. Special Recognitions:
  1. Murray City's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Beautification Awards for 2010.

Staff presentation: Jim Hendrickson, Shade Tree Commission  
Mayor Snarr

Mr. Hendrickson stated that the Murray City Shade Tree and Beautification Commission is grateful to all that take such a great interest in the City, to help beautify it and make it a great place to live and do business in. This evening they are recognizing individuals who have done some outstanding work in landscaping their properties.

Mr. Hendrickson asked the members of the Shade Tree Commission stand and be recognized.

District winners:

Gourdin residence, 705 W. Daisy Lane; District #1  
Vigil residence, 817 W. Walden Hills Dr.; District #2  
Pezely residence, 4749 S Meadowview Rd.; District #3  
Erickson residence, 141 W. 5818 S.; District #4  
Sandberg residence, 6382 S. Shenandoah Park Ave; District #5

Mayor Snarr said that in our city, we have a lot of people who really care about their yards and properties; it is also very therapeutic-you may be tired, but you have something to look at that you are proud of.

Mayor Award Winners:

Commercial Premises:

Mimi's Café, 5223 S. State Street

Multi-Family:

Lost Creek, 4950 S State Street

Single Family:

Cornick residence, 5852 S. Cove Creek Lane

Xeriscape residence:

Christensen residence, 5104 S Daisy Lane

Xeriscape business:

Intermountain Medical Center, 5121 S Cottonwood St.

Mayor Snarr stated that he had just returned from a conference for ‘America in Bloom’ and they were particularly impressed with the fact that we have taken a site that, at one time, was extremely curb-appeal challenged; the area had significant challenges esthetically, and now you can see what has happened with Intermountain Medical Center, and Costco as well. We are very proud of that entire complex. The landscape is maturing, and looking nicer every day.

2. Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, declaring October 18-22, 2010 as “Ribbon Week” – Safe and Healthy Community Proclamation – “I Can Make a Difference!”

Mr. Shaver read the Resolution and Proclamation in its entirety.

Ms. Dunn made a motion to adopt the Resolution

Mr. Stam 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Call vote recorded by Brent Davidson

  A   Ms. Dunn

  A   Mr. Dredge

  A   Mr. Stam

  A   Mr. Brass

  A   Mr. Shaver

Motion passed 5 – 0

Mayor Snarr expressed his appreciation for Ms. Ashton and all those involved in this campaign; they have helped people to understand and appreciate that our lives are negatively impacted throughout our community because of the issues addressed in this Resolution-drug abuse, violence, gangs, teen pregnancy, etc. All of these things really negatively impact our community.

Ms. Ashton said that back east, there was a high school teacher who started the campaign “I Can Make A Difference”, and gave a red sticker to each student saying how much each one of them makes a difference; She gave each one a 2<sup>nd</sup> sticker to go out and acknowledge someone else. This year, the stickers say “I Make A Difference” and each school has two stickers per student, plus an extra 500, and hopefully these stickers can go home and acknowledge parents, friends and neighbors. In the video, it gets pretty heavy with the CEO going home and acknowledging his son, who was going to take his life that night, and how much one effort in one group can affect a lot of other people.

Ms. Ashton added that students hear 432 negative statements each day, compared to 32 positive; that kind of puts it into perspective on how much work we have. As adults, we are much more positive with students than some of their peers. They went with the high school colors on the wristbands this year, and hopefully they will remember that they need to make courageous decisions in order to be drug free, and how being

courageous and being drug free work together. They are asking the community to start this chain reaction with them in making a difference, and they have stickers for all in attendance to go home and acknowledge the people that are important to them because those are the things that we forget to say sometimes in such a busy, fast paced life.

Ms. Ashton went over the Sharp survey data showing the most frequently abused substances, high risk behaviors in grades 6, 8, 10 & 12; they started doing this survey in 1998 and every two years they go over that data. It is fascinating to see the traditional substances, and also where the students are reporting that they get the substances, and where they use them. The most important thing to decrease substance abuse is to engage students in positive activities, and that is what their effort is this year, and always with the Red Ribbon Campaign so that every student can go home and say they were part of the Peace Walk, I know why we celebrate this, I know the harmful effects, etc. The Sharp survey is administered throughout the state; Murray is compared to other cities, and even to the national statistics. It is very valid information with a 5% error rate.

Ms. Ashton thanked everyone for the support and leadership in the community, and hoped that they could come out to the schools and see what is going on, and use that chain reaction to make a difference.

3. Introduction and Swearing-In of the Murray Youth Chamber of Commerce/City Council for 2010-2011.

Ms. Van Bibber thanked everyone for the opportunity; they have a fabulous group this year. The MYCC is a collaboration of the Murray Youth Chamber of Commerce and the Murray Youth City Council; they come together, working with the service groups all over the city, with the Governor, the Mayor, and they do at least 10,000 hours of service every year. This is a group who is well invested in their community and that is their oath to keep them invested and from stray away.

Brent Davidson conducted the swearing-in ceremony.

Mr. Shaver added that nothing is more exciting than having these young people participate in these activities; we expect a great deal out of them, and look forward to seeing them in the future as well.

Ms. Van Bibber said that they will be holding a candidates night at Murray High School on Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. and invited every one out.

4. Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and the Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, declaring October 3 – 9, 2010 as “Fire Prevention Week.”

Mr. Shaver read the Resolution in its entirety.

Mr. Brass made a motion to adopt the Resolution  
Ms. Dunn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Call vote recorded by Brent Davidson

  A   Ms. Dunn  
  A   Mr. Dredge  
  A   Mr. Stam  
  A   Mr. Brass  
  A   Mr. Shaver

Motion passed 5 – 0

Mayor Snarr said that this is a great program, and the City appreciates the hard work and dedication provided by the Fire Department.

Phil Roberts, Fire Prevention

Mr. Roberts said that the fire loss within Murray City is very minimal, and to have nothing to report about major fire losses within our community is a great statement for us. He has been in Murray for over 12 years, and there are some things we cannot prevent, but he is happy to say that it is truly a community effort; with community education from the top down, for allowing funds in these economic hard times, to be proportioned out for the prevention programs, CERT and CPR programs, for health and safety as well as fire emergencies, kudos the city. During the summer the city was involved in some flooding, and again he is talking about disaster prevention and preparedness, he applauds this community greatly and this is truly a community action group that gets involved, sets their feet on the ground and makes a difference. As a Fire Department, they are grateful-what a great job-for them to be there, for a city that supports them, and supports the fire prevention and other disaster awareness programs. They have a great time doing these things, although the firefighters do complain from time to time that the city doesn't have the fire loss that some of the adjoining communities have, and they would like to get busy!

Mr. Roberts introduced Russ Groves, who is the Deputy Fire Marshall; George Zboril is a Fire Inspector and in Community Education. He is a part time employee with Murray City and works full time for Midvale City as an engineer. A well educated, well trained staff is important. They also call their business community citizens, as they are part of the community every day; one thing that they have been talking about is the inspection processes-they have not written a red tag, or nasty note, to even a business or builder in five years or more, from the fire department side. This is not to say that there hasn't been some difficulty from time to time, but they have a group of people who help

those contractors and business owners understand the importance of fire prevention and fire safety. He is always amazed, from year to year, that the city does not have the fire problems that a lot of communities have.

Mr. Roberts stated that another thing he loves is the camaraderie; he had lunch with Mr. Dredge and he was talking about 'extreme sledding.' Just having a good time with others in the City, what a great community having a great time and making things happen. He thanked the City for the proclamation, saying that from year to year they are trying to make it better and find great programs and items that will help the community.

Mr. Brass thanked the fire department for the great job they did on the fire along the Cottonwood Creek a while ago; it could have been a lot worse than it was if it hadn't been for the quick and efficient work.

Mr. Shaver echoed the sentiment, adding that he hopes they all get 'fat and sassy' because they have nothing to do in the city of Murray. He thinks that the low rates that the city has is due to the great service and how seriously they take their jobs.

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

None given

**Public comment closed**

**C. CONSENT AGENDA**

None scheduled

**D. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Staff and sponsor presentations, and public comment prior to Council action on the following matter:

**Consider an Ordinance amending the Budget of the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.**

Staff presentation: Patricia Wilson, Finance Director.

Ms. Wilson said that what is being considered is a chance to open the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget; After the beginning of the fiscal year, the State of Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice awarded a grant to the Murray City Police Department. The amount of that grant is \$8,553.00 and they are asking the Council to amend the budget, which would give them a place to code the expenditures for this budget; it is a reimbursement type of award, so it was not put into the budget as they did not know the amount when they were doing the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget.

Basically, this is to increase the expenditure so that they can get reimbursement for this grant. The department could probably explain a little more how that is going to be used, the information is in the packets sent to the Council.

Council consideration of the above matter to follow Public Hearing.

**Public Hearing opened for public comment.**

None given

**Public comment closed.**

Ms. Dunn said that for the benefit of the public, this is an asset forfeiture grant and it is awarded to any jurisdictions in the state who puts money into that fund. They can then apply for grant funding to get a small percentage of that money back.

Mr. Dredge made a motion to adopt the Ordinance.  
Mr. Stam 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Call vote recorded by Brent Davidson

  A   Ms. Dunn  
  A   Mr. Dredge  
  A   Mr. Stam  
  A   Mr. Brass  
  A   Mr. Shaver

Motion passed 5 – 0

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None scheduled

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

None scheduled

**G. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Snarr said that they are doing a lot of work on the commuter rail line where they have to have a third set of tracks to support that commuter rail system from Provo to Ogden; in Murray, they have been working very aggressively, they have fixed it at 4800 South, and there are some other at-grade crossings that they are trying to address now. The next one is at 5900 South and 370 West, and because of the fact that they have to lay down tracks, the only way that they can do that is to close down the road. Beginning Monday, October 11, 2010, the road will be closed anywhere from two to three weeks to complete infrastructure on the Front Runner Project.

Once they get that completed, they will work back directionally towards the other site where they completed putting the infrastructure in over an at-grade crossing, which would be clear back to 4800 South, and then eventually will come back and hit Vine Street as well. Right now it is exciting to see the progress that they are making-you can see the new light rail station is having work done on it, to put the flooring in, and also to finish the basis for the structures for people to sit and wait under.

They did finish the paving down at the new light-rail station for the Mid-Jordan spur, and that will be open on August 07, 2011.

Mayor Snarr stated that we are happy to have NeighborhoodWorks, for those of you who attended, as a partner to help residents with housing concerns; he feels that they will be an excellent partner. They are asking for input from the elected official in the City, to give them an idea of who we think would be a good person to put on their Board- and are asking for suggestions for business people or residents for their Board. If you have any suggestions or recommendations, please let the City know by this Friday. They will see a lot of marvelous things happen with NeighborhoodWorks in our community.

They have taken down Exclusive Cars, but have not submitted plans yet; that building has been demolished, and he thinks they got a good bid from Reynolds Brothers who was doing the demolition of the old Nordstrom's, since they were right there. They are making great progress and you will see that everybody is working very quickly now because the time to get asphalt down on the ground is coming to end here shortly. They need to get that down so that they can complete the project and open it up in the winter, which Larry H Miller hopes to do with the new Toyota dealership. Once they get it bricked up, they will be working quickly to make that project come to fruition.

#### **H. QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR**

None given

#### **ADJOURNMENT**