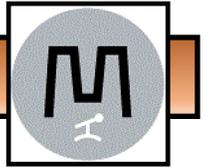


## City Council Message



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**Dale Cox**

Running for public office was quite an experience! From the time I heard that Blair Camp would run for mayor and vacate his District 2 Council seat, I began considering and talking with my family about the possibility of running for office. Being politically active my entire life and with my recent retirement the decision to run for city council seemed a natural step.

Jann and I had a lot of fun, but it was also a lot of work. We walked, knocked on hundreds of doors and talked with a lot of good people. I found that most people were very engaging and surprised that we were taking the time to go door to door. It was my desire to talk with people and find out their views and just as important for them to meet me.

Unfortunately, we went door to door during one of the hottest summers on record. On one memorable front door visit, I asked a lovely woman near the mall if there was anything I could do for her. To my surprise, she said, "Yes ..... there's a hornet's nest in that tree that you could get rid of for me!" We had a good laugh together as she explained an exterminator was on the way.

Now that I have attended training and am serving the first week of my new position, I find that this is a very consuming part-time job! No, it is not just the two council meetings held monthly. I have opportunities to become educated and participate in many ways. Using my legislative experience and background, I will be representing the city council at the Legislative Policy Committee meetings of the Utah League of Cities and Towns. In January, the 2018 Legislative Session began with numerous bills to watch, analyze and negotiate. I have a genuine passion for this aspect of government.

Over the next couple of years, the city will be working toward construction of a new administrative fire station and building a new city hall to house together city administration, city council, planning, police and courts. This is an enormous and complex project that will include citizen input on the development strategies. Growth is sure to be a factor in all we do as a city and I look forward to sharing in the solutions to these challenges.

Murray City has one of the best city councils in the state with an amazing relationship of mutual respect between the council and the administration. Our city is very well managed and envied across the state. I am excited to be part of that.

Thank you to everyone who opened their doors to us, to all of our volunteers, family, friends and the citizens in District 2. I take my responsibilities very seriously and look forward to the opportunity to serve you and work toward sustaining and advancing the vibrant, independent community that we have in Murray City.