

Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

The Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 5th day of May, 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
Brett Hales,	Councilmember – Conducted
Diane Turner,	Councilmember
Jim Brass,	Councilmember
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
Mike Dykman,	Battalion Chief
Jon Harris,	Battalion Chief
Doug Hill,	Public Services Director
Russ Kakala,	Streets Superintendent
Mary Ann Kirk,	Cultural Arts
Justin Zollinger,	Finance Director
Brenda Moore,	Controller
Tim Tingey,	Administrative and Development Services Director
Janie Richardson,	GIS Supervisor
Gilbert Gonzales,	Chief Building Official
Tammy Lewis,	Building Division
Blaine Haacke,	Power Department General Manager
Greg Bellon,	Power Department Assistant General Manager
Mike Terry,	Human Resources Director
Kim Fong,	Library Director
Scouts	
Citizens	

5. Opening Ceremonies

5.1 Pledge of Allegiance – Scott Bartlett

5.2 Approval of Minutes

5.2.1 April 21, 2015

Mr. Brass made a motion to approve the minutes

Ms. Turner seconded the motion

Voice vote taken, all “ayes.”

5.3 Special Recognition

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

5.3.1 Government Finance Officers (GFOC) Certificate of Achievement to Justin Zollinger.

Staff presentation: Mayor Ted Eyre

Mayor Eyre said this is a special recognition for our Finance Department who has received a Certificate of Achievement of Excellence.

Mayor Eyre said he was honored to be able to share that Murray City’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 has qualified for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by government and its management.

The Certificate of Achievement acknowledges our Finance Director, Justin Zollinger specifically, but this is really a reflection of his leadership and dedication to his entire department. This is the 34th year that Murray City has received this recognition.

5.3.2 Certified Municipal Clerk’s designation presented to Jennifer Kennedy.

Staff presentation: Tim Tingey, Administrative and Development Services Director
Molly Spira, Utah Municipal Clerks Association
Thieda Wellman, Utah Municipal Clerks Association

Mr. Tingey said the Certified Municipal Clerk includes years of work experience and participation in multiple trainings. It helps Clerks and Recorders become greater experts in the work they do for their cities and adds value to the organizations they work for.

Mr. Tingey stated the City has a passport program that has been in place for about two years. The idea for the passport program came from Ms. Kennedy. It was a positive idea she promoted. She researched and implemented the program. It has cost the City very little and the significance for service to our citizens has been great. Just last year there were 1,438 individuals that went through her office and received their passport and the City earned \$45,000 for that. Ms. Kennedy deserves great credit for that.

Ms. Kennedy's expertise in the short time she has been the City Recorder are in records management, election processes and the purchasing and procurement process. She deserves a lot of credit.

Ms. Wellman said she is representing the Utah Municipal Clerks Association (UMCA) and the International Institute of Municipal Clerks to recognize Ms. Kennedy for achieving her Certified Municipal Clerk designation. As Mr. Tingey indicated, this is a lengthy process; it has taken her several years to do this. She had to spend many, many hundreds of hours in class. This certification is equivalent to a Bachelor's Degree in hours and time.

The Utah Municipal Clerks Association has approximately 340 members from about 250 cities and towns in the State of Utah. Of those 340 members there are only 95 that have this certification that Ms. Kennedy has received. She is in an elite group of recorder's and clerks from the State.

The purpose of the Utah Municipal Clerks Association is to support education of clerks and recorders. The organization also promotes networking. As Mr. Tingey explained the passport process that Ms. Kennedy went through, several recorder's in other cities went through that same process and we share ideas and information with each other. It is a great organization.

Ms. Wellman stated Ms. Kennedy could not have achieved this without the support of the Mayor and City Council. The Utah Municipal Clerks Association appreciates the support from the City of Ms. Kennedy and their association.

Ms. Wellman presented Ms. Kennedy with her certification.

Mr. Camp stated it is really great that both of these presentations were done in the same evening. It shows how much professionalism there is in our staff with our Finance Department and our City Recorder. It shows what a great professional group the City has.

5.3.3 Heritage Award Presentation

Staff presentation: Ian Wright

Mr. Wright stated he is the new Chair for the Murray History Advisory Board. In the past year, the History Advisory Board has conducted the second annual history related Halloween activity called Cemetery Clues. They have also done a home tour of historic downtown Murray and added the Hillside Historic District and three buildings to the National Register of Historic Places. The buildings that were added include the Amundsen home, the Bradford home and the City Diesel Power Building. They also installed listening stations in the Murray Museum and redesigned the City Hall display cases.

Mr. Wright said the Downtown Historic mobile app is now up and running. They are making sure that everything is correct before they really start advertising that. They also discovered the first LDS Girls Camp was located in Godfrey's Grove just west of the cemetery. They will be highlighting that story in the cemetery story telling tour the last week of May. This coming year they plan to host another history related Halloween event along the Jordan River Parkway. They are also going to be doing a pioneer home tour around the 24th of July.

Mr. Wright said the History Advisory Board would like to recognize the owners of the beautiful James and Mary Jane Miller House. It is a two-story building that is tucked away in an apartment complex. It is made out of brick and adobe and was built in two phases. Construction was started in 1865 and the second phase was in 1882. It was constructed by a permanent pioneer family here in the area.

In the 1970's the house was converted into an office/clubhouse for an apartment complex first called Lake Pines and now called the Miller Estates. Despite various modifications the house maintains an excellent historical integrity. The qualities of the materials, and workmanship of the designs, include original windows, wood sashes and wavy glass. The interior features a collection of nineteenth century internal murals. The central passage features faux marbling and the doors feature faux oak. One of the window seals features a profile of a UTE Indian in full feathered headdress.

This building is not on the national register, it is going through the nomination process. This is one of the neatest, little historic secrets tucked away in Murray.

Mr. Wright presented Brittany Nielsen and Danielle Sorensen the Murray Heritage Stewardship Award.

- 5.3.4 Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah to designate and support the week of May 17 –23, 2015 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

Staff presentation: Gil Rodriguez, Fire Chief
Mike Dykman, Battalion Chief

Chief Rodriguez thanked the Mayor and Council for the support of the Fire Department. About 80% of their calls are medically related. It is a big part of what they do and they have been given the tools they need to do a good job. They have a transport service now and those guys really make the Fire Department look good. They do a great job.

Battalion Chief Dykman said EMS (Emergency Medical Services) week is May 17-23, 2015. When people get into the firefighting and EMS business, they are not really looking for recognition. However, this is the one week a year where it is kind of nice because traditionally it is right towards the start of summer and they have a lot of barbeques. They have a barbeque planned on Saturday May 23 from 11:00 – 2:00 at Fire Station #84 located on 5900 South and 200 East on the old Cottonwood Hospital property. They have done this for the last several years. It is an opportunity for the firefighters and their families to have nice barbeque and to welcome spring and summer. They get representatives from each of the hospitals that come, from other agencies, and neighbors from the neighborhood that have an interest in looking at their fire apparatus, ambulances and touring of the station. It is a fun day for them and he encouraged everyone to come.

Battalion Chief Dykman stated that without the Mayor and Council's support, the Fire Department could not do what they do. The Fire Department has some great people that are professional and compassionate; they represent the City well. They are very proud of what they do.

On January 29, 2015 the Fire Department was invited to Intermountain Medical Center to receive an achievement of excellence award for being part of their STEMI Program. STEMI means ST Elevated Myocardial Infarction; it's a sudden onset heart attack. There is a national standard that says from the time 9-1-1 is called until a definitive procedure is

performed, generally a balloon procedure, should be 90 minutes. That is pretty quick considering you could sit for 90 minutes at the ER before they see you. The Fire Department recently upgraded their defibrillators which was a sizeable expense. Some technology changed which forced them to do something. The City Council stepped up to make that happen.

Battalion Chief Dykman said Murray City is part of a world-class system. We have a world-class hospital right on our doorstep and the expectation of the city's paramedics is extremely high. With the Council's help, the Fire Department needs that expectation. This award they received is for helping Intermountain Medical Center achieve 100% compliance with the national standard for three consecutive years. There is no facility in the nation that has even come close to meeting that standard.

This was a big deal and they are glad to be a part of it. There were several other agencies from around the valley that were part of this as well. The bottom line is there are citizens and visitors to Murray City that have come here, had a problem requiring medical attention, and in the past they would not have survived. They have had several patients over the last few years that have been taken care of who go on to lead long, productive lives after this procedure.

Battalion Chief Dykman told the Council their commitment has saved lives. It is the most impressive thing they do in the Fire Department; this is where they really make a difference. He thanked the Council for their support. He reads about what other communities are trying to do and Murray City has been doing those things for five, six, seven, even eight years while others are still trying to get off the ground. Murray City is very fortunate.

Mr. Brass said he is one who the Fire Department saved so he knows exactly what Battalion Chief Dykman is talking about. He thanked the Fire Department.

Mr. Camp stated Battalion Chief Dykman is not overstating any of this. His enthusiasm is very well placed. This is amazing technology; it is state of the art. When you can transmit that kind of information to the hospital so they can take the patient right in, it literally does save lives.

Mr. Brass made a motion to adopt the Resolution
Mr. Camp seconded the motion

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy

 A Mr. Nicponski
 A Mr. Camp

A Mr. Brass
 A Ms. Turner
 A Mr. Hales

Motion passed 5-0

- 5.3.5 Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah recognizing and supporting May 2015 as Building Safety Month – “Resilient Communities Start with Building Codes.”

Staff presentation: Gilbert Gonzales, Chief Building Official

Mr. Gonzales said the theme for Building Safety Month is, “Resilient Communities Start with Building Codes.” Building Safety Month provides education for the public about solutions that improve the safety, sustainability and resiliency of the buildings in our community. Up to date building codes reduce loss of life and property damage. The Salt Lake segment of the Wasatch Fault produces a large earthquake, 7.0 or greater, about every 1,300 years. The last large earthquake we have had along the Wasatch Fault was 1,300 years ago.

The Building Division is preparing for a big earthquake now by receiving additional training in what is called Rapid Visual Assessment of Buildings. They have all been to classes to become ATC-20 certified and they have their Rapid Visual Response Disaster Cards. After an earthquake, they would get out there and to a rapid visual assessment of these buildings. They placard buildings red, yellow, or green. That is their first priority. The first places they go to are the Red Cross shelters. The shelters are relying on Murray City to get out to them and get them placard to make sure the buildings are safe to occupy. Until the Building Division gets out there and placards the shelters appropriately, they cannot man the shelters.

Mr. Gonzales stated their next focus would be on homes in the community. They need to placard them accordingly because a lot of people will stay in their homes for shelter.

So where does that leave the businesses? Unfortunately, businesses are not the first priority. However, Murray City has adopted by Ordinance the Building Occupancy Resumption Plan (BORP). Mr. Gonzales said he met with officials at the Intermountain Medical Center regarding the Building Occupancy Resumption Plan and they are interested in moving forward with it. Hopefully they will do so within the next couple of months. He has asked them to take the lead because they are going to need to be able to placard their own building. They understand this better than most.

Mr. Gonzales said the Building Occupancy Resumption Plan will allow business owners who choose to participate to have their building evaluated by a design team. The design team consists of architects, engineers, mechanical engineers and electrical engineers who can do a pre-evaluation of the businesses building prior to a natural disaster and come up with some things that can be done to improve the safety of their building. When there is an earthquake, the design team will have to be at the business within 72 hours and they can placard the building for the business. Other than that only Murray City, and anybody who is part of the Building Occupancy Resumption Plan, can placard buildings. It cannot just be done by anybody.

Murray City is one of two cities who have the Building Occupancy Resumption Plan in place. The other city is Salt Lake. Businesses that choose to participate in the Building Occupancy Resumption Plan will hopefully be up and running sooner than others. Mr. Gonzales read a quote: *"We shouldn't lose sleep at night over having an earthquake on the Wasatch Front. We should be more concerned about preparing our buildings for earthquakes."*

Mr. Gonzales stated the Building Division will be at Lowe's between 10:00-2:00 May 6, 2015. They will be answering questions about when and why permits are required and the benefits of building permits. They will also have information on earthquake safety. They will have safety tip handout sheets that talk about many different things, one of the main ones being smoke alarms. Smoke alarms save your life, but after about 10 years there is a 30% failure rate with smoke alarms. That is why manufacturers recommend you replace them every 10 years. They will also have hard hats and activity books for the kids.

Ms. Turner thanked Mr. Gonzales and his staff for all they do to keep Murray City safe.

Mr. Camp also thanked Mr. Gonzales for the follow up on the Building Occupancy Resumption Plan.

Mr. Gonzales reiterated he has already spoken with Intermountain Medical Center about the Building Occupancy Resumption Plan and he hopes to get out to Costco and Lowes and talk to them about it also.

Ms. Turner made a motion to adopt the Resolution
Mr. Brass seconded the motion

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy

 A Mr. Nicponski

A Mr. Camp
 A Mr. Brass
 A Ms. Turner
 A Mr. Hales

Motion passed 5-0

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

Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz – 6150 South Steeple Chase Lane, Murray, Utah

Ms. Hoffelmeyer-Katz stated the residents on Steeple Chase Lane are grateful for the repair to Vine Street. It is so much better. When the Murray Journal came out this month her neighbor read the schedule for road repairs, expecting to see Steeple Chase Lane on the list, however it was not listed. Her neighbor called and was told it is not scheduled until 2019 and people on their street became upset. They were told to work through their Councilmember so she contacted Mr. Hales. She was grateful and appreciative for the response she received. Mr. Hales; Doug Hill, Public Services Director; and Russ Kakala, Streets Superintendent came out to look at the street.

Ms. Hoffelmeyer-Katz said they appreciate the fact the City has many more projects than there is funding for. They understand that and also understand their street is very small and to some degree was inherited by the City. She thanked everyone who came out to look at their street. She added she hopes through some consideration their street is done sooner than 2019.

Mr. Hales said it was neat to visit with the citizens in that area. They are committed to working on that.

Mr. Brass stated the House Bill that passed on the gasoline tax will hopefully come to a vote this November. Should that pass, it will give the City a nice boost in the amount of revenue we will have to do roads. It has been a long time since that tax has gone up and there are a lot more roads that need to be repaired and we do not have the money.

7. **Consent Agenda**

7.1 Consider confirmation of Mayor Eyre's appointment of Deborah Daines to the Arts Advisory Board in an At-Large position for the remainder of a term to expire January 15, 2017.

Mayor Eyre said he had the opportunity to interview Ms. Daines. She is a lifelong resident of Murray City. She plays the piano and flute. She will be a wonderful addition to the Arts Advisory Board.

Mr. Camp made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda
Ms. Turner seconded the motion

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy

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

Motion passed 5-0

8. Public Hearings

8.1 Public Hearing #1

8.1.1 Staff and sponsor presentations and public comment will be given prior to Council action on the following matter:

Consider an Ordinance amending the City's Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015 Budget.

Staff Presentation: Justin Zollinger, Finance Director.

Mr. Zollinger said there are six items the budget needs to be adjusted for. The Police Department received \$15,000 in insurance money. This was from the motorcycle accident that occurred. This money will help pay to replace the motorcycle that was totaled. That money will go into the Capital Projects Fund.

Year to date, we have received \$780 for animal shelter donations. That needs to be budgeted in the General Fund so it can be utilized for the animal shelter this year.

The Public Services Department needs \$650,000 from the Capital Projects Fund to reimburse Salt Lake County. The State Legislature allotted some money, but it excluded Vine Street in the legislation. The County said they would get it corrected and supply the City the \$650,000. Once the changes were made, the City would pay the County back. It is time to reimburse them for that.

The Public Services Department needs to increase the Capital Projects Fund by \$175,000 for the Vine Street bike striping project. This is actually their CIP savings. It has already been reduced out of this year. It is savings; we are not spending it twice.

There are two planned retirements in the Public Services Department. As

that department is very trim and these retirements will take place in the busiest time of the year, it is very difficult to wait to hire new people. This money is so when these retirements take place, they will be able to hire and keep working on projects. We have a little bit of sales tax surplus and that is what will be used to fund these payouts. This is in the General Fund.

The Fire Department received an Emergency Medical Services grant. Mr. Zollinger stated he just received word that on the final round of approval on this grant the amount was reduced from \$10,000 to \$4,500. He would like to make that change to the Ordinance. This money is for the bariatric cot that is going to be in our new ambulance.

Mr. Brass asked if the reduction in the Emergency Medical Services grant will still allow the City to purchase the cot.

Mr. Zollinger replied the fortunate thing is the City had already budgeted the whole amount so this is just saving us a little bit of money.

Public Hearing Open for Public Comment

No public comments given.

Public comment closed.

8.1.2 Council consideration of the above matter.

Mr. Brass made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with the change to the Emergency Medical Services Grant from \$10,000 to \$4,500.

Mr. Ms. Camp seconded the motion

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy

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

Motion passed 5-0

9. Unfinished Business

9.1 None scheduled.

10. New Business

- 10.1 Consider a Resolution approving an Interlocal Agreement between the City and the State of Utah, Department of Heritage and Arts for receipt of Grant Funds for certain City historic preservation projects.

Staff presentation: Doug Hill, Public Services Director

Mr. Hill said the City received a grant from the State of Utah thanks to the efforts of Mary Ann Kirk, Cultural Arts, who is an excellent grant writer and gets quite a bit of money from the State and County for our arts and history programs. They received a grant for \$8,585 that requires matching funds from the City which have already been included in the budget.

The grant will be used to reimburse the City for some administrative expenses for staff. It will provide a reconnaissance level survey which is a broad brush survey of an area to try and determine whether or not certain homes or buildings would meet the criteria to be established as a historic building. The area we will be conducting the survey in is between 4800-4600 South and between Brown Street and Atwood Blvd. Finally it will do an intensive level survey which is a more detailed survey of the homes that are designated as historic buildings. It will research who lived in that home and put together the stories about the home and what happened in that home.

Mr. Hill said those are the three projects they will be doing. It will cover 15 historic homes. They are asking the Council to approve this Interlocal Agreement.

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

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy

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

Motion passed 5-0

- 10.2 Consider a Resolution approving an Amendment Agreement between the City and Salt Lake Neighborhood Housing Services DBA NeighborWorks Salt Lake.

Staff presentation: Tim Tingey, Administrative and Development Services Director

Mr. Tingey said this is an amendment to the agreement. The agreement will be from 2015-2017. This partnership with NeighborWorks has been in place since

2010. They assist the City with housing needs for homeowners in our community.

There are funds related to the Redevelopment Agency referenced in this agreement. That has been in place for some years. An agreement is done with the City primarily because it is in fulfillment of the Murray Housing Study and Plan that Murray City adopted. There are also agreements in place between Murray City and NeighborWorks on rental of properties they use for their offices. There are also representatives from the City on their Board. This agreement is between the City and NeighborWorks but there is a component of RDA in that.

Mr. Tingey said there are a few things that are changed in this agreement. They are the projects they are going to strive to accomplish in this two year period. They are bumping up the number of housing rehabs to eight and are looking at maintaining two for the housing infill projects. They have also included wording regarding the 120% of median income, where they would assist those that are 120% median income with RDA funds. That has already been adopted.

Mr. Camp said on page three of the agreement, it indicates the City will designate CDBG funding which we are not going to be doing anymore. He asked if that would have any impact on this agreement.

Mr. Tingey replied the agreement also talks about advocating for housing programs with CDBG. The County has taken that over this year but we are still going to advocate for that. No one knows what is going to happen in the future with CDBG funds related to who allocated that. The County has done that this year and will probably stick with that, but there is the possibility they may revert to having the cities approve that again. He stated he does not think it has any implications for this agreement.

Mr. Camp verified the caveat about it being contingent upon the funds takes care of that.

Mr. Tingey stated it does.

Ms. Turner made a motion to adopt the Resolution
Mr. Camp seconded the motion

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy

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

Motion passed 5-0

- 10.3 Consider a Resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City and Salt Lake County for use of a commercial license with Google of high-resolution digital orthophotography (aerial photography) with options to purchase updated aerial photography content.

Staff presentation: Tim Tingey, Administrative and Development Services Director

Mr. Tingey said this agreement is for aerials for the mapping applications we have in the City which is very important to the City, especially for planning, public services and public safety. This agreement is in collaboration with the State and the County. It is new this year. The agreement is to purchase the license with Google. In the past, we have worked with the County and others on hiring someone to go and take the aerial imagery. This is utilizing Google imagery.

The reason for this is it is cheaper than if we were to do it on our own. It provides a more accurate resolution and is updated yearly rather than every three years. The cost to the City is a little over \$3,500. If we were doing this individually it would be about \$60,000. We have the funding to do this in our Professional Services budget.

Mr. Nicponski made a motion to approve the Resolution

Mr. Ms. Brass seconded the motion

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy

 A Mr. Nicponski

 A Mr. Camp

 A Mr. Brass

 A Ms. Turner

 A Mr. Hales

Motion passed 5-0

- 10.4 Mayor Eyre's Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget Address

Staff presentation: Mayor Ted Eyre

Mayor Eyre stated it is his pleasure to have the opportunity to present for consideration his proposed budget for 2015–2016.

“As I am well into my second year serving as your mayor, it is nice to be at a point where everything is not new. Doing things, like preparing budgets, gets easier with practice. Since I am now more familiar with the budget process, I feel confident in sharing the thoughts and directions that are needed for our city at this point. I would like to share with you tonight what I feel are four key areas:

- *The financial performance of the city;*
- *Accomplishments of the past budget year;*
- *The challenges we face;*
- *Along with the plans we have, to meet those challenges.*

As we know, cities are required by law to have a balanced budget. Under the guidance of our talented Finance Director Justin Zollinger, we have put in place a sound operations budget, a Capital Improvement Program and a personnel compensation proposal. Working within this framework allows us to take care of the various needs of our city so we can be successful in providing necessary services to our residents.

First, I would like to discuss the financial performance. As of March 31, 2015, our General Fund is 2.7 percent above the same period last year. Part of the growth is from a current 5.4 percent increase in sales tax revenue. The improved economic conditions are evident in that number. Our enterprise funds have healthy reserves, but this year, due to warmer conditions during the winter months, there was less revenue collected for power costs. This was good news for our residents and businesses as they saw a collective savings of around \$300,000. However, because of conservative budgeting practices, this decrease in revenue did not create any gaps in the services we provide.

As a result of a program initiated by the City Council several years ago, we use a Capital Improvement Program to budget for large-ticket items. In our current year, we have been able to purchase and equip 10 new police cars for \$350,000. Also, to improve public safety, we replaced an old ambulance and bought six new defibrillators. Seven hundred thousand dollars will be spent removing roads in the cemetery, updating the sprinkler system and creating new burial plots. The Jordan River Parkway trail between our city boundaries is being repaired and will have a new asphalt surface at a cost of \$150,000. This budgeting tool has been invaluable in planning for these large dollar expenditures.

Second, it is our primary responsibility to provide services to our residents. In the past year, we have continued to focus on “making life better” by offering a full array of services. Our departments step up and serve in many wonderful ways. For example, a few weeks ago I received an email from residents who had broken tree branches as the result of a wind storm. They were concerned about the safety of children passing under them on their way home from school. Less than 10 minutes following the call, the Murray Power crews arrived to remedy the problem. The residents expressed their gratitude for the rapid response to their concern.

During the last year we have been able to complete a variety of projects around the city. State funding allowed us to make road improvements at 5900 South (east of State), Vine Street and 1300 East. These improvements will allow traffic to flow much better in these areas. Our Heritage Center staff worked diligently to be

accredited by the National Council on Aging and continues to be a popular spot for many seniors to enjoy.

We are taking advantage of technology in providing services, such as the new reservation software that residents are using to sign up for recreation programs and to reserve dates at many of our facilities. The Tyler/Cityworks software transition is well underway and will enable us to create many new functions for streamlining our IT processes. The Murray Museum now provides self-guided tours with listening stations available.

A new culinary well has been constructed at McGhie Springs to help us take greater advantage of the high quality water there. Accomplishing these things, with the funding allocated, allows us to continue to provide the best possible services available.

The Justice Court is working to become a paperless court, with a target date to begin on September 1st of this year. It has not been without challenges as new systems and a remodel of the building are taking place simultaneously. The Small Claims Court doubled the caseload in 2014 and that growth continues.

This year in the Administrative Development Services department, 1,164 building permits were issued (including the completion of three new hotels), 438 business licenses were approved and over 5,000 inspections were done. The opportunity to provide passport services continues to be successful with over 1,250 completed this year. Utility billing is very busy processing over 175,000 transactions annually.

Our Finance Department has received a Triple-A credit rating - making us only the second city in the state, along with Salt Lake City, to receive this recognition. This will result in lower interest charges on future bonds. This department manages our CIP along with the day-to-day fiscal matters of our busy city.

The Power Department was able to use reserves to pay bond balances early. The interest savings will be over \$600,000. Plans are in place to repeat this process next year for even greater savings. They also just completed a \$40,000 security upgrade to the mall substation.

It has been a personal focus of mine to find the best possible solutions to use our UTOPIA fiber. This is a resource that has great potential and is essential to many of our city functions. I am hopeful we can make it more widely available to all those who would like to take advantage of the capacity it can provide. I will continue to evaluate options and work toward solutions for this service.

This has been a positive year for all of us with many improvements and accomplishments. As we look forward to our next fiscal year, we see the long list of unfunded projects that have been differed year after year. The list has been

growing since 2008 when the economy fell into recession. Since that time, growth has been slow and our progress on needed infrastructure has taken a back seat to keeping up with the constraints of a static budget.

Some of you may remember that in 2006 the sales tax distribution formula was readjusted statewide. In that change, Murray immediately lost \$1.5 million from our annual budget. The decision was made to increase property taxes to make up that difference. During the nine years since the new distribution was implemented, our purchasing power has continued to drop.

A few years ago, the state Legislature provided an option for the 14 cities that were negatively impacted by the shift in sales tax in order to provide them with some relief. Several of the cities took advantage of this tool that allowed an additional .002 sales tax option to be levied. As an example, that translates to only an additional \$.20 on a \$100 purchase. In reviewing the needs we have, I am recommending we put this local option sales tax in place this year, it would become effective on October 1, 2015. I would like to share with you some of the compounded needs we have that may be funded by this local option.

Several years ago, in order to balance the budget, a retirement incentive was put in place. In that process, two firefighters and five police officers accepted the offer and have not been replaced. I would like to improve our public safety by replacing both firefighters and three police officers. This would help keep the ambulances fully staffed and avail more officers for fast response. Public safety is a major priority we can support through this initiative.

Next, I am sure you are aware that we have roads in need of repair. Extra funding would help us keep more roads in good shape and rebuild those in bad condition more quickly. This additional funding can be combined with money from the gas tax and will accelerate our ability to improve our roads and infrastructure.

There are a number of park facilities that need to be updated or replaced. This funding could help us make these projects a reality. For example, we have plans to remove the old ice skating arena and replace it with new restrooms, a new pavilion and a splash pad. This project will take a couple of budget cycles and will vastly improve that area of Murray Park and provide new amenities for residents to enjoy. Additional playground and bathroom facilities would be upgraded in our neighborhood parks as well. We are well known in Murray for our good trail systems and plan to put significant funds into expanding connections to the Jordan River Parkway.

We have owned the Armory building for several years and could now begin improving it to be a community facility. The animal shelter is also in critical need of maintenance that has been put off through the years - it is in need of a separate facility for cats and the building floor needs a new, less porous surface. I can promise you that funding from this local option will provide visible improvements

that can be detailed and shared with our citizens through the years. The sales tax option has a sunset provision in 2030, but we can accomplish many worthwhile projects in those 14 years.

Several years ago the budget was divided into three areas. One is our operations, or day-to-day budget of the individual departments. I am always impressed with the work of our department heads to keep their budgets responsible and balanced.

Another part of the budget is the Capital Improvement Program - funds that departments save during the year in their operations budget are placed in the CIP. This money is then programmed for one-time projects throughout our city. We have seen many positive outcomes of this process for budgeting. Next year, we plan to:

- purchase a new firetruck for \$650,000;*
- replace 10 more police cars;*
- put \$410,000, along with our Class C funds, into road projects;*
- buy a new phone system; and*
- make improvements to the pathway in Murray Park - estimated to be \$240,000.*

The third section of our budget is for our employees. They take pride in providing great service to our residents. The work they do is accomplished by dedicated, trained, professional employees. With careful planning, we are proposing a 3 percent increase in compensation – 2 percent would be based on merit or their job performance and 1 percent would be a cost-of-living increase. We have also received notice of a cost increase to our health insurance of 8 percent. Again, we have worked and planned to be able to cover this additional cost for our employees as well. These are ways we can acknowledge and appreciate all the good work they do.

I am looking forward to the bright future of our Murray City. Through careful planning and budgeting, along with this new local option sales tax, we will be able to provide for public safety, infrastructure and capital improvements for our residents. I value and appreciate the work of the City Council and present this balanced budget to you for your consideration. Thank you.”

Mayor Eyre thanked Mr. Zollinger for all the work he has done on the budget.

Mr. Nicponski said he thinks it is important to clarify the .002% sales tax as it really is an adjustment to something that occurred to the City back in 2005 when they redistributed the sales tax and took money away from Murray. All we are trying to do is replace a portion of that so we can provide services and capital improvements to this community. We need these things.

Mayor Eyre added they realized that we were affected very negatively by this and so they have given us this provision to allow us to be able to recover those things that we lost at that time. This is the one thing we can do to do that.

- 10.5 Consider a Resolution acknowledging receipt of the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Tentative Budget from the Mayor and the Budget Officer, and referring the Mayor's Tentative Budget for review and consideration to the Budget and Finance Committee of the Murray City Municipal Council.

Mr. Brass made a motion acknowledging receipt of the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Tentative Budget from the Mayor.

Ms. Turner seconded the motion

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy

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

Motion passed 5-0

11. Mayor

11.1 Report

Mayor Eyre said Governor Herbert has authorized lowering the flag on May 15, 2015 in honor of Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Mayor Eyre stated Doug Hill will be the Mayor Pro Tem while he is out of the office for the next couple of weeks.

Mayor Eyre said May 15, 2015 is the first movie of movies in the park. It starts at 9:00 pm by the gazebo. He invited everyone out for the free movie that will be about every other Friday.

11.2 Questions for the Mayor

12. Adjournment