

Murray City Municipal Council Chambers

Murray City, Utah

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

The Murray City Municipal Council met on Tuesday, June 21st, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. (or as soon as possible thereafter) for a meeting held in the Murray City Council Chambers, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

The public was able to view the meeting via the live stream at www.murraycitylive.com or <https://www.facebook.com/Murraycityutah/>. A recording of the City Council meeting can be viewed [HERE](#).

Council in Attendance:

Kat Martinez	District #1
Pamela Cotter	District #2
Rosalba Dominguez	District #3
Diane Turner	District #4
Garry Hrechkosy	District #5 - Conducting
Jennifer Kennedy	Council Director
Patti Johnson	Council Office Administrator III

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

Brett Hales	Mayor
Doug Hill	Chief Administrative Officer
Tammy Kikuchi	Chief Communication Officer
GL Critchfield	City Attorney
Laura Bown	Deputy City Recorder
Brenda Moore	Finance and Administration Director
Craig Burnett	Police Chief
Joey Mittelman	Fire Chief
Jared Hall	Community and Economic Development Director
Danny Astill	Public Works Director
Kim Sorensen	Parks & Recreation Director
Rob White	IT Director
Ben Gray	Senior IT Technician
Joe Goodman	Water Distribution Supervisor
Brett Taylor	Water Electrician
Steve Ellefsen	Fire Captain

Others in Attendance:

Loran Pasalich	Dave Carr	Krystal Walker	Charles Turner
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Opening Ceremonies

Call to Order – Councilmember Hrechkosy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Loran Pasalich.

Approval of Minutes

Council Meeting – June 7th, 2022

MOTION

Councilmember Cotter moves to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Martinez.

Council roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Cotter, Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Turner, Councilmember Hrechkosy

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

Special Recognition

1. Murray City Council Employee of the Month, Brett Taylor, Water Electrician

Presenting: Danny Astill and Garry Hrechkosy

Danny Astill, Public Works Director, thanked the City Council for the opportunity to recognize Brett Taylor as the June recipient of Employee of the Month. Taylor has worked for the City for seven years starting in the Wastewater Division and in 2016 came to work in the distribution section of the Water Division as our "Water Electrician". Part of Brett's regular duties requires him to monitor our electronic Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCADA) which monitors and controls our water distribution system including all our wells, reservoirs, and our wastewater lift stations. Brett has worked extensively over the past two years as we upgraded our SCADA system, the last remaining pieces were completed in 2021. Brett is a great person with a great work ethic and is a pleasure to be around no matter how wet, dirty, smelly, or clean the job happens to be. He is always willing to help wherever he is

needed and we have utilized his electrical expertise throughout the public works department as well as assisting other departments saving the City a considerable amount of money.

Brett's talents, knowledge, and dedication are a true asset to Murray City and he is well deserving of this recognition.

Councilmember Hrechkosy congratulated Brett Taylor for the recognition. Taylor received a certificate and a \$50 gift card, and his name will appear on the plaque located in the Council Chambers.

Taylor introduced his wife and daughters. He acknowledged his supervisor and co-workers for their support. He thanked the council and Mayor for the special recognition.

Councilmember Dominguez and the Mayor thanked Taylor for his years of service, and they appreciate him being a part of Murray City.

Citizen Comments

The meeting was open for public comment.

No comments were given, and the open public comment period was closed.

Consent Agenda

- 1. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's re-appointment of Bob Dunn to the Personnel Advisory Board for a three-year term beginning July 2022 to expire June 2025.**
- 2. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's re-appointment of Sage Fitch to the Murray Library Board for a three-year term beginning July 2022 to expire June 2025.**
- 3. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's re-appointment of Dustin Lewis to the Murray Library Board for a three-year term beginning July 2022 to expire June 2025.**

Presenting: Mayor Hales

Mayor Hales expressed his appreciation for the continued service of the three re-appointed individuals.

Councilmember Dominguez also personally thanked Bob Dunn for his work with the Boys and Girls Club and Sage Fitch for her work on the Library Board.

MOTION:

Councilmember Cotter moved to approve the recommendations made on the Consent Agenda. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Martinez.

Council roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Cotter, Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Turner, Councilmember Hrechkosy

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

Public Hearings

None Scheduled

Business Item

- 1. Consider a resolution authorizing Murray City pick up of Public Safety and Firefighter employee retirement contributions.**

Presenting: Brenda Moore, Finance Director

Resolution # R22-31

Brenda Moore shared that the purpose of the resolution is to request approval for Murray City to pay the Public Safety and Firefighter employee retirement contribution.

In 2020 the state legislature changed the retirement benefits for Tier 2 Public Safety, to pay for the change, the law required a mandatory contribution by employees. The law allows, through the consent of the governing body the Cities, to pay this amount on behalf of the employees. In 2021 the City Council voted to contribute and it was included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 budget.

For FY2023 the amount went up from .32% to 2.59% and was included in the FY2023 budget. The original ordinance contained a specific contribution of 2.27% and therefore did not cover the FY2023 contribution.

The ordinance allows the city to pick up the contributions for this year and all subsequent years regardless of the contribution percentage. In the future, the city council could choose to not pick up the contribution by adopting a new

resolution. The FY2023 cost of the .32% increase is \$15,006 and the total cost of the 2.59% is \$121,459.

Brenda Moore will include in future budget books a line item that states that this is voluntary for the city to provide.

Even though this cost increased, the required contributions for other city employees decreased, causing an overall decrease in retirement benefit costs.

Moore expressed that paying for the firefighters' retirement is an important thing to do. No other city employees have to contribute to their retirement.

Councilmember Hrechkosy asked whether the firefighters only get the voluntary contribution.

Moore explained that this amount is added to the other portion that the city already pays.

Councilmember Hrechkosy asked if there was a mandatory portion for all other employees.

Moore answered that no employee is required to pay for their retirement. The city makes those contributions.

Councilmember Hrechkosy asked if the percentage will change every year.

Moore said that she believes so. That is why there isn't a percentage in the resolution anymore, and since this part of the contribution is voluntary, it can be canceled by the city in the future.

MOTION

Councilmember Martinez moves to adopt the resolution No. R22-31. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Turner.

Council roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Cotter, Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Turner, Councilmember Hrechkosy

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

Mayor's Report and Questions

Mayor Hales and Councilmember Martinez thanked the Murray City firefighters for responding so quickly and putting out a fire in the dry grass of a field along the parkway today.

The Mayor highlighted the following city events:

- The food trucks are back for the season in the Murray Park on Tuesdays from 5:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
- The production of Matilda the Musical, which is presented in the amphitheater on Thursday and Friday, ends this week.
- There will be no movie in the park this week.
- Murray Concert Band will perform on June 25th at 8:00 p.m. at the amphitheater.

Kim Sorensen was invited to the podium and highlighted some of the 4th of July activities being held in the city. The same agenda as in the past will take place and includes: sunrise service at 7:00 am, the parade begins at 8:30 a.m., activities throughout the day in the park, an evening concert on the softball field starting at 7:00 p.m., and fireworks at 10:00 p.m.

Councilmember Hrechkosy urged citizens to follow the established rules for fireworks.

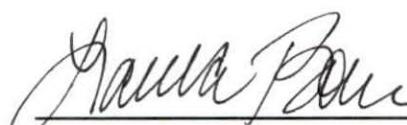
MOTION

Councilmember Dominguez moves to adjourn the meeting. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Turner.

All Councilmembers were in favor.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Laura Bown, Deputy City Recorder

