

MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Murray City Hall, 10 East 4800 South, Council Chambers, Murray, Utah 84107

Attendance:

Council Members:

Paul Pickett	District #1
Pam Cotter	District #2 – Council Chair
Scott Goodman	District #3
Diane Turner	District #4
Adam Hock	District #5 – Council Vice-Chair

Others:

Brett Hales	Mayor	Jennifer Kennedy	City Council Executive Director
Doug Hill	Chief Administrative Officer	Pattie Johnson	Council Administration
G.L. Critchfield	City Attorney	Brooke Smith	City Recorder
Craig Burnett	Police Chief	Joey Mittelman	Fire Chief
Allysa Sullivan	Miss Murray	Steve Ellefsen	Fire Captain
Darren Wightman	Paramedic/Firefighter	Murray Fire Department	Fire Fighters
Kim Sorensen	Parks and Recreation Director	Micha Mangrum	Orem Fire Department
Erica Brown	Chief Communications Officer	Kathy White	Murray Chamber of Commerce
Brenda Moore	Finance Director	Greg Bellon	Power Director
Chad Wilkinson	CED Director	Rob White	IT Director
Sonia Cordero	Applicant	Ryan Madsen	IT
Carter Maudsley	Applicant Attorney	Fred Cox	Utah Architect
Citizens & Guests			

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m. – Council Member Hock

Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting, April 1, 2025.

MOTION: Ms. Cotter moved to approve, and Ms. Turner SECONDED the motion.

Voice vote taken, all “Ayes.” Approved 5-0

Citizen Comments:

- Kelly Taeoalii – Murray Resident

Ms. Taeoalii expressed gratitude for Murray City, its community and City Council. She congratulated the City on a successful museum grand opening and Block Party and spoke about the strong partnership between the City and Murray School District, especially on the Riverview Junior High construction project this is underway.

- Jenn Kikel-Lynn, Sheri VanBibber, Kathy White, Jared DeMann, Janice Strobell, LeAnn Parker Reed and Clark Bullen – Murray Citizens

The group thanked the City for its support and involvement in helping them organize a Main Street USA, Block Party held on May 2, 2025.

Special Recognition:

1. **Farewell presentation from Miss Murray, Allysa Sullivan.** Mayor Hales congratulated Miss Murray Allysa Sullivan on a successful reign as the 2024 Miss Murray. Ms. Sullivan shared photos and described various events, hours of service, learning opportunities noting her platform was suicide prevention.

2. **Special recognition of Captain Steve Ellefsen in obtaining his Managing Fire Officer from the National Fire Academy.** Fire Chief Joey Mittelman introduced Captain Ellefsen and explained how Captain Ellefsen took special classes in response to terrorism, community risk reduction, training and professional development, challenges in the fire and emergency safety and leadership. The Chief presented Captain Ellefsen with a certificate from the National Fire Academy noting that it was recognized as a prestigious achievement within the fire service.
3. **Murray City Employee of the Month, Tyson Green, Paramedic/Firefighter.** Council Member Hock, Mayor Hales and Fire Chief Mittelman presented Mr. Green with the Employee of the Month certificate and a \$50 gift card. Mr. Green was honored for 17 years of dedicated service as a first responder and for being active in the Murray City community.

Public Hearings:

1. **An ordinance relating to land use; amends the General plan from Office to General Commercial and the Zoning Map from G-O (General Office) to C-D (Commercial Development) for the property located at 20 East Winchester Street, Murray City.** Community and Economic Development Director Chad Wilkinson shared an aerial map and reviewed the proposed rezone pointing out the parcel location on the northside of Winchester Street. Mr. Wilkinson displayed the GP (General Plan) zone map saying that the property was a good candidate for a GP amendment due to the surrounding parcels that were all commercial properties. He reviewed the G-O and C-D zone standards and compared zoning differences. Findings were outlined to confirm that staff supported the request as well as the Planning Commission who voted 6-0 to recommend approval to the City Council.

The public hearing was open for public comments. No comments were given, and the public hearing was closed.

Attorney Carter Maudsley, who represents the applicant, confirmed that the applicant used the existing home as a personal office and had a desire to use it for a small public meeting space which led to the rezone request.

Fred Cox, the architect for the project, expressed appreciation to the Council for considering the request because when other possible uses were considered under the existing zone, they found many limitations.

MOTION: Mr. Goodman moved to approve the ordinance. Ms. Cotter SECONDED the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Pickett	Aye
Ms. Cotter	Aye
Mr. Goodman	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hock	Aye
Motion passed:	5-0

2. **An ordinance amending the City's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget.** Finance Director Brenda Moore said the proposed amendment would be the third of four amendments to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget. She said a thorough review occurred in a previous Committee of the Whole work session, but one additional item was added since that meeting. The added request was to transfer to the Power Fund \$383,657 from the sale of green credits or RECs (Renewable Energy Certificate credits).

Ms. Moore reviewed other transactions in the amendment involving General Fund allocations totaling \$197,954.

Other adjustments include allocating grant money to various departments and divisions, increasing the State Liquor Allocation budget due to additional State funding and two financial transfers between departments and divisions for repositioning staff and related salary adjustments. The Murray Parkway Golf Fund would allocate \$36,766 for a new HVAC system needed at the City's Pro Shop and cafe.

The public hearing was open for public comments. No comments were given, and the public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Ms. Turner moved to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Picket SECONDED the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Pickett	Aye
Ms. Cotter	Aye
Mr. Goodman	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hock	Aye
Motion passed:	5-0

3. **Power Bonds Public Hearing.** Ms. Moore said the Murray Power Department needed to complete specific power projects within the next three years totaling approximately \$18 million. If the City did not bond for the projects, rate payers would be covering the cash needed to pay for projects by way of a rate increase. Council Members voted unanimously to approve the bond parameters during the last council meeting.

Ms. Moore said the maximum bond amount was \$25 million, but she anticipated \$19 million. The interest rate would be no more than 7% but most likely would be between 4% and 5%. The City would not sell bonds for more than a 98% discount, or no discount at all and designated officers are the mayor and finance director. The maximum term would not exceed 30-years but may be only 20 years.

Ms. Turner asked for a brief review of needed projects. Ms. Moors said the Central Substation would be reconstructed that included the purchase of two new transformers for approximately \$4 million, they would construct a covered vehicle-inventory storage facility and rebuild gas turbines so that all three will be operating. The penstock for the hydro-plant needs to be relined, including maintenance costs, the Sandy Siphon needed repairing and there would be other miscellaneous projects that come up.

Mr. Hock asked about call back parameters on the bond. Ms. Moore said most likely a private sale would occur, which would be callable at any time. For the first 10 years the City would pay an approximate penalty of 1% on a remaining balance. If they chose a public sale the normal call feature is any time after 10 years, so bonds could be paid off early or refinanced.

The public hearing was open for public comments. No comments were given, and the public hearing was closed.

Mayor's Report and Questions: Mayor Hales spoke about the Main Street USA Block Party and the grand opening of the Murray Mansion Museum, thanking City staff, local businesses and various sponsors for support. He also celebrated the new Love, Murray campaign and announced the upcoming grand opening of the Murray Armory Event Center on June 2, 2025.

Adjournment: 7:34 p.m.

Pattie Johnson
Council Office Administrator III