

# Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

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**T**he Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016 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 – Excused
Diane Turner,	Councilmember – Conducted
Jim Brass,	Councilmember – Excused
Dave Nicponski,	Councilmember

Others who attended:

Ted Eyre,	Mayor
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
Doug Hill,	Public Services Director
Danny Astill,	Water Superintendent
Cory Wells,	Water and Field Supervisor
Justin Zollinger,	Finance Director
Citizens	

## 5. Opening Ceremonies

5.1 Pledge of Allegiance – Danny Astill, Water Superintendent

5.2 Approval of Minutes

5.2.1 Council Meeting – February 2, 2016

Mr. Camp made a motion to approve the minutes

Mr. Nicponski seconded the motion

Voice vote taken, all “ayes.”

5.3 Special Recognition

5.3.1 Murray City Council Employee of the Month, Cory Wells, Water and Field Supervisor.

Staff Presentation: Blair Camp, Councilmember  
Doug Hill, Public Services Director

Mr. Camp congratulated Mr. Wells on his accomplishment. Mr. Camp has had a career as a Firefighter and Fire Chief and has a real affinity for water guys. The City has a fantastic water system and the work that has gone into the planning and the maintenance of our water system is greatly appreciated.

Mr. Camp presented Mr. Wells with a certificate, a \$50 gift card and told him that his name would appear on the plaque located in the Council Chambers. He expressed his appreciation to Mr. Wells for all he does for the City.

Mr. Hill thanked Danny Astill, Water Superintendent, who is Mr. Wells’ immediate supervisor for helping him put all this information together. Mr. Hill stated that Mr. Wells has worked for the City for 29 years. For the last 17 years, Mr. Wells has worked as a Field Supervisor, meaning he is in charge not only of employees but he is also in charge of several crews. He is responsible for the operations of the Water Division.

Since October 1, 2015 there have been 23 water breaks in the City, 10 of which were in January. This is unusual because the water system is in good shape, but it was very cold. Three of those breaks came on New Year’s Day so while everyone was at home, warm with their families, Mr. Wells and his crews were down in holes in the ground trying to get these water breaks taken care of.

Many of the breaks that occur on the City's water system are not only difficult to repair, they are dangerous as well. Water breaks seem to almost always happen at the most inconvenient times and places, including the middle of the night, during extremely cold temperatures, on holidays and weekends, and on heavily traveled streets. Mr. Wells is a key player in making sure all of these breaks are taken care of.

Mr. Wells is also instrumental in coordinating crews on snow removal. Murray has a great advantage because we have our own Water, Sewer, and Storm Water Departments that can work together with the Street Department in the winter time to plow the streets. Mr. Wells takes great pride in his work.

Mr. Wells thanked his wife for putting up with the phone calls in the middle of the night for the past 28 years. He thanked his family, Mr. Hill and Mr. Astill for recognizing him for what he does. Without them and his crews, he couldn't do what he does.

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

No citizen comments were given.

7. **Consent Agenda**

7.1 None scheduled.

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 2015 – 2016 Budget.

Staff Presentation: Justin Zollinger, Finance Director.

Mr. Zollinger stated the following items have been requested to be added to the fiscal year 2016 budget:

Every year at the end of December or in January, the City received beer tax money that is based off an allocation. Our allocation this year was \$77,754 which will be added to the General Fund. This is restricted money that is used for police alcohol enforcement.

UTOPIA is in the process of severing the contract they have with Macquarie. A few years ago the City decided to be a part of Macquarie Milestone One to see if it would be a solution for us. We found out, through the process and information that was provided to us, that it wasn't. However, we did make a commitment as a City to help pay for our portion of the study. That amount is \$60,000 which will be paid out of the General Fund Reserves.

We would like to transfer \$58,000 from the Perpetual Care Fund to the Capital Projects Fund. This is to help pay for the Cemetery Irrigation and Road Project. Those were initially two separate projects. One was going to be about \$150,000 and the other \$700,000. It was thought that by combining them into one project, both could be done for \$700,000. After everything came in, the project was \$58,000 more than anticipated. Some of the money generated from the sale of the additional lots in the cemetery will be used to pay for the overage of this project.

Mr. Zollinger stated the City has received an experience dividend payment from PEHP. This was partly because employees were careful with their health insurance which kept the City's reserves with PEHP in better shape. We would like to return this money back to employees to further encourage them to be careful with their health insurance because it helps keep our costs low. One of the biggest costs to the City is health insurance. The different funds this money will go to is as follows:

- General Fund - \$68,586
- Library Fund - \$2,711
- Water Fund - \$4,338
- Waste Water Fund - \$2,169
- Power Fund - \$11,657
- Parkway Golf Fund - \$1,898
- Solid Waste Fund - \$272
- Storm Water Fund - \$2,169
- Fleet Fund - \$814
- Retained Risk - \$543

**Public Hearing Open for Public Comment**

No public comments were given.

**Public comment closed.**

8.1.2 Council consideration of the above matter.

Mr. Camp made a comment regarding the Macquarie item. He said this

item was something that they really didn't have much of a choice on as a Council. This was a decision that was made by the UTOPIA management to go into this relationship with Macquarie. We did have a chance to decide whether or not we would go on to Milestone Two, which we voted down. So while he is not happy about paying this, he recognizes this is an obligation that the City needs to pay.

Ms. Turner added she agrees with Mr. Camp's comments. She said it was a commitment the City made and we always follow through on our commitments, as difficult as they may be sometimes.

Mr. Nicponski made a motion to adopt the ordinance  
Mr. Camp seconded the motion

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy

  A   Mr. Nicponski  
  A   Mr. Camp  
  A   Ms. Turner

Motion passed 3-0

**9. Unfinished Business**

9.1 None scheduled.

**10. New Business**

10.1 None scheduled.

**11. Mayor**

11.1 Report

Mayor Eyre stated he was appreciative for having President's Day off.

11.2 Questions for the Mayor

**12. Adjournment**