

Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

The Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 5th day of April, 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
Diane Turner,	Councilmember
Jim Brass,	Councilmember
Dave Nicponski,	Councilmember – Conducted

Others who attended:

Ted Eyre,	Mayor
Jan Wells,	Chief Administrative Officer
Janet Towers,	Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Jennifer Kennedy,	City Recorder
Frank Nakamura,	City Attorney
Janet Lopez,	Council Administrator
Doug Hill,	Public Services Director
Danny Astill,	Water Superintendent
Tim Tingey,	Administrative and Development Services Director
Aimee Winder Newton,	Salt Lake County Council
Nic Dunn,	Salt Lake County Council
Citizens	

6. Opening Ceremonies

6.1 Pledge of Allegiance – Charles Turner

6.2 Approval of Minutes

6.2.1 Council Meeting – March 15, 2016

Mr. Brass made a motion to approve the minutes

Ms. Turner seconded the motion

Voice vote taken, all “ayes.”

6.3 Special Recognition

6.3.1 Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and the Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah to Proclaim, Recognize and Support April 2016 as Fair Housing Month.

Staff Presentation: Tim Tingey

Mr. Tingey said this is brought before the Council each year. It is part of the processes the City goes through in working with the County, the State, and the Federal Government related to fair housing and furthering fair housing as we receive federal funds, particularly Community Development Block Grant funds. This is an important component of that and a requirement. It is also important for our community. It prevents discrimination in the housing area based on the protected classes established by the Federal Government.

Mr. Hales made a motion to approve the Resolution

Mr. Brass seconded the motion

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy

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

Motion passed 5-0

7. Citizen Comments (Comments are limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise approved by

the Council.)

Darlene Morgan – 228 East Vine Street, Murray, Utah

Ms. Morgan said she has lived in her home for five years and her husband has owned the home for over 20 years. Since they have been living there, they have had a sewer problem. The line coming from the house to the street is broken. Ms. Morgan has been getting the line cleaned out two or three times a year, paying about \$300 each time, because she received a quote for between \$10,000 and \$12,000 to remedy the problem.

Ms. Morgan came across Jerry Knight who works for Sandy Suburban. They have implemented a program that is working very well for them. She is bringing this tonight to the Council and she would like Mr. Knight to tell them a little bit about it. Ms. Morgan requested the Council give Mr. Knight five minutes.

Mr. Nicponski said he would accommodate five minutes.

Jerry Knight – General Manager, Sandy Suburban Improvement District

Mr. Knight said he has been with Sandy Suburban Improvement District for 30 years. They are the wastewater district for Sandy City but they are separate from the City. They bill the residents directly and the residents pay them for their sewer bill. They have an elected Board with three Board members.

When you run for a Sewer District Board and knock on doors; people want to talk sewer. When the Board Members did this, all they heard about were problems such as the one Ms. Morgan described. The Board came to Mr. Knight and said they need to look into some way to solve this problem. Mr. Knight was a little leery that the Board was going to want to get into the lateral business. Being on the maintenance side of things he knew that wasn't a good idea because once you take over the laterals as a municipality, city, or special district, you have a liability problem when those laterals backup. You are responsible for the problems those backups cause.

They looked at other options as there are warranty and insurance programs out there and implemented an insurance program 18 months ago. They cover everybody in their boundaries with that insurance program. Every single-family residential unit is covered. When they have a problem like Ms. Morgan has they call them out to check the main line and make sure that it is not backing up or causing a problem. Once they know it's the private lateral they file a claim with the insurance company.

The insurance company immediately sends a roofer service out to get the line cleared and video tapes the line to be assessed. If the line has any type of defaults or structural problems it's repaired. If not, it might be put on some type of maintenance program or maybe it was just a onetime event. It is repaired up to \$15,000; no questions asked.

Mr. Knight reiterated this program was started 18 months ago. The first year they had 127 claims with over 80 repairs. This year, in six months, they have had 137 claims meaning the word is getting out. The key to this program is that they cover everybody which keeps

the cost down. Right now, Sandy Suburban's price would be different than Murray's price or different than somewhere in Iowa or New Orleans. Sandy Suburban's price is \$5 per month; \$60 per year for a residential home. Over 30 years a homeowner would end up paying into the program \$1,800. The average repair to a homeowner is \$10,000. If Ms. Morgan pays \$300 every six months she ends up paying \$600 per year. In three years, Ms. Morgan has already paid that \$1,800 and her lateral is still not repaired.

Mr. Knight said this has been a very successful program. They work closely with the insurance company. There are a lot of options and warranty programs out there. Mr. Knight said he spent three years investigating all of this just so they would stay out of the lateral business. He was coming from the management side and they don't want to get involved in that.

As they developed this insurance program, they saw a real need for it which is where they are at right now. It has been very successful and they think it is going to take off. The Legislature is talking about having Murray City, Sandy Suburban, Cottonwood Sewer District, etc. notify homeowners every year that they are responsible for their laterals. Laterals are becoming a big issue nationwide and so they decided they were going to get out in front. The key to it is if you do an opt-in program, those costs are going to be much higher because the only people that are going to opt in are the people who are going to make a claim.

Amy Winder Newton – Salt Lake County Council - District 3

Ms. Newton said she was here tonight to introduce her new advisor, Nic Dunn. She is part-time at the County so Mr. Dunn will be a full-time person that can help with any questions the City may have.

Ms. Newton said the County has some good things going on with criminal justice right now. A big concern for a lot of people is that the jails are getting overcrowded. As those are very expensive to build more of, they are looking at some alternative programs such as mental health and substance abuse programs to lower recidivism and do some things there. They have had an interesting time during the last few months reviewing that and figuring out some new plans.

Mr. Nicponski asked Ms. Newton if the County got the funding for law enforcement they were asking for during the legislative session.

Ms. Newton replied they did. They also got some funding from the Legislature for their homelessness issues.

Ms. Newton stated they are always here to help the City. She feels that government closest to the people governs best which, in our community, is the City Council. She said if there is anything they can do to help funnel that local control down to the City's level more from the County's perspective to feel free to reach out to her.

8. Consent Agenda

7.1 None scheduled.

9. Public Hearings

9.1 Public Hearing #1

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

Consider a Resolution approving the 2015 Municipal Wastewater Planning Program Report.

Staff Presentation: Danny Astill, Water Superintendent

Mr. Astill said he assumes the Council has had a chance to review the report. Unfortunately, in the collection systems portion of that report, the City had to report we had a couple of overflows. One was an overflow into the environment. It was very minor but the City ended up getting fined a small amount. After that incident, Mr. Astill presented a Resolution Plan to the State to get some money to go towards that fine. It was an equipment failure and it was just a few months before the sewer line project began. They have just recently started the sewer line project on 500 West. The plan was to get rid of that lift station. Unfortunately, this overflow happened about six months before they could get that taken out of service.

The report is really good. Justin Zollinger, Finance Director, filled out the financial portion of it. The City has been required since last year to present this report to the Council for consideration and acceptance. It will then go onto the State to meet our reporting requirements.

Public Hearing Open for Public Comment

No comments were given.

Public comment closed.

9.1.2 Council consideration of the above matter.

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

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy

 A Mr. Camp
 A Mr. Brass

A Ms. Turner
 A Mr. Hales
 A Mr. Nicponski

Motion passed 5-0

10. Unfinished Business

10.1 None scheduled.

11. New Business

11.1 None Scheduled

12. Mayor

12.1 Report

Mayor Eyre said many know about the efforts of the Exchange Club. Last night there were several dozen people that helped bring the Resolution into our City for Child Abuse Prevention month, which is April 2016. He commended Jennifer Brass, who is with the Exchange Club, for the work she does. Ms. Brass gave a wonderful presentation last night about the effectiveness of this program.

Mayor Eyre stated he has already received one call asking what all the pinwheels and ribbons that are out in front of City Hall are for. It really does raise awareness because people are inquisitive and it gives us an opportunity to tell them about child abuse and what the Exchange Club is doing.

Mayor Eyre said about ten staff members will be going to the League of Cities and Towns tomorrow through Friday. They always enjoy it because they learn a great deal about what our Legislature is doing and what we can do to improve our cities. There will be a report regarding this at the next City Council meeting.

12.2 Questions for the Mayor

13. Adjournment