

# **Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah**

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The Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 6th day of March, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., for a meeting held in the Murray City Council Chambers, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

The meeting was conducted by Jim Brass

Council Members Present:

Dave Nicponski, Council District 1  
Dale Cox, Council District 2  
Jim Brass, Council District 3  
Diane Turner, Council District 4/Council Chair  
Brett Hales, Council District 5

City Staff Present:

Blair Camp, Mayor  
Jennifer Kennedy, City Recorder  
G.L. Critchfield, City Attorney  
Janet Lopez, Council Administrator  
Doug Hill, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jennifer Heaps, Communications and Public Relations Director  
Danny Astill, Public Works Director  
Cory Wells, Water Superintendent  
Danyce Steck, Finance Director

Other's in Attendance:

Citizens

Mr. Brass called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**5. Opening Ceremonies**

**5.1 Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by – Danny Astill

**5.2 Approval of Minutes**

**5.2.1 Council Meeting – February 6, 2018**

MOTION: Ms. Turner moved to approve the minutes. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Cox. Voice vote taken, all “ayes.”

**5.3 Special Recognition**

**5.3.1 None scheduled.**

**6. Citizen Comments – Comments are limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise approved by the Council  
Roger Haglund – Murray City, Utah**

Mr. Haglund is worried about the Murray Canal Trail being designated as a park and being open for people to walk on from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. He thought there had been talk about the Canal Trail only being open during daylight hours, from dawn to dusk. The Canal Trail is constantly being compared to the Jordan River Parkway, but the buffer zone on the Jordan River Parkway is wider than the buffer zone on the Canal Trail. Mr. Haglund would like the Council to revisit their decision on the hours of the Canal Trail.

Mr. Haglund would also like to see the speed limit lowered on all the streets east of 900 East; where the speed limit is designated 35 MPH. As soon as you cross west into Old Murray, the speed limit changes to 30 MPH. Mr. Haglund appreciates the speed monitoring the city has done on Vine Street because the speed on Vine Street is excessive. Widening Vine Street makes the area feel less and less like a neighborhood. The neighborhood feel is retained because all the other streets in Old Murray are not 88 feet wide. The widest street in Old Murray is 50-60 feet which allows people to cross the street without the fear of being hit.

Mr. Haglund summed up his comments. He would like the speed limit lowered on Vine Street, he doesn't feel that Vine Street needs to be widened, and he would like the city to revisit the late hours on the Canal Trail.

**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 a resolution approving the 2017 Municipal Wastewater**

## **Planning Program Report.**

Staff Presentation: Danny Astill, Public Works Director

Mr. Astill explained that adopting this report will give the city the opportunity to file it with the state. Mr. Astill pointed out that the city had no significant issues in its wastewater system. His department appreciates the ability to purchase good equipment and have good training.

The public hearing was opened for public comment. No comments were given and the public hearing was closed.

### **8.1.2 Council consideration of the above matter.**

MOTION: Mr. Hales moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Ms. Turner.

#### Council roll call vote:

Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mr. Cox	Aye
Mr. Brass	Aye

Motion passed 5-0

## **8.2 Public Hearing #2**

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

**Consider an ordinance amending Section 13.08.020 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to the Water Service System including water system rates.**

Staff Presentation: Danny Astill, Public Works Director

Mr. Astill said the city did a full review of its water system, looked at what the city's needs would be in the future, and put forth a plan. As part of that plan, the new rate structure includes the needed monies to maintain the system and to continue providing a well-run system for the city.

In 2016 the Utah State Legislature adopted Senate Bill 28 and passed it into law. The law required the city to develop a conservation rate system. This meant the city had to develop a tiered system and ended up developing a five-tier system. Another part of this also includes a rate increase which has been developed. The city feels confident that it will be able to meet the water

needs of the future going forward.

Ms. Turner asked Mr. Astill to explain what he meant by a tiered system.

Mr. Astill explained the city measures water in one hundred cubic feet or HCF. The first tier would be from 0 to a certain number of HCF. The next tier would be from about 9 to 25 HCF. The city went all the way to a fifth tier. If someone uses about 80 units, they would be in a high-priced area. Mr. Astill said only three percent of bills fell into the highest tier.

Mr. Astill said the same tier structure is very similar for commercial customers. The only difference is that the size of the meters have a different allowance for the water that can be used. There is a lot of room for conservation improvement in the commercial community. Mr. Astill has been working with the schools and will be working with the parks on changes they can make to help them get into the lower tiers.

Ms. Turner verified that one advantage of this tiered system will help with water conservation. Mr. Astill replied that was correct.

The public hearing was opened for public comment. No comments were given and the public hearing was closed.

### **8.2.2 Council consideration of the above matter.**

MOTION: Ms. Turner moved to adopt the ordinance. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Nicponski.

Council roll call vote:

Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mr. Cox	Aye
Mr. Brass	Aye

Motion passed 5-0

### **8.3 Public Hearing #3**

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

**Consider an ordinance amending Section 13.08.050 G of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to the Water Service System including water impact fees.**

Staff Presentation: Danny Astill, Public Works Director

Mr. Astill said the city included a review of impact fees as part of the Water Master Plan planning process and rate and fee study and the impact fee facilities plan was created. There are quite a few laws regarding how to enact and operate under impact fees. This was quite an extensive process and the city depended on a consultant to ensure everything was being done correctly.

Mr. Astill noted the review showed that the city needs to increase its impact fees by 13% due to growth that the city will be experiencing in the future.

Ms. Turner asked what the cost would be to the average customer.

Mr. Astill replied this will only apply to brand new connections. A brand-new connection for a single-family home was \$2,677; now it will be \$3,027.

The public hearing was opened for public comment. No comments were given and the public hearing was closed.

### **8.3.2 Council consideration of the above matter.**

MOTION: Ms. Turner moved to adopt the ordinance. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Hales.

Council roll call vote:

Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mr. Cox	Aye
Mr. Brass	Aye

Motion passed 5-0

## **9. Unfinished Business**

### **9.1 None scheduled.**

## **10. New Business**

### **10.1 Consider an ordinance enacting Chapter 2.24 and amending multiple sections of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to the Public Services Department to create the Public Works Department and Parks and Recreation Department.**

Staff presentation: Doug Hill, Chief Administrative Officer

Mr. Hill said Mayor Camp reorganized the Public Services Department; breaking it up into two separate departments – the Public Works Department and the Parks

and Recreation Department. As a result, the city code needs to be changed to reflect there is now a Parks and Recreation Department and a Public Works Department.

Secondly, there is a change in the code to change the residency requirement for certain Department Heads in the city. Currently the code says that the Police Chief, the Fire Chief and the Public Services Director, must reside within the city or live within 10 miles of the city boundaries. Mayor Camp is proposing that be changed to say that only the Police Chief or Fire Chief must either reside in the city or live within the boundaries of Salt Lake County.

MOTION: Mr. Nicponski moved to adopt the ordinance. The motion was SECONDED by Ms. Turner

Council roll call vote:

Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mr. Cox	Aye
Mr. Brass	Aye

Motion passed 5-0

**10.2 Consider an ordinance amending Section 2.66.020 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to candidacy filing fees for city elections.**

Staff presentation: Jennifer Kennedy, City Recorder

Ms. Kennedy said last year some members of the City Council asked about the possibility of charging a candidate filing fee. A study was conducted by GSBS in April of 2017 regarding the implementation of a filing fee. The fee would help the Recorder's office recoup costs associated with candidate filings and was discussed during the January 16, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting. Based on the study the filing fee being proposed is \$95.

Ms. Turner said when she filed to run for office, she was very surprised that there wasn't a filing fee because the Recorder's office puts so much time into elections and puts together a packet for candidates that costs money. She feels it is important to have a filing fee to recoup those costs.

Mr. Brass said he never wants to see the city do something that would discourage people from filing to run for office although he understands there is a cost to it. He spoke with someone who told him that the State is looking at mandating a filing fee. If that is the case, he would rather the city be in front of it instead of having someone else tell us what to do. He's not comfortable with the \$95 fee and feels like a \$50 fee would be more reasonable.

MOTION: Mr. Nicponski moved to adopt the ordinance. The motion was SECONDED by Ms. Turner.

Council roll call vote:

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

Motion passed 5-0

**11. Mayor**

**11.1 Report**

Mayor Camp said a couple of weeks ago a student was hit in the crosswalk at 700 West near Riverview Jr. High and yesterday a similar incident occurred. Both students suffered a broken leg and luckily it wasn't more serious than that. The city has known for a long time there are issues at that crosswalk. Both incidents were caused by inattentive driving and in both cases the drivers were cited.

The city has engaged a consultant to look at that area and the consultant has come up with several recommendations to try to make that area a little bit safer. There's nothing the city can do to make people pay attention. But hopefully these new measures will help. One will be to install signs with flashing LED lights on them to bring more attention to the crosswalk that is already there. The city also intends to install extra wording on the crosswalk itself, similar to what is done at railroad crossings. The last step that will probably not take place until next school year is that the traffic safety committee is looking at implementing a no left turn sign from Tripp Lane onto 700 West during certain hours. One of the problems is that people are trying to make a left hand turn there, sit along time and get frustrated, and they go when it is not safe.

Mayor Camp said the e-waste day was successful, but it was held on a day when it snowed pretty hard. He would like to have another one in the summer or towards fall when the weather will hopefully be better.

The Murray Library is now offering patrons the opportunity to use the Rosetta Stone program to learn a new language. It's available through the library's website.

Mayor Camp said the city has been looking over the water rates for the last few months. According to the Utah Division of Water Resources, about 60% of the water used is for outdoor watering. He hopes the conservation rates will help people get educated about water conservation. The city is fortunate to have such a robust water system.

**11.2 Questions for the Mayor**

There were no questions for the Mayor.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Jennifer Kennedy, City Recorder