

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

The Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 6th day of October, 2009 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:

Jeff Dredge,	Council Chair - Excused early
Krista Dunn,	Council Member
Pat Griffiths,	Council Member
Robbie Robertson,	Council Member - Conducted
Jim Brass,	Council Member

Others who attended:

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Daniel Snarr,	Mayor
Jan Wells,	Chief of Staff
Michael Wagstaff,	Council Director
Carol Heales,	City Recorder
Frank Nakamura,	City Attorney
Pat Wilson,	Finance Director
Doug Hill,	Public Services Director
Tim Tingley,	Economic Development Director
Gil Rodriguez,	Fire Chief
Phil Roberts,	Fire Marshall
Rondi Knovlton-Jeffries,	Mayor's Office
Wayne Oberg,	Recreation Co-ordinator
Mark Riet,	City Forester
Jim Hendricksen,	Shade Tree Commission
Darren Stam,	Candidate, District #2
Robert Origoni,	Candidate, District #4
Janet Shaver,	Candidate, District #4
Gary Merrill,	Candidate, District #2
Sherrie Van Bibber,	Murray Youth Council
Members of the Murray Youth Council	
Citizens	
Boy Scouts	

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A. OPENING CEREMONIES

1. Pledge of Allegiance - Gil Rodriguez, Fire Chief

2. Approval of Minutes

None

3. Special Recognitions

1. Swearing in of the Murray Youth Chamber of Commerce / City Council for 2009-2010

Carol Heales, City Recorder conducted the swearing-in ceremony.

Sherrie Van Bibber, Murray Youth Council

Ms. Van Bibber asked the Youth Council to introduce themselves, and introduced the advisors to the Council. She stated that they have 44 active Youth members from colleges, high schools, and Jr. High schools from around the valley.

2. Presentation of Murray City's 25th Annual Beautification Awards Program for 2009.

Jim Hendrickson, Shade tree Commission

Mr. Hendrickson introduced the other members of the Awards Program, saying that this is the 25th year for the program. They have selected individual homes from every district in Murray City; the following are the awards for that program:

The Lightner residence;	1208 W. Ducktail Circle	District #1
The Grandinetti residence;		District #2
The Hall residence;	4724 S Rainbow Circle	District #3
The Badger residence;	5739 S McMillan Circle	District #4
The Tuckett residence;	5815 S Royalton Drive	District #5

The awards consist of a plaque and a photograph of the residence.

Mayor Snarr awarded the City-wide winner, for the single-family residence;

The Caldwell residence; 73 West 5783 South

Mayor Snarr continued the awards:

For the Commercial premises: Mountain View Corporate, by Liberty Mutual, Winchester Street

For Multi-Family: Three Fountains

Xero Landscaping: The Hale Residence; 5056 South Morning Dew Drive

Mayor Snarr stated that this is one of his favorite meetings, as far as recognizing those who really give back to our community and making it a better place to live because it makes you feel good to drive by these well maintained places. You can see that they really take pride in what they do. He can say, from personal experience, that it is very therapeutic when you get out there and mow the lawn, tend the flowers, and make sure the shrubs and trees are taken care of.

To all the members of the Shade Tree Commission they are to be commended and their work and service to the community is appreciated. The Mayor recognized Jim Hendrickson, who is the longest serving, tenured member of any boards or commissions. As long as he is alive, he would like to see him continue to serve on our behalf as he enjoys the work, and cares about making sure that those people are recognized every year for dedicating themselves to making our community a nicer and more beautiful place to live.

3. Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and Municipal Council of Murray City declaring October 12-16, 2009 as "Ribbon Week" - Safe and Healthy Community Proclamation - Band Together Against Drugs and Violence!

Mr. Robertson read the Resolution in its entirety.

Ms. Dunn made a motion to adopt the Resolution
Ms. Griffiths 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Carol Heales:

- A Mr. Brass
- A Ms. Griffiths
- A Ms. Dunn
- A Mr. Robertson

Motion passed 4-0

Mr. Robertson asked that Mr. Dredge be excused for a commitment he had to attend.

Deb Ashton stated that the Red Ribbon and Purple Ribbon campaign is done yearly, and explained that the wristbands are for the theme of “Band Against Drugs and Alcohol”. She stated that in the packet, this is the first year that they have had day and evening assemblies at all of the schools in Murray. The day assemblies and evening assemblies at the elementary schools are Steve James, and he is the person who wrote the ‘Prevention Dimension’ songs. At the secondary schools, they have just started ‘Rachael’s Challenge’; if you haven’t ever seen Rachael’s Challenge, it is a national program that highlights what happened at the Columbine shootings. The shooters were bullied in Jr. High, and that retaliation piece came about in high school. The presentations are graphic, but it moves from that graphic, violent piece to what we can do in our schools and in our daily interaction to promote better relationships and chain reactions of kindness. The schedule is in the packets, and she encouraged everyone to see the presentation as it is so powerful.

On the left hand side of the packet, you have heard a lot of information about risk and protective factors, and she has noted the top three substances abused in 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grades. This is from their 2007 study, and in November they will have their 2009 data out, from the students in Murray School District. One thing that they are looking at in the school district, is to help students be successful academically; if you look at those risk factors, low commitment to school in elementary that continues as students get older, but problem behaviors are attached to that. We don’t see many 2nd graders smoking or drinking, but the risk factors that predict those problem behaviors of school drop-out, teen pregnancy, truancy issues, substance abuse, etc., are evident early on. They really want to make sure that they are helping the students and the families as much as they can, to educate and provide prevention and intervention.

One last part of this, which is phenomenal data: this is from Salt Lake County and Brock Harrison put this together; they did a study on how many times a family has dinner together, (none, 1-4 times a week, 5-7 times a week) most families are having dinner 1-7 times a week, but 6% who do not, you can see how it correlates with early onset of drug use and risk factors. The message to families and parents is that the more we promote a dialogue and talk to our children, and provide good role models for our neighbor kids and in our schools, it makes a difference. That

dialogue is imperative to their success. Students will say to her, ‘everyone uses, everyone drinks.’ The fact is, 10-15%, which is higher than they want, of the students use drugs. The perceived rate though, is much higher, and we need to educate the youth and the parents that this is inaccurate.

We know that alcohol, tobacco and drug use affects academic performance; Another great question that we want to answer is how can we help all of our children and students to be successful in school, and with social skills, and helping them transition from the schools into their adult lives? We want to replicate that success, and they are looking at a lot of data, have done a lot of training in the district, and are really excited about this prevention campaign this year, and would like to invite anyone out to any of those assemblies and performances.

Mr. Robertson said that the perception is that everyone uses; is that a perception of those that are using, or of those who are not.

Ms. Ashton said that this is the perception of those who are not using. In the graph, the perceived rate of use is so much higher than the actual rate of use, and when they give information to students, saying that 10-15% of students use, at the high school level, not too many students are going to believe that because they think that more students are doing that. That is why they really need to know that this isn't the case, through the data what has been proven.

Mr. Robertson asked what Ms. Ashton feels is the reason for them to believe that everyone is using.

Ms. Ashton said that the peer pressure to belong is a big factor. Some students say they are, and they're not just finding a niche in high school as well. The more we say, not just “say no to drugs”, but “what do you say yes to”, they have done a lot more work over the past few years to get athletes to say that, for celebrities, and successful people to say “I can't use if I'm going to be successful”, so what do you say yes to? She feels, as a clinical social worker in the school district, its almost helping each student find that niche. Also, promoting non-use messages; the students that are current users, it is a stress reliever and coping skill for them, and so as social workers and counselors, they are looking to help the students find other ways.

Ms. Griffiths commended Ms. Ashton on the great work she does every year; this is great information and she feels that there has been a lot of emphasis on the importance of having dinner together as a family and how that strengthens the families. She comes from a generation that it was expected, but as society has changed, that has changed too; it is good that we are paying more attention to little things like that, that are so important.

Ms. Ashton agreed, saying that we need to slow down and go back to those relationships.

4. Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and Municipal Council of Murray City declaring October 4-10, 2009 as Fire Prevention Week.

Mr. Robertson read the Resolution in its entirety.

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Mr. Brass made a motion to adopt the Resolution.

Ms. Griffiths 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Carol Heales:

A Mr. Brass

A Ms. Griffiths

A Ms. Duff

A Mr. Robertson

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Motion passed 4-0

Staff presentation, Phil Roberts, Fire Marshall

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Mayor Snarr presented Mr. Roberts with the Resolution, saying we have a great fire department, great Fire Marshalls, and Chief Rodriguez is a lucky man. These guys take care of making sure that everyone addresses the safety of their buildings when they are built and what we can do to prevent fires. When there are fires, they are put out very quickly with a good sprinkler system.

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Mr. Roberts said that they appreciated all that the City does for them, the support for the Fire Department, the support for fire prevention always starts from the top down. We read so many articles nowadays, where municipalities are cutting services, and cutting those educational services that have always been a given; it seems like our administration and our elected leaders have always put that as a priority. What is nice about that is that they have nothing to report about injuries; their fire losses are down, and what they can attribute that to is that they have so much public contact during the year, through neighborhood meetings, through educational programs, CPR, and CERT. Again, when they talk about eating dinner with our families, we are teaching these CERT classes to the parents and it is exciting to see; they are putting together a list of past CERT classes and how many people they have had contact with, and the numbers are just up there.

They are growing these programs, and it benefits through our schools and the educational programs. Last night they held their Police and Fire Safety Fair, where they put on some live fire demonstrations; being able to talk to parents and children alike about the benefits, and the devastation of fire, and taking simple steps to reduce the fire risk, such as not smoking, putting up lighters, blowing out candles, cooking to prevent injuries from scalding, a myriad of different issues that they touch on a number of times. The greatest thing that he can say is nothing- they have not had those significant injuries. They have not had those significant fires in our community compared to other communities within the state. To attribute that, it is a team effort, the funds have to be there for them to do their job, their people have to be involved in providing the education, and doing their job, and the community has to be in acceptance of what they are doing, for those things to be successful.

To say 'kudos' to the fire department, he says "kudos" to Murray City; there is a lot of State events that they get involved in. A couple of months ago, they did one where they set up a residential home with a fire sprinkled room, and a non-fire sprinkled room. The benefit of that was, that the State Fire Marshall's office got involved and they had topics amounts of media coverage there, UVU is now making a DVD of that testing and training, they had legislators there, all to see the benefits of an additional element of protection for residents and business communities in the state. What he is really proud of is, when you see those statewide DVDs of educational programs, Murray City's Fire patch, Murray City's people will be in the middle of that, and he really appreciates that. This is a cutting edge element. He does not like to use the cliché of thinking out of the box, but they are always moving forward, and if it is something to protect the public, and make effort, the statistics in Murray speak for themselves, and he is so proud of that.

Mr. Roberts reiterated that he is appreciative of the City's support, and does not want that to go unnoticed. Community, elective leadership, our administration, City administration for promoting all of these educational programs that make our City safe, our employees safe, all of that. He thanked all for allowing them to do what they do.

Mr. Robertson stated that it is so much fun to see someone who really loves their job, and is excited about what they are doing. Our citizens love our fire and police departments, as do the Council. Public safety is number one in their book, and all of the Fire people do a great job for the City, and they truly love and appreciate what they do for them.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS (Comments are limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise approved by the Council.)

Bill Finch, 1055 E Chevy Chase Drive, Murray Utah

Mr. Finch invited the Council, Mayor, and anyone who wishes to come, on Thursday, October 8, 2009, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Twin Peaks Elementary School; they are going to have an emergency fair sponsored by the Chevy Chase Neighborhood Watch, with the cooperation of the PFA.

Mr. Robertson asked if the Police Department is involved with this. Mr. Finch said that yes, the Police Cadets will be there, they will have a table and a speaker from the Police Department; the Chief has guaranteed that someone from the Fire Department to speak also. He appreciates the support he has received from the City.

Rick Foutes, 210 W Lester Ave, Murray, Utah

Mr. Foutes stated that he wanted to speak about a parcel of ground which is 210 and currently an empty lot. That lot was his grandmothers lot, which is father purchased so it goes back a few generations; when he purchased his property, he and his wife considered moving back to Murray which led him here.

At some point, the land was split and sold off, and was developed as 'Johns Place'. There are eight houses in this little circle, and in that, there is a little grassy area, HOA, When they were first considering building a house on this lot, he inquired with the people behind them of the purchase of that grassy area. It is not large enough to build on, and all it is good for is a park type setting. They were all agreed with it, thinking it was a fantastic idea, and they wanted to be done with the responsibility of that, so that began looking into it, talking to water and utilities, and they thought it would make more sense to access a house joining those through the circle, as opposed to the lane behind them, which is a slight extension of Lester Avenue. If you look at the paperwork, it shows the way the current lot is, and then the proposed joining of the lots, facing their house north, to be part of that circle.

Mr. Foutes said that he has gone to the Zoning Department, who discovered, according to the maps, that it was developed through the builders, as a PUD, causing that grassy area to remain there. He understands that the grassy area is required to be there due to the size of the lots, there are two homes out of the eight, that are under 8,000.

Mr. Foutes said that this would benefit the City, with revenue of a home, completes that circle, and he feels that it would be an overall benefit. They indicated to him that he would need to have an engineering firm draw up some new maps; before he went into the costs, which brings him here, and his petition is that without pursuing and putting

a lot of money into this, he would like to know the Council's feelings on this. He knows it would be beneficial to the City, to him, and to the parties involved.

Mr. Nakamura said he could not comment, that it would have to go through the City's processes and as with all meetings, it would have to be properly agenda'd if they are to discuss it, and make any decisions.

Mr. Robertson added that if he gets with Mr. Tingey and start the process, it will eventually get to the Council and they can work on it.

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Public Comment closed.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

Consider confirmation of the Mayor's appointment of Darin G. Bird to the Murray Shade Tree and Beautification Commission serving in an At-Large position for a three-year term to expire June 30, 2012.

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Staff presentation: Mayor Snarr

Mayor Snarr stated that Mr. Bird comes well qualified, and his background makes him a great candidate for this position. He was anxious to serve and fortunately, we had an opening come available in that district, and Mr. Bird was the one the Mayor thought of, and brought him forward and he asks for the Council's confirmation, knowing he will do a good job for the City.

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Mr. Robertson asked Mr. Bird to stand and be recognized, saying that he appreciates his willingness to serve.

Ms. Griffiths made a motion to approve the appointment
Ms. Dunn 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Carol Heales:

 A Mr. Brass
 A Ms. Griffiths
 A Ms. Dunn
 A Mr. Robertson

Motion passed 4-0

Ms. Griffiths noted that this is so indicative of the quality of people that we have in this community, saying that she is just so amazed every time we have an appointment, at the qualifications of our citizens; we have a very talented citizenry, and we appreciate their sharing their talents.

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None scheduled

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider an Ordinance amending Chapter 1.48.060 of the Murray City Municipal Code to make the Storm Sewer Fund consistent with other City enterprise funds.

Staff presentation by Frank Nakamura, City Attorney

Mr. Nakamura stated that this is a housekeeping matter; when this was enacted, it did not include financial standards that the City usually includes on other Enterprise Funds; financial standards regarding reserves and the transfers in lieu of transfers to the General Funds. This is to incorporate those same provisions that exist for the Water and Sewer Funds.

Mr. Brass made a motion to adopt the Ordinance.
Ms. Dunn 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Carol Heales:

- A Mr. Brass
- A Ms. Griffiths
- A Ms. Dunn
- A Mr. Robertson

Motion passed 4-0

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G. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Snarr recognized some of the members of the City's Forestry Department, and as he was looking at them, he realized that these were the individuals that bring a lot of nice comments to the Mayor's Office for the excellent job that they do out there.

Mayor Snarr expressed his appreciation to those people for their excellent work and their participation and help on the Shade Tree Commission.

Mayor Snarr was excited to see the opening of the National Auto Plaza, who have come back to Murray City, and that is nice for us. As he commented before, we don't have to give incentives for car dealerships to come here, they want to come here, and we are very fortunate. Hopefully, over the next few years, we will see an additional car dealership that will be built as well, that he is aware of, for which he is excited as well; he also is looking forward to the changes that will occur, and the City is continuing to be a very viable economic community, even in a down-turned economy.

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H. QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

Ms. Dunn commented that she had been able to attend the Health and Safety Fair last night; they did a great job. It was a cold night, but it was well attended and she felt that there were a lot of people on a cold night, but they did warm the place up with their fire, although she wished they would have let it burn a little longer.

Mr. Robertson agreed that they did a great job and expressed his appreciation to the Journal for getting the word out and their help for advertising all of the City's activities.

Mayor Snarr added that the band was incredible; retro 1960's, taking him back to the good times.

ADJOURNMENT