

# Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

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**T**he Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2011 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
Krista Dunn,	Council Member
Darren Stam,	Council Member
Jared Shaver,	Council Member
Jim Brass,	Council Member - Conducted

Others who attended:

Dan Snarr,	Mayor
Jan Wells,	Chief of Staff
Carol Heales,	City Recorder
Frank Nakamura,	City Attorney
Gil Rodriguez,	Fire Chief
Pete Fondaco,	Police Chief
Tim Tingey,	Community & Economic Development Director
Citizens	

## A. OPENING CEREMONIES

1. Pledge of Allegiance - Bill Finch, Citizen
2. Approval of Minutes of January 18, 2011.

Mr. Dredge made a motion to approve the minutes.  
Mr. Shaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Call vote taken, all Ayes.

3. Special Recognition:

Murray City Council, Resident Service Award.

Staff presentation: Jeff Dredge, Council Member

Mr. Dredge stated that this is the first time that the Council is presenting this award, and so he wanted to give a little history on where it came from before they ask the recipients to come forward.

For those of us who have lived and worked in Murray, especially those who are able to sit on the Council and are in a position where they get to see and hear what the citizens have to say, see what the city staff does, you really get to see what a great place Murray is to live in. As he has thought about it, he has recognized it and feels that we have a great city because we have a true sense of community. People who live in Murray don't say they're from Salt Lake-they say they are from Murray and are proud of it. As he has thought about it, it seems to him that it comes from the fact that we have had a long history of community leaders, who have made good, long-term decisions. We had people, a long time ago, who had the fore sight to have our power department, and people wanted to come here; the school district, the water that we have, all these things that helped create a basis for a good community. When it comes right down to it – from what he has personally seen- it is because we have great citizens and a great staff that helps to support our citizens, and our citizens are multi-generational. When he first moved here, and was involved in coaching little league sports, it just amazed him that grandpa, son and grandson, they were all there and they were the third generation playing Murray Ute football. People want to come back and live here.

This award, which was created by the Council last year, is designed to honor citizens in our community for their acts that create this wonderful place to live. Mr. Dredge stated that he has to give that some of the initial ideas for this, to Carol Heales, City Recorder; she gave him a book to read called "Quiet Leadership." In that book, it talks about how often in television and in the media we pay homage to great leaders- governors, senators, presidents- but really what makes a community work, what makes an organization work, are the people that are out quietly behind the scenes, doing good things to lift those around them. This night, he-as a representative of the Council- would like to honor Drew Kiel and Eli Mills for their acts of service which have made Murray a better place. Mr. Dredge also asked that the citizens of Murray look at them as examples and to follow that example, and reach out and look for opportunities to do good for the neighbors and the people around them.

Mr. Dredge asked Mr. Kiel and Mr. Mills to come forward and presented the award to them. Mr. Dredge read the award(s) in its entirety.

Mr. Dredge stated that in addition to the award, the Mayor has provided a gift certificate for them to go out and enjoy with their wives.

Mr. Millis said that he had just gone along for the ride with Mr. Kiel; when they talk about quiet giants, he feels that it is great that Mr. Kiel is being honored tonight; if you knew him, you would know that Mr. Kiel does more quiet things in this community than anybody knows-he is the biggest quiet giant he has ever met. He is a phenomenal man, and he is glad that he is a part of this tonight.

Mr. Kiel said that he would like to accept the award on behalf of the many mentors in his life who have provided an example of what it means to be someone who is engaged in quietly serving someone else. He would like to mention a couple by name, saying that there are many other people that may pick up on this award as well. You might want to investigate Peter Poulsen, for his many thousands of hours of selfless giving to those people in the downtown area of Salt Lake City, and trying to find and search out-making sure that nobody went hungry for that day. In addition to our own Jeff Dredge, who has spent thousands of hours leading youth groups through opportunities that they wouldn't otherwise experience; but the person who means the most to him, is his father, who passed away on New Year's Day 2008. The full extent of his service wasn't really known until during his unit proceedings, person after person stepped forward with appreciation and gratitude for the things that he had done for them at a time when they weren't able to do them for themselves.

His father had never received any kind of community recognition for his efforts, and he was hoping to escape this himself; he would just as soon do them without recognition. It started for him when he was about nine years old, shoveling snow for his Sunday School teacher, and she caught him in the act, and he was disappointed and embarrassed that she caught him; he feels the same way tonight. But, he appreciates the recognition, and thinks this is a good and wonderful thing. If Murray City could be the ones to plant the seeds of inspiration in the lives of their citizens and provide the necessary nourishment for those seeds to grow, you will see a lot more of this happening and thinks it would be a wonderful thing for our community.

Mr. Dredge said that there is a plaque with their names on it that will be displayed in the Council Chambers, hopefully along with others, who they will be recognizing in the future.

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

None given

**Public comment closed**

**C. CONSENT AGENDA**

None scheduled

**D. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Staff and sponsor presentations, and public comment prior to Council action on the following matter:

1. **Consider an Ordinance amending Sections 17.160.050 and 17.160.100 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to zoning.**

Staff presentation: Tim Tingey, Community & Economic Development Director

Mr. Tingey stated that this is the area just north of the Murray City Center District that is being proposed. There are really three reasons that they are proposing this change: it is to reduce the set-backs, allowing for a zero-foot set-back or a minimum of 10', requiring landscaping in that area; the reasons are based on The Life on State Street Corridor Study, which recommended that these types of changes be implemented in zoning ordinances adjacent to downtowns, and this area was identified as one of the areas where you look at promoting buildings up close to the street.

The second: they had a request by a property owner who wanted to see some flexibility in allowing for either zero foot lot lines or other set-back standards; and the City really feels that it is important for compatibility with the downtown as they are moving towards this Murray City Center District.

It would be changing the C-D-C ordinance to allow for that flexibility, as well as the landscaping standards relating to that.

**Public Hearing opened for public comment**

None given

**Public comment closed**

Council consideration of the above matter to follow Public Hearing.

Mr. Shaver made a motion to adopt the Ordinance.  
Ms. Dunn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Call vote recorded by Carol Heales.

  A   Mr. Shaver  
  A   Mr. Dredge  
  A   Ms. Dunn  
  A   Mr. Stam  
  A   Mr. Brass

Motion passed 5-0

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider an Ordinance amending Section 2.04.040(A) of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to City Council Meetings.**

Staff presentation: Mr. Brass, Council Member

Mr. Brass stated that for a long time, they have operated under the impression that state law required a minimum of two City Council meetings per month, regardless whether or not there was anything on the agenda. In doing research it has been found that language had been taken out of state law, and the Council only is required to meet once per month. It really makes a difference in December and February-the holiday months where you are getting up against vacations and other functions going on, such as city related boards and commissions-and invariably many of those are missed because they are holding that second meeting.

They want to change that ordinance to say 'where appropriate' they would meet for only one meeting per month. The danger of getting into that habit is that if they only meet once per month, the time between meetings can be really long, and you get out of the habit.

Ms. Dunn added that the longer apart on the meetings, the further you are from what is going on in the city, so they have to be careful with that, but she does agree with those times when the only thing on the agenda is approval of minutes or such, there is no point.

Mr. Brass said that bringing staff and others in, takes time and money.

Mr. Shaver said that there are times when it is necessary to hold three or four meetings a month.

Ms. Dunn said that, for example this month, they may not have a council meeting, but they have had all day meetings for budget, and those kinds of things, and it is not as if the council is not coming in to the city and doing what needs to be done.

Mr. Shaver made a motion to adopt the Ordinance.  
Mr. Stam 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Call vote recorded by Carol Heales.

  A   Mr. Shaver  
  A   Mr. Dredge  
  A   Ms Dunn  
  A   Mr. Stam  
  A   Mr. Brass

Motion passed 5-0

**F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None scheduled

**G. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Snarr gave his commendation to the Council for coming up with the idea of recognizing the 'unsung heroes' in our city; he thinks that is a really nice thing to do-they really make a difference, silently go about doing good. He would like to try to provide something, in the way of a meal-the cards come to him for doing weddings, and he won't take money for them-so he gets gift cards all the time, which he re-gifts. It was nice that he had the card there to re-gift, and would be happy to do that. Kudos to all for this, and he was very touched by these two individuals and the fact that they really didn't want recognition for this, and would sooner go about doing what they can to make a difference in the lives of others.

**H. QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**