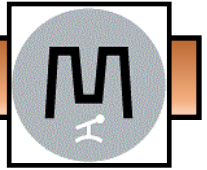
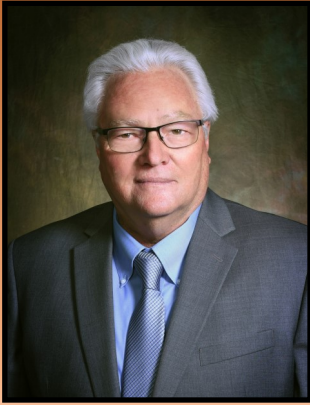


City Council Message



December 2019



Dale Cox

As we approach the end of 2019, it is often a time of reflection on the year past - the accomplishments personally and as an elected civil servant, as well as, looking forward to the goals on the horizon for the new year ahead.

Finishing up two years on the Murray City Council, I realize the many people who have been instrumental in helping me cohesively transition into the Council and those who have made significant contributions to what we do in moving Murray forward as the best community in the state.

We will soon be saying goodbye and thank you to two such people on the City Council.

Dave Nicponski came to the Murray Council eight years ago with a history in municipal government and many years working on legislative efforts. With the benefit of these past experiences Dave brought his knowledge and wisdom to Murray City and has focused efforts on the needs of public safety, capital projects and road maintenance. Following the recession in 2008, Dave was instrumental in helping budget for the police department to acquire 26 new vehicles in a single year. At the State legislature Dave's contacts and support of city issues has proven invaluable when his efforts combined with others to oppose bills that may have had serious consequences for Murray residents. Dave's support of the development industry has resulted in many acres of formerly vacant land becoming tax revenue sources for the city. Dave has become a good friend, whom I will miss as he goes on to pursue other interests.

Jim Brass has served Murray City for 16 years as a council member. With broad knowledge in many areas of city government, his expertise in the power industry has made him a leader and expert on issues facing the council about the future of power resource management. Educating himself on numerous civic matters, Jim has served on the boards of Central Valley Water Reclamation (CVWR) and Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling (WFWRD). It may not sound glamorous; however, concerns of wastewater and run-off involve complicated science to treat and, representing Murray City, Jim has been an advocate for successful end results within financial limits. His service on the WFWRD board has brought the voice of reason when costs were increasing and now as recycling is at a crossroads. Jim's background from a planning commission assignment has also helped decision making on the many facets of consideration on land use determinations.

As the end of their city council responsibilities approach, both Dave Nicponski and Jim Brass have served well and completed successful terms preserving the health, safety and welfare of Murray residents and business owners. I wish them the very best as they each enter a new season in their lives. Speaking for the entire council, we enthusiastically thank them for a combined 24 years furthering the prosperity of the City.

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