

**MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of Tuesday, November 14, 2023  
Murray City Hall, 10 East 4800 South, Council Chambers, Murray, Utah 84107

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**Attendance:**

Council Members:

David Rodgers	District #1
Pam Cotter	District #2
Rosalba Dominguez	District #3 – Council Vice- Chair
Diane Turner	District #4
Garry Hrechkosy	District #5 – Council Chair

Others:

Brett Hales	Mayor	Jennifer Kennedy	City Council Executive Director
Doug Hill	Chief Administrative Officer	Pattie Johnson	Council Administration
G.L. Critchfield	City Attorney	Tammy Kikuchi	Chief Communications Officer
Brenda Moore	Finance Director	Brooke Smith	City Recorder
Matt Dugdale	Stifel, Financial Advisor	Shenelle Salcido	Bond Counsel
Sheri VanBibber	MYCC and Murray Chamber	Russ Kakala	Public Works Director
Craig Burnett	Police Chief	Kim Sorensen	Parks and Recreation Director
Karen Gallegos	Murray Courts Clerk	Rob White	IT Director
Danny Hansen	IT	Ella Olsen	City Journals
Citizens			

**Opening Ceremonies:**

Call to Order – Council Member Cotter called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.  
Pledge of Allegiance – Adam Hock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:** None Scheduled.

**Special Recognition:**

**1. Murray City Employee of the Month, Kathy Miller, Mayor's Office Administrative Assistant.**

Mayor Hales and Ms. Cotter presenting.

Ms. Cotter and Mayor Hales presented Kathy Miller with the Employee of the Month certificate and a \$50 gift card. Mayor Hales expressed his appreciation to Ms. Miller for all she does in the Mayor's office and Ms. Cotter read the acknowledgment.

**2. Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and Murray City Municipal Council recognizing National Hispanic Heritage Month in Murray City.**

Council Presentation: Council Member Ms. Dominguez

Ms. Dominguez read the joint resolution recognizing National Hispanic Heritage Month in Murray City.

**MOTION:** Council Member Hrechkosy moved to adopt the Joint Resolution. Council Member

Rodgers SECONDED the motion.

**Council Roll Call Vote:**

Mr. Rodgers Aye  
Ms. Cotter Aye  
Ms. Dominguez Aye  
Ms. Turner Aye  
Mr. Hrechkosy Aye  
Motion passed: 5-0

**Citizen Comments** – Comments are limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise approved by the Council.

**Sheri VanBibber – Murray City, Utah**

Ms. VanBibber shared about the success of the 2023 Murray Haunted Woods that she organizes and manages. Efforts include help from four exchange clubs, 12 school clubs, and five high schools that resulted in 1,224 youth hours, plus 1,000 adult hours contributed, including Mayor Hales and the mayor of Taylorsville City. The platform is child abuse and domestic violence survivor groups. Almost 2,000 people attended each night, raising almost \$30,000. Next year dates for the Haunted Woods are scheduled for October 21, 22, and 23, 2024.

**Consent Agenda:** None scheduled.

**Public Hearings:** None scheduled.

**Business Items:**

1. **Consider a resolution requesting the recertification of the Murray City Municipal Justice Court.**

**Staff Presentation: Mr. Hill and Ms. Gallegos**

Mr. Hill explained how the state of Utah requires municipal courts to recertify every four years. The certification for Murray's Justice court will expire January 1, 2024. One requirement for recertification is that the City Council adopt a resolution indicating their support that the Murray Justice Court has met all State requirements. Senior Court Clerk Ms. Gallegos confirmed that all requirements were met satisfactorily.

Ms. Turner expressed appreciation for all that Ms. Gallegos does for the justice court.

**MOTION:** Council Member Turner moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Dominguez SECONDED the motion.

**Council Roll Call Vote:**

Mr. Rodgers Aye  
Ms. Cotter Aye  
Ms. Dominguez Aye  
Ms. Turner Aye  
Mr. Hrechkosy Aye  
Motion passed: 5-0

2. **Consider a resolution to acknowledge completion and receipt of the independent audit for Fiscal**

**Year 2022-2023 and direct that notice be published pursuant to Section 10-6-152 of the Utah Code.**

Staff Presentation: Finance Director Ms. Moore

Ms. Moore stated that the audit was reviewed with Council Members in a previous Committee of the Whole work session, where it was confirmed that the City was given a clean audit report. Ms. Moore explained that the proposed resolution ensures that the City Council received a copy of the audit and that the audit was completed and would be published by the city recorder. Citizens may view the financial statement on the City's website as soon as November 15, 2023 upon approval of the City Council.

**MOTION:** Council Member Hrechkosy moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Dominguez SECONDED the motion.

Mr. Hrechkosy commended Ms. Moore and her team for the impressive work they did to achieve a clean opinion with minor adjustments and no findings, which was a testament of great work and integrity to ensure the City has integrity in its finances.

**Council Roll Call Vote:**

Mr. Rodgers     Aye  
Ms. Cotter     Aye  
Ms. Dominguez Aye  
Ms. Turner     Aye  
Mr. Hrechkosy Aye  
Motion passed: 5-0

3. **Consider a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$25,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2024; and related matters.**

Staff Presentation: Finance Director Ms. Moore

Ms. Moore shared how she thoroughly reviewed the resolution and bonding details with Council Members in the Municipal Building Authority meeting. She informed them about the ground lease, the master lease, and the sale of the bonds; in addition to assigning individuals to represent the Council. Ms. Cotter confirmed there were no further questions from the Council.

**MOTION:** Council Member Rodgers moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Turner SECONDED the motion.

**Council Roll Call Vote:**

Mr. Rodgers     Aye  
Ms. Cotter     Aye  
Ms. Dominguez Aye  
Ms. Turner     Aye  
Mr. Hrechkosy Aye  
Motion passed: 5-0

4. **Consider a resolution adopting the regular meeting schedule of the Murray City Municipal Council for calendar year 2024.**

Council Presentation: City Council Executive Director Jennifer Kennedy.

Ms. Kennedy noted that Council Members previously discussed the regular meeting schedule in the Committee of the Whole work session. She said council dates are usually the first and third Tuesday of each month, with the exception of August and December, where meetings will be held on the first and second Tuesday of the month. The November 5, 2024 meeting would be changed to November 12, 2024 to accommodate the 2024 Election Day.

**MOTION:** Ms. Dominguez motioned to amend the regular meeting schedule by cancelling the September 3, 2024 meeting date and rescheduling it for September 10, 2024, that included the dates proposed by Ms. Kennedy.

Ms. Cotter felt adjusting meetings in August, September, November, and December was a lot to change to accommodate various things. She said in the past Council Members have missed meetings due to vacations, traveling or illness, and have just been absent. She thought the calendar should be consistent for citizens they represent.

**MOTION:** Council Member Ms. Turner SECONDED the motion as amended.

**Council Roll Call Vote:**

Mr. Rodgers	Aye
Ms. Cotter	Nay
Ms. Dominguez	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hrechkosy	Aye
Motion passed:	4-1

**Mayor's Report and Questions:**

Mayor Hales expressed gratitude for the Murray City Council over the last two years. He shared that Council Members are always polite even when they disagree; he appreciated this because many cities do not share this wonderful experience. He commended them for the way they work effectively together in many ways which created a positive relationship with his administration and him.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

**Pattie Johnson  
Council Office Administrator III**