

**MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Murray City Hall, 10 East 4800 South, Council Chambers, Murray, Utah 84107

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**Attendance:**

Council Members:

Pam Cotter	District #2 – Council Chair
Rosalba Dominguez	District #3
Diane Turner	District #4
Adam Hock	District #5 – Council Vice-Chair

Excused: Paul Pickett – District #1

Others:

Brett Hales	Mayor	Jennifer Kennedy	City Council Executive Director
Doug Hill	Chief Administrative Officer	Pattie Johnson	Council Administration
Mark Richardson	City Attorney	Brenda Moore	Finance Director
Rob White	IT Director	Brooke Smith	City Recorder
David Rodgers	Senior Planner	Joey Mittelman	Fire Chief
Greg Bellon	Power Director	Russ Kakala	Public Works Director
Deneiva Knight	Comcast NBC Universal	Kim Sorensen	Parks and Recreation Director
Ryan Herath	Murray Rotary Club	Maria Vauhler Fleyden	Murray Rotary Club
Darlene Duffin	Kids Read Volunteer	Jennifer Covington	Murray School District – Superintendent
Linda Brown	Kids Read	Jeormaine Tharlouse	Kids Read
Allysa Sullivan	Miss Murray	Gene Davis	State Senator - Retired
Camron Kollman	IT	Citizens	

**Call to Order:** 6: 45 p.m. – Council Member Cotter

**Approval of Minutes:** Council Meeting, August 13, 2024.

**MOTION:** Ms. Dominguez moved to approve, and Ms. Turner SECONDED the motion.

Voice vote taken, all “Ayes.” Approved 4-0

**Special Recognition:**

- Murray City Employee of the Month, Randy Hallam, Fire Department Captain** – Mayor Hales and Fire Chief Mittelman presented Randy Hallam with a certificate and a \$50 gift card. Captain Hallam was commended for his loyalty and dedicated service as Fire Captain of the Murray Fire Department.
- Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and Municipal Council of Murray City declaring Tuesday, September 17, 2024 as “Brighter Futures Through Reading” Day.** Mayor Hales introduced Lynda Brown, President of Kids Read, expressed appreciation for all she has done for children in the Murray community and read the joint resolution.

**MOTION:** Ms. Dominguez moved to approve the joint resolution. Mr. Hock SECONDED the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Dominguez Aye

Ms. Turner Aye

Mr. Hock Aye

Ms. Cotter Aye

Motion passed: 4-0

**Citizen Comments:**

Hal Luke - Murray Resident and Murray Senior Recreation Center Advisory Board Member

Mr. Luke expressed appreciation to Council Members for supporting the Senior Center. He thanked City staff for maintaining a clean and enjoyable facility and for assisting with activities and programs. He reported that the billiard room had been converted into an exercise studio and conference room, as there had been a decline in pool playing by visitors over the years. Spinner bikes were added to the northern part of the room and the other part of the room can be used for Chakra meditation, Chari Yoga and other future exercise classes.

DeLynn Barney – Murray Resident

Mr. Barney congratulated Captain Hallam for being recognized as Employee of the Month. He expressed gratitude for Murray police officers, fire fighters and lifeguards who learn lifesaving skills to help and rescue those who are in trouble or injured.

**Public Hearing:**

**Consider an ordinance amending the city's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget.** Finance Director Brenda Moore said the budget opening would reallocate previous fiscal year balances to the current fiscal year. The transactions involve rolling forward CIP funding, allocating various grant funding, adjusting health benefits due to insurance enrollment changes, and funding a new 2025 CIP project.

In addition, grant funding would be allocated to various budgets in the GF (General Fund); Form Base Code would be funded from GF reserves for the Murray City Center District. Last year's funding for ongoing Class C Road projects would be rolled forward into the current budget for Class C Road projects.

Ms. Moore said regarding expenditures for Enterprise Funds, the Water Fund would spend \$495,000, Wastewater \$1.8 million, Murray Golf Course \$70,000, Storm Water \$265,000 and the Power Fund \$4,953,700. In the CIP Fund, transactions totaling \$14,515,594 involve rolling money forward for active projects and to fund future projects. Ms. Moore clarified that \$3.7 million of that amount would fund street and road projects.

Ms. Moore confirmed funding the new project required purchasing property on Vine Street, which would require a \$1 million transfer from CIP reserves.

The public hearing was open for public comments. No comments were given, and the public hearing was closed.

**MOTION:** Ms. Turner moved to approve the ordinance. Ms. Dominguez SECONDED the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Dominguez Aye

Ms. Turner Aye

Mr. Hock Aye

Ms. Cotter Aye

Motion passed: 4-0

**Business Item:**

**Consider a resolution of the Municipal Council (The “Council”) of Murray City, Utah (The “City”), declaring the City's intention to reimburse itself for expenditures incurred in connection with financing all or a portion of capital improvements to the electrical systems of the City, and related improvements, with proceeds of bonds that the City intends to issue, and related matters.** Ms. Moore said the proposed resolution did not commit the City to bonding, but clarifies that once the resolution was approved, any future bond money could

be used to cover past power project expenses.

She explained that payments on two power transformers would begin even though the City would not receive them for 3 more years and the downpayment of \$1.3 million for both of them must be paid soon. She favored the resolution because expenses like the downpayment on two transformers and paying for other projects would come from reserves. If bonding was necessary, she would be able to repay Power Fund reserves with bond proceeds and keep power reserves at an appropriate level.

Ms. Moore said that while the resolution permits the City to issue bonds for up to \$25 million, bonding may not be required, but it does remain a possibility. She and staff will be working to prioritize power projects, determine the cost for each one which is unknown at this time. They will keep the Council informed. She noted the total cost for the two transformers was \$7.5 million so bond proceeds could be used to reimburse the City.

Ms. Moore said Power Fund reserves are currently between \$12 million and \$15 million so it is likely that the City would be bonding in the future. She reiterated that the proposed resolution was intended only to allow reimbursement if the City should bond. If and when bonding becomes necessary for power projects, she will return to the City Council for approval and to discuss the related details.

Mr. Hock said future bonding would not include a new facility for the Power Department. Ms. Moore agreed that CIP project would not take place, but a bond would provide for the construction of a new Power Department warehouse that could shelter costly vehicles, transformers and wiring inside, as well as, pay for smaller electrical projects needed throughout the Murray electrical system.

**MOTION:** Mr. Hock moved to approve the resolution. Ms. Turner **SECONDED** the motion.

**Council Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Dominguez Aye  
Ms. Turner Aye  
Mr. Hock Aye  
Ms. Cotter Aye  
Motion passed: 4-0

**Mayor's Report and Questions:** Mayor Hales encouraged attendance for two upcoming events, a concert held at the Murray Amphitheater and the Dine and Dance social event held at the City Hall Plaza.

**Adjournment:** 7:27 p.m.

**Pattie Johnson**  
**Council Office Administrator III**