

**MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Work Session Minutes of Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Murray City Hall, 10 East 4800 South, Poplar Meeting Room, Murray, Utah 84107

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**Attendance:**

Council Members:

Paul Pickett	District #1
Pam Cotter	District #2 – Council Chair
Rosalba Dominguez	District #3
Diane Turner	District #4
Adam Hock	District #5 – Council Vice-Chair

Others:

Brett Hales	Mayor	Pattie Johnson	Council Administration
Mark Richardson	Senior City Attorney	Crystal Brown	Council Administration
Brenda Moore	Finance Director	Doug Hill	Chief Administrative Officer
Greg Bellon	Power Director	Matt Youngs	Assist. Power Director
Craig Burnett	Police Chief	Laura Bown	Recorder
Stephen Olsen	Fire Department	Rob White	IT Director
Ben Gray	IT	Kim Sorensen	Parks & Recreation Director
Ella Olsen	City Journals	Phil Markham	CED Director
Citizens		Mark Bennett	Center Court

**Conducting:** Council Chair Ms. Cotter called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** Committee of the Whole – March 5, 2024

Mr. Hock moved to approve, and Ms. Dominguez seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0.

**Discussion Items:**

• **Power Department Quarterly Report.**

Power Director Greg Bellon gave a history and overview of UAMPS (Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems) and shared the UAMPS vision to explain the working relationship UAMPS has with Murray and other member cities and states. An outline of UAMPS energy resources was provided to show that coal, waste coal, natural gas, hydro, wind, solar and other service projects are available to member cities. Mr. Bellon explained what resources Murray Power relies on most and how much of each type is utilized. He said the City’s hydro plant that was inactive for a while, underwent repairs. One unit has now been working for three weeks, the second unit will be repaired once parts arrive, and he expected the entire plant to be in full operation for the spring runoff.

Mr. Bellon discussed energy transition challenges like finding enough low carbon resources, providing effective transmission which includes installing power lines, balancing all resources effectively to meet base load requirements, and supply chain issues for central substation transformers, that have now been delayed for 80 weeks. He reviewed future resources they hope to consider in the future like the Fremont Solar and Storage project, two geothermal energy plants, and entitlement of a new solar/natural gas plant that is currently in the investigative phase. Mr. Bellon expressed hope that Murray Power would once again participate in the Light Up Navajo Initiative Project.

- **Reports from the 2024 NLC (National League of Cities) Congressional Conference.** – Council Member Adam Hock said much of the 2024 NLC Conference was focused on President Biden’s infrastructure plan. Mr. Hock said there was great emphasis on available money that could be allocated to municipalities for various infrastructure projects. He felt this was a reminder that the City should act soon to receive federal grant funding. Council Member Rosalba Dominguez shared many key takeaways from various meetings she attended which were Youth Delegates Workshop, Building a Community-Centric Approach to Emergency Response Services, Small Cities, Hispanic Elected Local Officials and LGBTQ+. On the last of the conference both Mr. Hock and Ms. Dominguez met with various congressional leaders.

**Adjournment:** 6:30 p.m.

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