

MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
Special Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, February 13, 2024
Murray City Hall, 10 East 4800 South, Council Chambers, Murray, Utah 84107

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:

Doug Hill	Mayor Pro Tem	Jennifer Kennedy	City Council Executive Director
G.L. Critchfield	City Attorney	Pattie Johnson	Council Administration
Brenda Moore	Finance Director	Brooke Smith	City Recorder
David Rodgers	Resident		

Conducting: Council Member Cotter called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Citizen Comments:

David Rodgers – Murray Resident.

Mr. Rodgers thanked the City Council for holding a special meeting, supporting educators and students and taking immediate action on the matter.

Scott Klepler – Murray Resident – Email Comment. Ms. Cotter read the comment as follows: *“What Natalie Cline did in posting a picture of an unrelated minor on her social media and then cyberbullying that young girl is some of the most despicable and disgusting behavior to have ever come from an adult with purported interest in childhood education. As a professional nurse who ought to fully understand the concept of empathy and compassion, I cannot understand why she still retains her role as the District #9 Board of Education Representative. Every day that passes only seems like an excuse by the legislature to try to sweep all this under the rug. I wholeheartedly encourage the Murray City Council to adopt a resolution in support of Granite School District’s position condemning Cline’s actions and calling for an immediate resignation or impeachment.”*

Discussion Item:

- Consider a resolution in support of Granite School District Board of Education condemning a social media post by a member of the Utah State Board of Education.

Mr. Hock read the proposed resolution.

Mr. Pickett said the City Council took no pleasure in proposing to pass this type of resolution. This was not about restricting free speech; it was about standing up against bullying. Bullying is never okay, and it is especially heinous when an adult in a position of responsibility does it to a minor. He said we cannot remain quiet; we must stand up and defend the rights of the victim. He stated that numerous constituents contacted him to express support. As a father to three daughters and a grandfather of three granddaughters he expressed his desire to join those who condemn the actions of the member

of the State Board of Education and support the Granite School Board of Education and their resolution.

Ms. Turner agreed with Mr. Pickett and expressed appreciation to Vice-Chair Hock for his leadership in bringing the issue to their attention. She thanked City Attorney, G.L. Critchfield, for preparing the resolution in a timely manner and voiced wholehearted support for it.

Ms. Dominguez expressed happiness that the Council was having the discussion, noting that she too received support from constituents since the issue surfaced on social media. She thanked Mr. Hock for initiating the discussion and reiterated her full support.

Mr. Hock agreed with all Council Members and felt that passing the resolution would act as a signal to remind residents, citizens, students, employees, and the community that this behavior is not tolerated in our City. It would also signal that Murray is accepting and wants everyone to be included. He felt the action would also signal that the Murray City Council keeps and holds the same standard to themselves, and that as elected officials they care about how elected officials act. He said this was not just about what Ms. Cline did, but what they expect from themselves going forward.

Ms. Cotter agreed it was interesting that they, as adults, had to reprimand an adult.

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

Council Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Dominguez	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hock	Aye
Mr. Pickett	Aye
Ms. Cotter	Aye
Motion passed:	5-0

Adjournment: 4:42 p.m.

Pattie Johnson
Council Office Administrator III