

**MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of Tuesday, May 5, 2026

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

Attendance:

Council Members:

Paul Pickett	District #1 - Excused
Pam Cotter	District #2
Clark Bullen	District #3
Diane Turner	District #4 – Excused
Adam Hock	District #5 – Council Chair

Others:

Brett Hales	Mayor	Jennifer Kennedy	City Council Executive Director
Kim Sorensen	Chief Administrative Officer	Pattie Johnson	Council Administration
G.L. Critchfield	City Attorney	Brooke Smith	City Recorder
Craig Burnett	Police Chief	Brenda Moore	Finance Director
Russ Kakala	Public Works Director	Josh Hill	Public Works
Greg Bellon	Power Director	Jeff Martin	Parks Director
Travis Bodtcher	Assistant Fire Chief	Erica Brown	Chief Communications Officer
Adam Balls	Medical Director	Chad Wilkinson	Community & Economic Dev. Director
Matt Youngs	Assistant Power Director	Brenda Moore	Finance Director
Ryan Madsen	IT Supervisor	Ben Gray	IT Technician
Citizens and Guests			

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m. – Council Member Cotter

Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting April 7, 2026.

MOTION: Mr. Hock moved to approve. Mr. Bullen seconded the motion. All in favor 3-0.

Citizen Comments:

Catherine Burton – Murray Resident

Senior Center Advisory Board member Ms. Burton stated that the senior center was making an effort to be more cognizant of visitors attending in order to better adjust to their needs. She explained that a new lunch system was in place and that new classes were being offered.

Sam Marks – Midvale City Resident

Mr. Marks with NeighborWorks of Salt Lake explained functions of the non-profit organization. He spoke about NeighborWorks Week, a homeownership workshop associated with the Nationwide NeighborWorks America that would be held at the Murray location, on June 3, 2026.

Special Recognition:

1. **Consider a Joint Proclamation of the Mayor and Municipal Council of Murray City for Emergency Medical Services Week.** Medical Director Dr. Balls shared about his 20 years of experience as an emergency medical physician and praised Murray Fire and EMS (Emergency Medical Services) crews for delivering high-quality, compassionate care under high-pressure conditions. Dr. Balls stated that Murray crews are leaders in the Salt Lake Valley as well as the backbone of Murray City's public safety. He expressed appreciation to the Mayor and City Council for their continued support, which included budget approvals that provide funding for equipment, training, and tools that support EMS work. Assistant Fire Chief Travis Bodtcher explained how EMS played a vital role in the City and read the Joint Proclamation.

MOTION: Mr. Bullen moved to adopt the Joint Resolution. Mr. Hock SECONDED the motion. Ms. Cotter stated that the Mayor approved the Joint Proclamation and encouraged the City Council to do the same. Ms. Cotter called for a vote of the City Council.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Bullen	Aye
Mr. Hock	Aye
Ms. Cotter	Aye
Motion Passed: 3-0	

Consent Agenda:

1. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's reappointment of Jim Harland as a Hearing Officer.

Mayor Hales requested that Jim Harland be reappointed as the City's Hearing Officer for the period of May 6, 2026 to May 6, 2029.

MOTION: Mr. Hock moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Bullen SECONDED the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Bullen	Aye
Mr. Hock	Aye
Ms. Cotter	Aye
Motion Passed: 3-0	

Business Items:

1. Consider a resolution approving the 2026 Power Master Plan. Power Director Greg Bellon reviewed the 2026 Power Master Plan and requested approval.

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

Council Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Bullen	Aye
Mr. Hock	Aye
Ms. Cotter	Aye
Motion Passed: 3-0	

2. Consider an ordinance amending Section 2.51.010 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to Appointment of Representatives to Governing Boards of Interlocal Entities and to the Utah League of Cities and Towns Legislative Policy Committee. City Attorney G.L. Critchfield asked if there were any questions on the proposed amendment. Mr. Hock appreciated that date adjustments made in a previous work session were implemented.

MOTION: Mr. Hock moved to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Bullen SECONDED the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Bullen	Aye
Mr. Hock	Aye
Ms. Cotter	Aye
Motion Passed: 3-0	

3. Consider a resolution approving the Mayor's Appointment of the City's representative and the City's alternate representative to the TransJordan Cities Board. Mayor Hales proposed changing the current TransJordan Cities Board representative appointment from Public Works Director Russ Kakala to Streets Superintendent Josh Hill, with Mr. Kakala serving as alternate representative.

MOTION: Mr. Bullen moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Hock SECONDED the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Bullen Aye
Mr. Hock Aye
Ms. Cotter Aye
Motion Passed: 3-0

4. **Consider a resolution providing advice and consent to the Mayor's appointment of Ryan Madsen as the City's Information Technology Department Director. If approved, the swearing-in ceremony will be conducted by Brooke Smith, City Recorder.** Mayor Hales introduced IT Supervisor Ryan Madsen, stating that with the recent retirement of Robert White, Mr. Madsen should be promoted to the IT Director position. Mayor Hales commended Mr. Madsen for his 24 years of experience in the IT Department and his dedication as a hard working employee.

MOTION: Mr. Hock moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Bullen SECONDED the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Bullen Aye
Mr. Hock Aye
Ms. Cotter Aye
Motion Passed: 3-0

Mr. Madsen was sworn in by City Recorder Brooke Smith.

Mayor's Report and Questions: Mayor Hales reported that the Miss Murray pageant was well attended at the Murray Theater, where Sarah Christensen was crowned the new 2026 Miss Murray. He noted that Free Access was underway at the Murray Theater, allowing anyone to attend all events for free. Mayor Hales also mentioned that several concerts and other events are scheduled throughout the summer.

Adjournment: 7:17 p.m.

**Pattie Johnson
Council Office Administrator III**