

**MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of Tuesday, July 21, 2026

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

Attendance:

Council Members:

Paul Pickett	District #1
Pam Cotter	District #2
Clark Bullen	District #3
Diane Turner	District #4 – Vice Chair
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
Mark Richardson	Deputy Attorney	Brooke Smith	City Recorder
Craig Burnett	Police Chief	Brenda Moore	Finance Director
Joey Mittleman	Fire Chief	Ben Ford	Wastewater Superintendent
Hayley Crew	Library	Julia Pehrson	Library Director
Chelsea Hofmann	Library	Shaun Delliskave	Murray Journal
Jeff Martin	Parks Director	Brandon Richards	Public Works
Robyn Colton	Human Resource Director	Erica Brown	Chief Communications Officer
Ryan Madsen	IT Director	Ethan Runyan	IT Support
Citizens and Guests		Ben Gray	IT Support

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

Citizen Comments:

Kent Davis – Cottonwood Heights

Mr. Davis gave a general introduction about himself as a Candidate for Salt Lake County District Attorney.

Sam Chada – Murray Resident

Ms. Chada expressed concern about an article printed in the July edition of the Murray Journal titled The Pot Calling the Kettle a Rainbow, published under the "Common Ground" news column. She believed the article was propaganda, noted that the author, John J. Walker, was not a real person, and stated that it was also published in the Taylorsville, Millcreek, and Draper City Journal newspapers.

Special Recognition

1. **Murray City Employee of the Month, Hayley Crew, Customer Service Librarian.** Ms. Turner, Mayor Hales and Julia Pehrson presented Ms. Crew with a certificate and gift card in recognition of her outstanding service, creativity, and valuable organizational skills.

Consent Agenda

1. **Consider confirmation of the Mayor's reappointment of Gil Rodriguez to the Personnel Advisory Board for a term beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30 2029.** Mayor Hales introduced Mr. Rodriguez, expressing appreciation for his ability to speak fairly and honestly as a past board member, noting that Gil once held the position of Murray's Fire Chief and was well respected throughout the City.

2. **Consider confirmation of the Mayor's reappointment of Kyle Winther to the Personnel Advisory Board for a term beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30 2029.** Mayor Hales noted that Mr. Winther was not in attendance and stated that he was greatly qualified for reappointment.

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

Council Roll Call Vote

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

Business Items

1. **Consider an ordinance amending Section 2.62.120 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to Employee Holiday Vacations.** Human Resource Director Robyn Colton proposed that the City update its observation of Juneteenth, the federal holiday, to align with changes made during the 2026 State Legislative General Session. Ms. Colton explained that the City originally adopted Juneteenth to be celebrated on a Monday, which was also how the State initially observed it. Utah House Bill 309 changed the holiday so that, beginning in 2027, Utah would observe Juneteenth on June 19 to match the federal government's observance.

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

Council Roll Call Vote

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

2. **Consider a resolution approving and adopting the 2026 Wastewater Master Plan.** Wastewater Superintendent Ben Ford asked if there were any questions on the master plan he presented in a previous Committee of the Whole meeting. There were none.

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

Council Roll Call Vote

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

3. **Consider a resolution of the Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$1,074,000 aggregate principal amount of Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2026.** Finance Director Brenda Moore stated that Business Item #3 was related to Business Item #4 so she would discuss them in one presentation.

Ms. Moore explained how Murray City at one time operated wastewater and water services together as one entity under the same Water Department, and that all past bonds were called water and sewer bonds

that created accumulated debt. As a result the proposed resolution aimed to split outstanding bonds and bond documents that were still intertwined.

Ms. Moore stated that now was a good time to split the existing bonds to align with the current Wastewater Division and Water Division, which are now handled completely separately under the Public Works Department, with each division having its own Master Plan. She confirmed that all the old water and sewer bonds had been paid off, except for two original water and sewer bonds that were still outstanding and intertwined. The 2012 wastewater bonds and the 2019 water bonds have the same bondholder, the State, through the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Natural Resources.

Ms. Moore explained that to split the water and sewer bonds and documents, each bond would be paid off and new 2026 bonds would be reissued in the same amount for each division. The Wastewater Division would be responsible for its own bond covenants, and the Water Division would be responsible for its own bond covenants. She pointed out that the City Council would only be voting on the new bond parameters, while the Mayor would sign the paperwork for each new bond. Payment due dates would remain the same for a Wastewater bond of \$1,074,000 at the same interest rate of 2.5% and for a Water bond of approximately \$7.7 million at an interest rate of 1%. She emphasized that there would be no new debt accumulation.

MOTION: Mr. Pickett moved to authorize the issuance and sale of not more than \$1,074,000 aggregate principal amount of Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2026. Ms. Cotter SECONDED the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote

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

4. **Consider a resolution of the Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$7,791,000 aggregate principal amount of Water Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2026.**

MOTION: Mr. Bullen moved to authorize the issuance and sale of not more than \$7,791,000 aggregate principal amount of Water Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2026. Mr. Pickett SECONDED the motion.

Point of Order: Mr. Hock requested that voting be redone for Business Item #3 and #4, pointing out that motions should indicate the adoption of the resolution and the authorization to issue the bonds, which did not occur.

A vote was recast for Business Item #3: Consider a resolution of the Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$1,074,000 aggregate principal amount of Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2026.

MOTION: Mr. Bullen moved to approve the resolution and authorize the issuance and sale of not more than \$1,074,000 aggregate principal amount of Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2026. Mr. Pickett SECONDED the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote

Mr. Hock	Aye
Mr. Pickett	Aye

Ms. Cotter Aye
Mr. Bullen Aye
Ms. Turner Aye
Motion passed: 5-0

A vote was recast for Business Item #4: Consider a resolution of the Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$7,791,000 aggregate principal amount of Water Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2026.

MOTION: Mr. Bullen moved to approve the resolution and authorize the issuance and sale of not more than \$7,791,000 aggregate principal amount of Water Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2026. Mr. Pickett SECONDED the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote

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

Mayor's Report and Questions: Mayor Hales announced that the City would continue its ban on personal fireworks for the July 24 holiday. A positive outcome was also reported by Chief Mittelman regarding the emergency birth of a baby that was successfully handled by Murray first responders.

Adjournment: 7:01 p.m.

**Pattie Johnson
Council Office Administrator III**