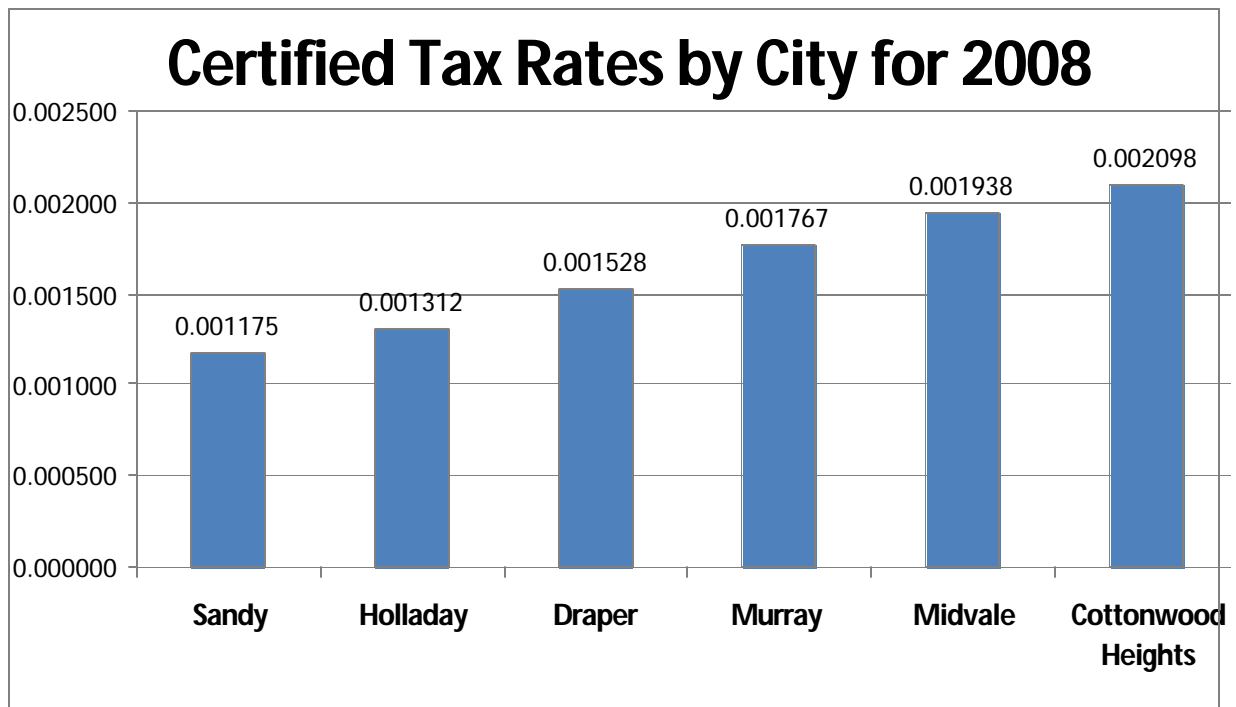


## Financial Update

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As a result of the current state of the economy we, along with many other cities in Salt Lake County, the State, and the Nation as a whole have begun to experience a major decrease in City revenue. As we begin to prepare the next fiscal year's budget the concern we have is that the depth and length of this recession remains unknown. Building permits, business licenses, and Class C road funds all show declining revenues.

Holladay is a bedroom community in that it does not rely heavily on sales tax for revenue. Property Tax receipts remain on budget with our sales tax revenues down about 4.5%. In fact Property Tax has decreased during that last ten years. In comparison Holladay City has one of the lowest rates in Salt Lake County. (see Chart)



As we begin the process of assembling the 2009-2010 budgets we are doing so conscientiously and trying to understand the fiscal uncertainty. There will always be an emphasis on Public Safety. Revenue from the newly imposed Municipal Energy Tax being collected by the City will be dedicated to roads and their maintenance. So this year you will begin see an abundance of road projects.

One of the benefits of Holladay is our staff is small and efficient, allowing the City Council to concentrate on programs that benefit the City as a whole.

Over the last four years we have received an ongoing grant to be used on the Holladay Village Center. During the next few months you will begin to see that grant money being put to work.

