

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, February 4, 2010
6:00 p.m.
Helper Auditorium
Council Chambers
19 South Main
Helper, Utah 84526

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Dean Armstrong

City Staff

Council Members:

Kirk Mascaro
Chris Pugliese (Absent Excused)
Robert Bradley
Gary Harwood
Brandon Wise

City Recorder Jona Skerl
Chief Trent Anderson (Absent Excused)
City Attorney Gene Strate
Public Works Orlando Ochoa

Citizens: Jared Anderson, Donald Mortensen, Ann Evans, Amanda Maddox, Travis Raby, Deell Fifield, Lynn Steffensen, Amanda Holley, Stephanie Fitzsimons, Troy Gallegos.

The regular meeting of the Helper City Council was called to order by Mayor Armstrong at 6:00.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES January 7, 2010.

Council Member Mascaro moved to approve the minutes of January 7, 2010. Council Member Wise seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley , Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON BUSINESS LICENSE FOR STARDUST LLC. AT 49 A STREET.

Amanda Maddox told the council that she would be making some jewelry and doing clothing design.

Council Member Mascaro moved to approve the business license for Stardust LLC. at 49 A Street. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley , Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

STEPHANIE FITZSIMONS UPDATE ON MUSEUM.

Museum Director, Stephanie Fitzsimons, updated the council on the progress of the Lincoln Exhibit. Ms. Fitzsimons had secured a restaurant tax grant for 80% of the cost of advertising and bringing in Civil War actors and a band that plays that period of music. The exhibit will run from June 18 to July 16, 2010.

DEELL FIFIELD DISCUSSION ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN.

Mr. Fifield explained the emergency preparedness plans and how it will help the city. Mr. Fifield and Mr. Steffensen retired from the Utah Homeland Security office and now are hired by the State to consult with cities and counties on getting their emergency preparedness plans updated. The council told Mr. Fifield that they would do whatever is needed to get the plans updated. Council Member Wise told the council without the updated plan all federal funding for the city, such as grants and class c road fund would be withdrawn.

DELYNN FIELDING RECYCLE/ENTERPRISE RENEWAL AND B.E.A.R. REPORT.

Mr. Fielding handed the council the latest reports from the B.E.A.R. program. Mr. Fielding also reported that that the Recycle and Enterprise Zone Resolutions must be adopted.

JARED ANDERSON, EMERY TELCOM, DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON CELL TOWER.

Mr. Anderson asked the council if they would approve the cell tower site on Reservoir Hill. The council all agreed to lease some property to Emery Telcom as soon as they can determine where the best location would be.

Council Member Mascaro moved to approve leasing a small parcel of property to Emery Telcom for a cell tower. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

MICHELE GOLDSMITH ON USING THE PARK FOR THE BROTHERHOOD OF MOTORCYCLE CLUB.

Council Member Bradley told the council that he received an email from Mr. Hughes explaining when the event would happen. They would like to use the main park for camping again for about 20 to 30 motorcyclists. They would only be here July 9 and 10, 2010 for the Lincoln Exhibit. Mayor Armstrong stated that he did not have a problem with them staying in the park as long as we have an ordinance in place to address overnight camping. Mayor Armstrong would like to see a registration form filled out and a fee administered by the city. Council agreed there should be some form of registration and fee to cover cost at the park.

Council Member Wise moved to allow the Brotherhood of Motorcycle Club to camp in the Main Park on July 9 and 10, 2010. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

TROY GALLEGOS DISCUSSION ON LATE FEE.

Mr. Gallegos told the council that he thought he had dropped his payment for his utility bill in the night drop on the weekend of the 10th. He was charged a \$20 late fee on his bill and he felt that he had paid on time. The council reviewed his account information and his payment was dropped off on the weekend of the 17th and the late fee was assessed on the 15th. Mayor Armstrong told Mr. Gallegos that the fee was correct and everyone that is late is charged a fee of \$20. Everyone is given a grace period of five businesses days after the 10th before the late fee is charged.

HENRY SIMONE DISCUSSION ON LATE FEE.

Mr. Simone was not present.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON ORDINANCE 2010-1 ISSUANCE OF BUSINESS LICENSES.

Mayor Armstrong explained to the council that with one meeting a month the issuance of a business licenses could be delayed. Mayor Armstrong suggested that the City Recorder approve all licenses unless there is a problem with the business application. The City Recorder will report to the council every meeting on what businesses have been given a license.

Council Member Mascaro moved to approve Ordinance 2010-1 issuance of Business Licenses. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood and in favor with no one in opposition Ordinance 2010-1 passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON ORDINANCE 2010-2 MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve Ordinance 2010-2 meetings of the City Council Member Wise seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood and in favor with no one in opposition Ordinance 2010-2 passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

DISCUSSION ON RESOLUTION 2010-1 NEW CONSTRUCTION, REPAIRING OR REPLACEMENT CURBS, GUTTERS OR SIDEWALKS.

This item will be rolled over to the next agenda.

DISCUSSION ON RESOLUTION 2010-2 RENEWAL OF THE ENTERPRISE ZONE.

This item will be rolled over to the next agenda.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON PURCHASING A RADIO INTERNET DISH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.

Council Member Wise explained to the council that the purchase of the internet dish will help communication for the police department and the City Hall internet more efficient. Mayor Armstrong asked if the city had received the wireless system for reading the springs and water tanks. Council Member Harwood told the council that the system is not working but did not know what had been done on the project.

Council Member Mascaro moved to purchase the internet dish for \$2,500. Council Member Wise seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Mascaro, Wise voting yes, Harwood and Bradley voting no and Mayor Armstrong breaking the tie voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON PURCHASING A TURN OUT JACKET FOR FIREMAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$800.

Council Member Wise moved to purchase the turn out jacket for the Fire Department. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON N.I.M.S. TRAINING.

Council Member Wise informed the council that N.I.M.S. training had to be done by all the supervisors and all council members. The city could lose funding opportunities, and B & C road funds could be held. Mayor Armstrong told the council that the city employees and elected officials who have not been certified must have training to get certified in N.I.M.S.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON C.D.B.G. PAYMENT FOR RIO THEATER.

Mayor Armstrong asked that the council think about paying the C.D.B.G. grant payment in full within the next two years. This will open the door again for the city to apply for C.D.B.G. grants. The council agreed to review the budget and make plans if possible to pay off the grant within two years.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**BOYACK RIGHT-A-WAY.**

Mayor Armstrong will meet with Mr. Boyack.

FRANCHISE RIGHTS FOR EMERY TELCOM.

Attorney Strate will work with Jared Anderson, Emery Telcom to work out the franchise agreement and bring it to the council for review.

DON JACKSON WATER ISSUE.

Attorney Strate will talk to Steve Clyde (Clyde Snow Law Firm) on the agreement for the surplus water.

KEY BANK LEASE.

Nothing to report.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.

No motion was made.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT

Public Works Director Orlando Ochoa informed the council about a water line on Main Street and a sewer line root problem that Twin D Inc. came down and cleaned out roots and cement. Mr. Ochoa would like to have a maintenance schedule set up with Twin D to do all sewer lines.

Recorder Jona Skerl told the council that the Museum Director wanted to allow the Civil War actors to set up a camp in the Museum Mining Display area for visitors to view. All the actors would need is two port a potties for the weekend.

Council Member Bradley discussed power for Morgantown and 1st West the Utah Power and Light engineers are working on the design for the upgrade.

Council Member Mascaro told the council that he is getting some bids to repair and refinish the auditorium floor and painting the upstairs.

Mayor Armstrong reported on sending a letter to Morgantown to show the support of the city for their project that will bring in about 20 new jobs. The council is invited to do a walk through of the new mission on Friday at 5:00 PM. The Fire Department has hired three new volunteer firemen to start this month. The Mayor would like the council to start thinking about a fees for movie companies the may be coming into Helper.

There being no further business Council Member Mascaro moved to adjourn. Council Member Wise seconded the motion. Motion Carried Bradley, Mascaro, Wise Harwood voting yes. Meeting adjourned.

I here by certify that the fore going represents a true, accurate and complete record of the Helper City Council meeting held on Thursday, February 4, 2010.

Dean Armstrong
Mayor

Jona Skerl
City Recorder

Approved on March 4, 2010