

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, January 7, 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
City Attorney Gene Strate
Public Works Orlando Ochoa

Citizens: Sam White, Billie Sampinos, Juanita Valdez, Dean Barker, Travis J .Daley, Tom Paluso, Troy Gallejos, Donald Mortensen, Scott Henseler, Michael Overson.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES December 17, 2009.

Council Member Mascaro moved to approve the minutes of December 17, 2009. Council Member Wise seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley , Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON BUSINESS LICENSE FOR LIVING BALANCE STUDIOS AT 208 SOUTH MAIN.

Owner Sam White explained to the council Living Balance Studios would have two to three massage therapist and counselors on how to improve your health.

Council Member Mascaro moved to approve the business license for Living Balance Studios. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley , Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON BUSINESS LICENSE FOR GALLEGOS HANDYMAN SERVICE AT 303 SOUTH MAIN.

Council Member Mascaro moved to approve the business license for Gallegos Handyman Service. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley , Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON E.I.S. ENGINEERING PROPOSAL.

Tom Paluso, engineer at E.I.S., asked the council if they would be interested in having an infrastructure study done for water, sewer, storm water management etc. Legion Engineers merged with E.I. S. and would be able to do a study for about \$50,000 to \$100,000. Mayor Armstrong stated that the State governs Helper's procurement process and that would have to be done before a commit could be made. Having these types of plans in place would help in future funding. Mr. Paluso told the council this study would be helpful in revising the General Plan that should address the infrastructure. The State requires a long term plan for infrastructure to be in place before a proposal to fund improvements can be submitted.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS FOR 2010.

Mayor Armstrong appointment recommendations are as follows: Council Member Brandon Wise departments Library, Parks, and events. Council Member Chris Pugliese departments Public Works, Pool and Planning and Zoning. Council Member Robert Bradley Electric department and events. Council Member Kirk Mascaro departments Building, Museum, Rio Theater and Mayor Pro Tempore. Council Member Gary Harwood Price River Water Improvement District Board Member. All Council Members will be on Economic Development and Building Authority. All employees for the Municipal Offices will stay the same and all board members will stay the same pending advertisements.

Council Member Mascaro moved to approve the Mayor's appointments. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley , Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON 60/40 CURB AND GUTTER RESOLUTION.

Mayor Armstrong would like the council to consider making small changes to the 60/40 curb and gutter resolution such as a time limit on submitting a bill for payment. Mayor Armstrong also pointed out the last paragraph states funding is limited so a budget should be considered for this item. Council will look over the resolution and get changes to Attorney Strate.

DISCUSSION ON RURAL BUSINESS CONFERENCE.

Mayor Armstrong told the council that there was a chance for Helper to get a free booth at this year Rural Business Conference. This is a chance for us to promote Helper and all its positive points. Mayor Armstrong encouraged the council to come and help get Helpers' name out there.

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

Mayor Armstrong will meet with Mr. Boyack.

FRANCHISE RIGHTS FOR EMERY TELCOM.

Nothing to report.

DON JACKSON WATER ISSUE.

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

KEY BANK LEASE.

Attorney Strate heard from Key Bank to lease the property for \$50.00 per month. The council still felt Key Bank should pay \$350 per month plus liability insurance or buy the property for \$5,000.

Council Member Wise moved to offer Key Bank to purchase the property for \$5,000 with utility easement and five feet from the road or lease for \$350 per month plus liability insurance. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.

No motion was made.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT

Attorney Strate reported the Molinar property issue has been resolved and the title has been recorded back to the city.

Recorder Jona Skerl explained to the council on when the agenda closes and the reports from the council and departments will be included on minutes, also the budget needs to be done early because of the one meeting a month.

Council Member Bradley discussed power for Morgantown and 1st West there is a possible grant from EDA.

Mayor Armstrong reminded the council to sign PO's at least once a week. The Mayor encouraged training as long as it is in the budget and approved by him. Mayor Armstrong along with Gary Harwood will be working on Water Conservation Plan. The police department will be reengaging with the Drug Task Force. Mayor Armstrong told the Council that he will be having office hours for the Mayor 8 A.M.-10 A.M. on Tuesday and 3:00 P.M. to 5 P.M. on Thursday and encouraged the council to do the same and use the office for their needs such as working, filing etc.

There being no further business Council Member Wise moved to adjourn. Council Member Bradley 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, January 7, 2010.

Dean Armstrong
Mayor

Jona Skerl
City Recorder

Approved on February 4, 2010