

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, December 1, 2011
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
Robert Bradley
Gary Harwood
Brandon Wise

City Recorder Jona Skerl
Chief Trent Anderson
City Attorney Gene Strate

Citizens: Zach Heywood, Donald Mortensen, Mark Wickman, John Serfustini

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Armstrong directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES October 13, November 3, 15, 2011.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve the minutes of October 13, November 3 & 15, 2011. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON PROJECTOR FOR COUNCIL ROOM.

Mayor Armstrong told the council due to the condition of the budget the projector will be put on hold for now.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON RIO THEATER CONTRACT AND STAFFING.

Council Member Mascaro asked the council to appoint an advisory board to replace the contracted group for handling the Rio Theater management. Council Member Mascaro told the council the current committee would like to finish the theater. Mayor Armstrong informed the council the contract could be terminated with the Helper Arts Council and a board can be appointed. Mayor Armstrong encouraged council members to make recommendations for the board and give them to Council Member Mascaro.

Council Member Mascaro moved to terminate the contract with the Helper Arts Council and restructure the management of the Rio Theater through the city and establish an Advisory Board. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON PART-TIME EMPLOYEE.

Mayor Armstrong explained Chief Anderson is trying to obtain the C.E.R.T. office here so there will be a person in the office part-time to assist with general office duties. Chief Anderson needed a commitment from the council to help pay for the salary of the part-time employee. Council Member Harwood agreed the police department needed some help however, the budget restraints may not allow the city to pay for the employee. Mayor Armstrong pointed out the police budget would remain the same and there are several matching in kind services to offer. Chief Anderson will be attending a meeting with the C.E.R.T team and will report back to the council if it is even possible to move the C.E.R.T. office to Helper.

Council Member Bradley moved to support the C.E.R.T. office moving to Helper Police Station with no monetary commitment at this time. Council Member Wise seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON ORDINANCE 2011-6 MEETING DATES FOR 2012.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve Ordinance 2011-6 meeting dates for 2012. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood in favor with no one in opposition Ordinance 2011-6 passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ON DOLINSKI BUILDING CLAIM.

Council Member Bradley told the council Mr. Dolinski made a compelling argument that the city should help pay for the clean-up in his basement. City Recorder Skerl explained to the council Mr. Dolinski could not produce a receipt of payment for the clean-up. Council Member Harwood witnessed the water damage and the clean-up of the basement.

Council Member Bradley moved to pay Mr. Dolinski \$300 if documentation can be presented. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON YEAR END EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION.

Council Member Mascaro moved to give all employees a \$25.00 gift certificate to show appreciation. Council Member Wise seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley, Mascaro, Wise voting yes. Pugliese and Harwood abstaining.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON POLICIES AND FEES FOR RECREATIONAL USE OF THE AUDITORIUM.

Mayor Armstrong apologized to Council Member Mascaro for allowing a basketball team to practice in the auditorium without notifying him. Mayor Armstrong felt that having the building used gives the appearance of events on Main Street. Attorney Strate had concerns with liability insurance if the teams would be covered under the city's insurance. The council discussed different charges and controlling the noise during library hours. Mayor Armstrong would like to charge a key deposit that would be refunded after the key is returned. The responsible party must register at City Hall, supervise the team, sweep up the floor and dispose all trash in the dumpster. Council agreed this was a good direction to go and will have a Resolution prepared with the fees for the next council meeting.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON POLICIES AND FESS FOR RECREATIONAL USE OF THE RIO THEATER.

Discussed in the item above.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.

Council Member Mascaro moved to go into a closed session for personnel issues. Council Member Wise seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT.

Chief Anderson reported on the light parade and a grant to update the police polices.

Council Member Mascaro reported on the light parade everything is going well about 20 floats have been registered. The furnace at the city hall needs to be replaced and new one has been ordered the cost will be about \$7,000.

Council Member Pugliese reported the city crew repaired the bucket truck for about \$3,000. Everyone who has not turned in the General Plan needs to do so the Planning and Zoning Commission can complete the General Plan.

Mayor Armstrong reported Judge Murdock had returned to work and is doing well. A special meeting will be held on December 15, 2011 at 6:00 PM to review the budget with Auditor Doug Rasmussen. Arts Festival needs a chairman if anyone has recommendations on who could handle the job. The Arts Festival Committee has talked about hiring someone to do the job which takes about 100 hours. The Arts Festival committee also needs storage space for all of the banners etc.

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

I hereby certify that the fore going represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Helper City Council meeting held on Thursday, December 1, 2011.

Dean Armstrong
Mayor

Jona Skerl
City Recorder

Approved on January 5, 2012