

**MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Thursday, June 2, 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: John Serfustini, Amanda Holley, John Daniels, Keith Cox, Kathleen Royster  
Jinni Lund and Scott Critchett .

**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 May 5 and 19, 2011.**

Council Member Mascaro moved to approve the minutes of May 5 and 19, 2011.  
Council Member Wise seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley,  
Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON COMMUNITY IMPACT BOARD GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR WATER PROJECTS AND MASTER CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN.**

Mayor Armstrong opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 to receive comments on Helper City applying to the Community Impact Board for grants on water projects and a Master Capital Facilities Plan. There being no comments Council Member Wise moved to close the public hearing at 6:05 and approve the application to the C.I.B. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

## **PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2011-4 FOR BUDGET 2011-2012 AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2011-5 AMENDING THE BUDGET 2010-2011.**

Mayor Armstrong opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. to receive comments on the budget 2011-2012 and the amending of the 2010-2011 budget. This budget includes transfers from the electric, water, sewer and garbage enterprise funds. There being no comments Council Member Mascaro moved to close the public hearing at 6:07 p.m and that Resolution 2011-4 and Resolution 2011-5 be approved. Council Member Bradley 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 Resolution 2011-4 and Resolution 2011-5 passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

## **JOHN DANIELS AND KEITH COX DISCUSSION ON A DAY OF SERVICE.**

Mr. Daniels addressed the council on having a day of service in Helper. Volunteers from various church groups would all meet at the Lions Park and then disburse throughout the city to help anyone in need. The Helper LDS Stake would like to have a free swim day for anyone who would like to come. Mayor Armstrong commended the committee that has been putting this together and volunteered to help find people in need. Mr. Daniels asked for a few more garbage cans at the park for the breakfast before or ice cream after for all the volunteers. Mr. Daniels asked if a volunteer cleans up some ones yard and left garbage on the curbside would the city be willing to pick it up? Mayor and council agreed that the park fee and pool fees would be waived for the event and all request will be met.

Council Member Mascaro moved to waive the all fees for the event. Council Member Wise seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

## **SUSAN DAVIS DISCUSSION ON "PEOPLE FIRST" DISABLED ADULTS.**

Ms. Davis was not in attendance.

## **LAPORTE GROUP DISCUSSION ON AVALON ISSUES JONATHAN CLARK AND SCOTT CRITCHETT.**

Mr. Critchett addressed the council on holding the security deposits for the Laporte Group, so they may continue to help their tenants. Laporte has been paying for the security deposits for the tenants so that the utilities can be connected in the tenant's name. Laporte had asked us not to refund the balance of the deposit to the tenant if when they move out. However, if the tenant owes Helper a bill that bill comes out of the deposit so not all of your deposits would remain the same amount. The amount of the deposit is \$125 this would be hard to keep track of and Laporte would have to make up the difference if the tenant owes a bill. Mr. Critchett told the council that he would come back to the next meeting for the council's suggestions on how to resolve the problem.

## **DAVID GERRARD ON BILLBOARD SUGGESTIONS.**

Mr. Gerrard, Sign Edge, described the condition of Helper City's billboards and passed out some new billboard suggestions. Mr. Gerrard explained that billboards need to be change more often than every two to three years. People get a custom to seeing the same old billboard and they just don't read them. If you change those more often they will pay attention to them. Mr. Gerrard suggested changing the billboards every quarter or at least twice a year. The council agreed to look over the new designs and let Sign Edge redo the billboards at a cost of \$3,236.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve a new billboard covers in the amount of \$3,236. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

## **HELPER ARTS FESTIVAL UPDATE.**

Co-Chairman Kathleen Royster reported on the Helper Arts Festival progress. Ms. Royster told the council that things were going great and there were more donations this year than last. Ms. Royster handed out flyers that would be going out to vendors and businesses throughout the state.

## **JERRY DOLINSKI ON DRAINAGE ISSUE.**

Mr. Dolinski was not in attendance.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON CERTIFIED TAX RATE.**

Council Member Wise moved to approve the certified tax rate set by the state for 2011. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON SEWER REPAIRS ON SOUTH MAIN.**

Council Member Harwood reported to the council that there had been some sewer line problems at the beginning of South Main Street. The line needs to be replaced and every house needs to have a lateral. Council Member Harwood told the council that the cost of the materials for the project will be about \$2,500. This would affect only four homeowners and would require easements from all of them.

Council Member Mascaro moved to approve the sewer project at South Main in the amount of \$2,500. Council Member Pugliese seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON CEMENT WORK FOR BATTING CAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.**

Council Member Harwood moved to approve the cement work for batting cage in the amount of \$5,000. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

**MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.**

Council Member Wise moved to go to a closed session to discuss a possible litigation issue. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve return to an open meeting. 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 that dispatch fees were going to increase \$5,000. He had voted against the increase. Chief Anderson also applied for a grant to replace the bulletproof vest.

Council Member Harwood reported PRWID may be increasing impact fees from anywhere from \$400 up to \$3,200.

Council Member Wise reported on the new weed sprayer and that the Friends of the Library will be getting its 501 3C.

Council Member Bradley reported the pool will be opened on June 4 and he had 15 lifeguards after holding a lifeguard class.

Council Member Pugliese reported on the CIB Grant application and that Franson Engineering would be coming down and going to the springs in a couple weeks.

There being no further business Council Member Wise moved to adjourn. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried Pugliese, Bradley, and Harwood voting yes. Meeting adjourned. Council Member Mascaro was not present for this motion.

I here by certify that the fore going represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Helper City Council meeting held on Thursday, June 2, 2011.

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Dean Armstrong  
Mayor

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Jona Skerl  
City Recorder

Approved on July 7, 2011