

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, October 6, 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 (absent)

Deputy Recorder Joan Burgess
Chief Trent Anderson
City Attorney Gene Strate

Citizens: John Serfustini, Morgan Lund, Jason Carey, Bo Christensen, John Jones, DeLynn Fielding, Andrew Lasslo, Richard Heller, Zach Heywood

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES September 1, 2011 and September 15, 2011.

Council Member Bradley moved to approve the minutes of September 1 and September 15, 2011. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON ST ANTHONY'S CARNIVAL LOCAL CONSENT FOR LICENSE.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve the Local Consent License for St Anthony's Carnival. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, and Harwood voting yes.

ANDREW LASSLO ON AUDITORIUM FEE FOR DINNER.

Andrew Lasslo addressed the City Council with details about the dinner the New Life Ministries Church wants to provide to the public on November 20th. The dinner would be for those who can not afford a Thanksgiving Dinner. Mr. Lasslo asked the Council if it would be possible to waive the auditorium fee for the event. Mayor Armstrong pointed out that the Catholic Church is charged for the auditorium, this event is a for profit event. Andrew Lasso stated they would like to let residents know about the dinner, it was suggested that the information could be put on the back of the utility bill.

Council Member Mascaro moved to approve waiving the auditorium fee for Thanksgiving dinner provided for by New Life Ministries Church. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, and Harwood voting yes.

DELYNN FIELDING ON REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

Mayor Armstrong stated that he is working with the Bear Program, Carbon Emery Economic Development and Business Expansion and Retention people. Mayor Armstrong has been advised that Helper City has to do a better job at getting the word out about the opportunities and programs that provide benefits to our community. DeLynn Fielding explained how positive public relations in a city can be a useful tool. Mr. Fielding said he would like to educate the City Council further and explained more in detail of what RDA is and does. Mayor Armstrong said he would like to see the RDA discussion put on the work meeting agenda for October 13th so a decision could be made.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON CREATING A KAYAK PARK.

Mayor Armstrong explained how the Price River going through the center of town is key to the Homeowner Management Plan and is already established as a recreation corridor by already having a parkway. Jason Carey engineer from River Restoration spoke to the council about the excellent recreational possibilities the Price River could provide to Helper City. Mr. Carey provided a presentation on what his company could provide and explained what the possibilities of developing the river could do for the businesses and growth of Helper. Bo Christensen from Carbon County Recreation stated with the involvement he has in river activities thinks this would be a great idea. Council Member Bradley said the first step should be a commitment from the City to support the possibility of developing the river, Mayor Armstrong voiced that he would like to see the river project as part of the infrastructure development.

Council Member Bradley moved to support more research of the river expansion project and possibly include it into the General Plan and discuss it with the engineers. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON RESOLUTION 2011-6 USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN CITY PARKS.

Mayor Armstrong stated the Policy statement was well worded.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve Resolution 2011-6 Use of tobacco products in city parks. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Bradley, Pugliese, Mascaro and Harwood in favor with no one in opposition. Resolution 2011-6 passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON RESOLUTION 2011-7 RECERTIFICATION OF JUSTICE COURT.

Council Member Mascaro moved to approve Resolution 2011-7 Recertification of Justice Court. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Bradley, Pugliese, Mascaro and Harwood in favor with no one in opposition. Resolution 2011-7 passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON RESOLUTION 2011-8 and 2011-9 ELECTION PLACES AND JUDGES.

Mayor Armstrong read the list of the 2011 election judges.

Council Member Mascaro moved to approve Resolution 2011-8 Election places for 2011. Council Member Pugliese seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Bradley, Pugliese, Mascaro and Harwood in favor with no one in opposition Resolution 2011-8 passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Council Member Bradley moved to approve Resolution 2011-9 Election judges for 2011. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Bradley, Pugliese, Mascaro and Harwood in favor with no one in opposition Resolution 2011-9 passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON ORDINANCE 2011-3 FOR MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL.

Mayor Armstrong recommended that the city adopt the IRS document rate for mileage.

Council Member Pugliese moved to adopt Ordinance 2011-3 using the IRS document rate for mileage reimbursement for travel. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON JUDGE STORRS AND JUDGE STREAM TEMPORARY JUDGES FOR ABSENT JUDGE MURDOCK.

Mayor Armstrong explained that Judge Storrs and Judge Stream have been filling in for Judge Murdock and volunteering their time, the City now needs to approve temporary judges during Judge Murdock's absence due to illness.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve Judge Storrs and Judge Stream Temporary Judges in lieu of absent Judge Murdock. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON PURCHASING CHAIRS FOR RIO THEATER.

Mayor Armstrong stated money has already been raised and ear marked, Council Member Mascaro said the time is right to get the chairs installed. Richard Heller/Balance Rock Hospitality & Gaming said there would be 270 seats and 5 wheel chair spots. The council discussed the style and color of the chair with Richard Heller as he explained what he would recommend for the Rio Theater. Erwin Seating quoted \$187.02 per chair, total amount of \$50,495.40 installed with warranty. Morgan Lund would like to try to get a matching grant to get other jobs finished, he would need an estimate on the job to apply for a grant, Council Member Mascaro will get him the figures to get additional funding. Richard Heller said that the city would need to uninstall old seats and prepare the floor for installation and he would need a commitment in writing before ordering the chairs.

Council Member Mascaro moved to approve to authorize the purchase of chairs for the Rio Theater contracted through Richard Heller/Balance Rock Hospitality. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON PURCHASING A NEW PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING.

Mayor Armstrong stated that the current public works building is not adequate anymore and some buildings have been looked at to use for public works. Mayor Armstrong said the building at 435 North Main is a possibility, he would like to get a commercial appraisal on the building. The city can not go to CIB or get other funding without an appraisal. Council Member Bradley noted that he asked Jean Boyack to do research on city owned properties. Council Member Pugliese said another possible place would be by the old dump but a new building would have to be built. Councilman Bradley would like to see the building used for storage and nothing kept out front. Gary Harwood stated there is a fairly good spot on Reservoir Hill, but the location of it and the old dump are not that good. Mayor Armstrong and council agreed that a new building right now is not the best idea, other necessary purchases are more important at this time. Item tabled for further discussion after appraisal is complete.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve a commercial appraisal on building at 435 North Main. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON JACKSON WATER ISSUE.

Attorney Strate stated Attorney Steve Clyde prepared a draft of the surplus water agreement. Attorney Strate made a proposal to the council that the mayor could sign the agreement with any needed changes because of the court ordered time limit. Attorney Strate would like to have a conference call with Steve Clyde, council members and the Jackson attorney to iron out document details. Council Member Harwood will call Frandsen Engineering to get survey information before the phone conference.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.

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

Council Member Harwood moved to exit the closed session. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, and Harwood voting

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT.

Deputy Recorder Burgess reported that Scott Fausett removed his name from 2011 election and reminded City Council about the work meeting with Planning and Zoning on October 13th at 6:00.

Council Member Harwood requested he would like a closed session on personnel issue. Mark Wickman would like to see some type of carpet put down on the new floor in the auditorium during events like the Catholic Carnival and Craft Fair. The city might need to purchase some type of carpet or padding for such events.

Council Member Mascaro thanked the city crews for help in museum and auditorium. Auditorium floor looks great, light parade moving forward and the museum is still having flooding problems. Discussion on buying fans and small heaters to dry things out before there is a mold problem.

Council Member Bradley reported on the tree trimming going on in the city, noted it will less expensive to trim 30 trees than to pay for one power outage.

Council Member Pugliese reported there are always repairs to do.

There being no further business Council Member Mascaro moved to adjourn. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro and 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, October 6, 2011.

Dean Armstrong
Mayor

Joan Burgess
Deputy Recorder

Approved on November 3, 2011