

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, September 20, 2012
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
Jason Llewelyn

City Recorder Jona Skerl
Chief Trent Anderson
City Attorney Gene Strate

Citizens: Brittany McCourt, Morgan Lund, Officer John Stephen and John Serfustini.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Armstrong directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

JOHN PAUL HREINSON ON LEGION FIELD.

Mr. Hreinson was not present at the meeting. Council Member Llewelyn updated the council on the progress at the Legion Field. The field has been leveled and is ready for the new sprinkler system and sod. Jeff Cisneros is marking off the infield so Public Works Department can proceed with project. The cost will be approximately \$7,500 for both the sod and sprinkler system. Mayor Armstrong told the council the county has donated labor and equipment for this project.

Council Member Llewelyn moved to approve the new sprinklers and sod for the Legion Field up to the amount of \$7,500. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON SURPLUS WORK VEHICLE.

Council Member Harwood moved to surplus Public Works 1989 Chevrolet truck. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON FIX IT COMPLIANCE.

Mayor Armstrong stated he was actively recruiting Board of Health members, our ordinance currently requires four members with the Mayor as the ex-officio. Officer John Stephen questioned the nuisance ordinance vagueness and hoped the board would change the ordinance. Mayor Armstrong pointed out the vagueness helps in prosecuting and the new board will create uniform guidelines to eliminate confusion. Mayor Armstrong declared he would be appointing a Board of Health the current plan is not working and we need to try something different.

DISCUSSION ON RIO THEATER.

Mayor Armstrong summarized the issues with the Rio Theater, one getting management in the Rio and second finding funding to complete the Rio. Council Member Mascaro reported a grant for brick and mortar to complete the Rio Theater has been submitted for 2013. Mayor Armstrong stated the city needs to commit to having someone run the Rio Theater in order to get grants for the completion. Mayor Armstrong remarked he would like to see a formal agreement with Morgan Lund to get his interns in the Rio and start running the theater. A draft agreement will be presented to Debbie Hatt ,SEUALG, for approval. Morgan Lund would like to split the amount of \$35,000 between two fiscal years. Mr. Lund will be hiring employees to cover the CDBG grant requirements so the city will no longer have to pay the CDBG.

Council Member Harwood moved to enter in to a formal agreement with Lund/Fontana Enterprises LLC to manage the Rio Theater with the approval of Debbie Hatt and City Attorney Strate. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON LAND BETWEEN 148 & 146 PALMER STREET.

Council Member Harwood moved to vacant Scovill Street. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON ATV ROUTE UPDATES.

This item will be rolled over to the next agenda.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON MUSEUM STAFFING.

This item will be rolled over to the next agenda.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON RELOCATION OF THE HELPER JUSTICE COURT.

Mayor Armstrong suggested to the council on moving the Justice Court into the Mayor's office. The council will take Mayor Armstrong's recommendation under consideration.

Council Member Bradley moved to consider relocating the Justice Court upstairs into the Mayor's office. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON UTILITY RATE SCHEDULE.

Mayor Armstrong recounted the discussion on the utility rate structure for repayment of the bonds. Franson Engineering designed several scenarios on rates for water, sewer and a storm drain fee that would generate enough funds to repay the loans acquired for the Sewer and Water project. Mayor Armstrong informed the council the rates should take effect as soon as possible to build up a payment fund required by the Bond Council. Mayor Armstrong described the different scenario to the council such as \$44.50 for water, \$31.50 for sewer and \$5.00 storm drain fee.

DISCUSSION AND/ OR APPROVAL ON UPGRADE IMPROVEMENTS TO PRIVATE PROPERTY.

Council Member Harwood explained to the council there are about 100 residents with sewer lines to the rear of their homes. The new project will bring the sewer line to the front of the home. The cost could be a large sum for the homeowner or the city to replace driveways, landscape, etc. There will be an open house on October 3 at 6:00 PM to discuss and inform only the affected residents how the project will affect their property.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON BRIDGE MAINTENANCE REQUIRED BY U.D.O.T.

Mayor Armstrong told the council as required by U.D.O.T, a fence will be installed on the wings of the bridge located on North Main.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON BORLA FIELD RESTROOM CONSTRUCTION.

Mayor Armstrong suggested putting a wood structure up for the new restrooms at the Borla Field. Council Member Llewelyn stated a block structure can be cleaned easily and would hold up to vandalism. Council Member Harwood reminded the council that someone had started fires in the park restrooms and a wood structure would have been destroyed. Mayor Armstrong informed the council the scoreboard will need to be replaced next year.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON CITY WIDE WEED ABATEMENT.

No further discussion.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON NEW LAWN MOWERS.

Mayor Armstrong advised the council that a new lawn mower may be needed in the amount \$9800 for next year's budget.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON REPAIRING WEED MOWER TRUCK.

Mayor Armstrong stated the weed mower truck needs a new clutch. Council Member Harwood felt that the repair could be done in house.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON POLICY OF WINTER BASKETBALL YOUTH LEAGUE USE OF AUDITORIUM.

The council will enforce last year's policy.

DISCUSSION OF LOCATION AND USE OF EXERCISE WEIGHT EQUIPMENT DONATED TO THE CITY.

Mayor Armstrong informed the council gym quality weight equipment was donated by Dave Dornan if the city would like to accept the equipment. The council felt the equipment would be a liability.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON NEW BILLBOARDS.

Mayor Armstrong asked the council if they would like to change the billboards. The council decided to stay with the current billboards.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON NEW FLAGGER CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.

Council Member Harwood explained a certified flagger must be used for any work done on state roads. Flaggers must attend a two day class to obtain the certification needed to fill the requirement.

Council Member Bradley moved to send two employees to the flagger certification class. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.

There was no motion for a closed session.

There being no further business Council Member Llewelyn moved to adjourn. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn 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, September 20, 2012.

Dean Armstrong
Mayor

Jona Skerl
City Recorder

Approved on October 4, 2012