

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, April 4, 2013
6:00 p.m.
Helper Auditorium
Council Chambers
19 South Main
Helper, Utah 84526

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Edward Chavez

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: Scott Stoddard, Joy Bradley, Jeff Cisneros, Orlando Ochoa and John Serfustini.

The regular meeting of the Helper City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tempore Mascaro at 6:00.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES March 7, 14, and 28 2013.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve the minutes of March 7, 14 and 28 2013. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

SCOTT STODDARD RIVER RESTORATION PRESENTATION.

Mr. Stoddard informed the council on the progress that has been made on the River Restoration. Mr. Stoddard told the council so far there have been no city funds expended for the project. We are now looking into another grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the Division of Water Quality. Mr. Stoddard explained the project will be moving forward in the fall on a 500 foot section on the river if all easements are in place. Mr. Stoddard presented to the council, a conceptual drawing of the purposed section of the river that is to be reformed.

DISCUSSION ON LITTLE LEAGUE AND AMERICAN LEGION FIELDS.

Jeff Cisneros informed the council June 1 will be the start of the season and this year there will be all star games here for the first time on July 20. Mr. Cisneros told the council anything he can do to help get the field ready to just let him know. Nielson construction will bring up their industrial roller once the dirt is in place. Council Member Harwood has been working on the field and explained there is a need for some kind a of retaining wall behind third base, perhaps some railroad ties.

Council Member Llewelyn was contacted by Boyd Anderson about putting in restrooms at the little league. Mr. Anderson is trying to raise money and materials for the restrooms and has spoke will the council on his plan. Mayor Chavez was approached by Brock Marchello on rolling the little league field. Council Member Harwood stated he will try to use the city roller and see if that will take care of the bumps.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW TREASURER ELLIE JONES.

Mayor Chavez explained there were three applicants interviewed and all were qualified for the job, but Ellie Jones had the most experience.

Mayor Chavez recommended Ellie Jones for Treasurer replacing retired Sandra Diamanti.

Council Member Mascaro moved to approve the appointment of Ellie Jones as the new City Treasurer. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON RESOLUTION 2013-1 WATER, SEWER, STORM DRAIN RATES.

Council discussed the new rate increases on water, sewer, and storm drain. The rate increases were imposed to cover the loans obtained by the city for the new sewer and water lines. Sewer will go from \$25 to \$35; water will go from 19.50 for no gallons to a flat rate of \$29.50 for 5,000 gallons with \$2.50 for the next 5,000 and go up each 5,000 gallons in .50 increases. Storm Drain charge will be \$5.00 per month on all bills.

Council Member Bradley moved to adopt Resolution 2013-1 water, sewer and storm drain rates. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood in favor, with no one in opposition. Resolution 2013-1 passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.

No motion was made.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT.

Chief Anderson reported the new cars are here.

Council Member Bradley reported he is trying out a new type of street light and asked for feedback on its brightness. This cobra head led light should have a 20 year life and use less power.

Council Member Harwood reported the Jackson sheep water project is almost complete if weather permits. U.D.O.T. will be taking over maintenance of the overpass lighting in the near future.

Council Member Llewelyn reported Shalee Johansen, Office of Tourism, is doing a good job of bringing tourist to Helper. Nick Tatton is willing to give Helper the information to impose a RAP tax.

Public Works Director Orlando Ochoa stated he would be back to work on May 13, 2013.

Mayor Chavez reported there will be a meeting with Waste Logistics on purchasing their sewer line.

There being no further business Council Member Mascaro moved to adjourn. Council Member Bradley 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, April 4, 2013.

Edward Chavez Jr
Mayor

Jona Skerl
City Recorder

Approved on April 4, 2013

