

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 3, 2013

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

Jason Llewelyn(Absent Excused)

City Recorder Jona Skerl

City Attorney Gene Strate

Citizens: Gayle Larson, Keith Bruderer, Lyzz Bruderer, John Willie, Kelly Patrick Baird, Tom Baird, Brian Evans, Roger and Ruth Metzger, Amanda Holley, John Serfustini.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES December 6, 2012.

Council Member Bradley moved to approve the minutes of December 6, 2012. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro and Harwood voting yes.

ROGER METZGER DISCUSSION ON CAR SHOW.

Mr. Metzger addressed the council with new ideas for this year's Art Festival Car Show. Ruth Metzger presented the council with a Car Show calendar, which is being sold to support the Art Festival Car Show and a schedule of events. The new events will include tailgate pot luck cruise on Saturday, July 20 a second cruise will be held on August 15 for the artist reception. The Burn Out Contest will be held on Friday August 16 at the main park.

The council gave their support to the Art Festival Car Show.

JEFF CISNEROS DISCUSSION ON LEGION FIELD.

Mr. Cisneros complimented the council, City and County workers for a job well done on leveling the Legion Field. Mr. Cisneros presented the council with various soil samples of red infield soil. Mr. Cisneros suggested to lay down some clay soil first, then add the red soil which is about \$50 per ton plus shipping. Mr. Cisneros pointed out the wind screen needs to be replaced and this would help keep some of the soil from blowing away. Mayor Armstrong felt funding may be an issue and perhaps other baseball fields would like to go in with the City to help with shipping cost. The council thanked Mr. Cisneros and will discuss this issue again at the next meeting.

BRIAN EVANS DISCUSSION ON UINTAH STREET SAFETY ISSUES.

Mr. Evans presented the council pictures of the traffic congestion on Uintah Street when there is a Helper Jr. High event. Mr. Evans was concern there are emergency vehicles restriction when these events are going on. Mr. Evans suggested the eastside of the street should be a no parking zone. Council Member Pugliese stated this would just move the problem to another street. After some discussion the council agreed to the no parking from Canyon Street to North Main.

Council Member Bradley moved to have no parking on the eastside of Uintah Street from Canyon Street to North Main. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro and Harwood voting yes.

HARRY STURDY ON DRUG ISSUES AT THE AVALON.

Mr. Sturdy presented the council with pictures of a van with an advertisement about the services The Avalon provides. Mr. Sturdy claims this is false advertising because there is no soup kitchen. Mayor Armstrong explained to Mr. Sturdy the council was unable to help him with this issue; it would be a civil action on Mr. Sturdy's part. Mayor Armstrong told him the state should be notified of the problems and the city will provide a place for a meeting. Mr. Sturdy then left the meeting and several of the residents from The Avalon spoke up and told the council the problem at The Avalon is Mr. Sturdy.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON ORDINANCE FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY.

Attorney Strate explained the changes to the surplus property ordinance were made so now the city surplus can also be sold online.

Council Member Mascaro moved to adopt Ordinance 2013-1 amending surplus property ordinance. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro and Harwood in favor, with no one in opposition. Ordinance 2013-1 passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON RIO CONTRACT.

Mayor Armstrong told the council he would like to see \$15,000 given to Lund Fontana LLC to hire employees to run the Rio Theater. Instead of giving the state money, we will be putting funds towards running the Theater. Mayor Armstrong told Attorney Strate to make the contract for two years at \$15,000 a year payable on July 1 each year. Mayor Armstrong will walk the contract down to Debbie Hatt for approval, and then he will bring it back to council.

Council Member Bradley moved to approve the changes to the contract and allow the Mayor to sign with corrections. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro and Harwood voting yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER MASCARO REPORT ON FUNDING PARK, EQUIPMENT, MUSEUM ADVERTISING AND THE RIO THEATER.

Council Member Mascaro informed the council of the donation from Key Bank in the amount of \$5,000.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL PROMOTION OF CITY RESOURCES AND RAP TAX.

Mayor Armstrong purposed adding a rap tax to the current 5.95 sales tax to help with maintenance of the Rio Theater, the parks, pool and the Arts Festival.

Council Member Bradley moved to pursue added a RAP tax. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON BOYACK PROPERTY.

Council Member Bradley moved to offer Mr Boyack \$35,000 to \$40,000 for his property at the end of Bryner Street. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro and Harwood voting yes.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

Council Member Pugliese moved to a closed session on Boyack property issue. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro and Harwood voting yes.

Council Member Bradley moved to a open meeting. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro and Harwood voting yes.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Bradley reported with the Raptor nesting in the Reservoir Hill area there will be no wind power in the Helper area.

Council Member Mascaro thanked everyone for their help on the Light Parade, it went very well. Council Member Mascaro asked if the council would like to rent the building at 69 South Main. This item will be on the next agenda.

Mayor Armstrong reported on the spring's project which should be complete next year. The water and sewer project for area one will be going out to bid in April and area four will be bid in June. The River Project preliminary survey has been completed and moving forward into looking at property owners around the project. There have been talks with UDOT about Main Street with the sewer and water project. The city has hired a new police officer, Brady Andreason who started on January 1.

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 hereby certify that the fore going represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Helper City Council meeting held on Thursday, January 3, 2013.

Kirk Mascaro
Mayor Pro Tempore

Jona Skerl
City Recorder

Approved on March 7, 2013

