

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, June 6, 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
Robert Bradley
Gary Harwood
Jason Llewelyn

City Recorder Jona Skerl
Chief Trent Anderson
City Attorney Gene Strate

Citizens: Roger and Ruth Metzger, Debbie Jones, Becky Morrison, Emily Sanders, Leila Andrews, Joy Bradley, Michelle Goldsmith and John Serfustini.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Chavez directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES May 2,8,14, 23 and 28 2013.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve the corrected minutes of May 2 and the minutes of May 8, 14, 23 and 28 2013. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2013-2 FOR BUDGET 2013-2014 AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2013-3 AMENDING THE BUDGET 2012-2013.

Mayor Chavez opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 P.M. to receive comments on the budget 2013-2014 and the amending of the 2012-2013 budget. This budget includes transfers of \$350,000 from the electric and \$30,000 from the garbage enterprise funds. There being no comments Council Member Mascaro moved to close the public hearing at 6:09 P.M. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

Council Member Harwood moved to adopt Resolution 2013-2 adopting the budget for 2013-2014 Resolution 2013-3 amending the current budget. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood in favor with no one in opposition Resolution 2013-2 and 2013-3 passed by unanimous roll call vote

CHANDLER GARDNER ON EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT.

Chandler Gardner was unable to attend the meeting but, would like permission to place mile markers on the Spring Canyon Trail.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve allowing Chandler Gardner to place mile markers on the Helper side of the Spring Canyon Trail. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

LILLIAN MARTINEZ ON CEMETERY ISSUES.

Mrs. Martinez was not at the meeting. Mayor Chavez told the council that Mrs. Martinez was at the cemetery and an employee told her she would have to leave. They needed to lock the gates because they were leaving for the day. Council Member Harwood will address this issue with the employees.

RUTH METZGER UPDATE ON ARTS FESTIVAL CAR SHOW.

Ms. Metzger asked the council permission to have the Burn Out on Main Street this year. Ms. Metzger assured the council barriers would be placed on Main Street by the county and removed before the street needed to be opened. The area between Poplar and Ivy Street would be the location.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve the new location on Main Street for the Burn Out with the consent of Chief Anderson. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

DAVE JOHNSEN AND KRISTEN TAYLOR UPDATE ON ARTS FESTIVAL.

Ms. Taylor asked the council to approve a local consent for Helper Arts Festival beer and wine permit. There are two different permits this year, one is for First Friday event on August 2 and the other is for August 16, 17 and 18. August 2 will be the opening of the Frida Kahlo exhibit with a reception following. Dave Johnsen asked to have Main Street closed in front of the auditorium for the exhibit reception on August 2. Mr. Johnsen also asked to close a larger part of Main Street this year to help expand the booths. Council thanked Ms. Taylor and Mr. Johnsen for all their work and will do anything they can to help make the festival a success.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve the local consent for beer and wine permit. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

DEBBIE JONES DISCUSSION ON ADDING A STOP SIGN ON CANYON STREET.

Ms. Jones stated cars are speeding and just flying by her home on Canyon Street. Ms. Jones asked if a stop sign could be placed on Canyon and Duchesne or Roosevelt. Chief Anderson agreed a stop sign would help in slowing down traffic.

Council Member Llewelyn moved to approved adding a stop sign on Roosevelt and Canyon making a four-way stop. Council Member Pugliese seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2013-1 AMENDING THE DEVELOPMENT CODE PERTAINING TO THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS.

Council Member Mascaro moved to adopt Ordinance 2013-1 amending the development code to allow keeping chickens. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood in favor with no one in opposition Ordinance 2013-1 passed by unanimous roll call vote.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON CREATING AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO LIVING IN RECREATIONAL VEHICLES.

Mayor Chavez directed Attorney Strate to create an Ordinance that would restrict residents living in recreational vehicles for long periods of time. Mayor Chavez stated there are several homes with recreational vehicles with other family members living in them. Attorney Strate will have an Ordinance ready for the July 11 meeting restricting the use of recreational vehicles for living quarters.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEMBER.

Mayor Chavez advised council of the vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Board. Mayor Chavez stated Charlie Jones and Emily Sanders were recommended by Planning and Zoning. Emily Sanders has withdrawn her name at this time.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve Charlie Jones for the Planning and Zoning Board. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR.

Mayor Chavez recommended Gary Harwood for the new Public Works Director.

Council Member Mascaro moved to approve Gary Harwood as Public Works Director. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn voting yes and Harwood abstained.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON LIBRARY ISSUES.

Council Member Llewelyn told council the Book Mobile will be moving in on June 22-30, the library will be closed on those dates. Librarian Leila Andrews informed the council she had applied for a grant that will be used for remodeling a storage closet to make room for office supplies etc.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON PURCHASING A FUEL TRANSFER TANK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.

Council Member Harwood asked the council to approve a fuel transfer tank for Public Works to replace of all the gas cans.

Council Member Bradley moved to approve the purchase of a fuel transfer tank in the amount of \$1,000. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON CERTIFIED TAX RATE.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve the certified tax rate of .003125. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON RESOLUTION 2013-4 PERTAINING TO ELECTRONIC MEETINGS.

This Item was rolled over to the next meeting.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON WATER, SEWER, STORM DRAIN PROJECT.

Council Member Harwood reported Jon Orton Construction will continue construction June 20, 2013 on Fish Creek Springs. Mr. Orton was delayed last year due to the Army Corp of engineers, so there is a small increase in cost from one year to the next. Mr. Orton will have the project completed this year. Condie Construction called a specialist to assist them on the road problems in AREA 1 and paving will began July 12. Terry Larsen Excavation has moved in to do Area 4 and will begin work June 10.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.

Council Member Llewelyn moved to go to a closed session on a personnel matter. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

Council Member Mascaro moved to an open session. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Bradley reported there will be a free swim day on June 15, in conjunction with the Car Show. Public works did a great job on clearing the weeds out of the grass area at the pool. River Project funding is going well and hopefully will start the pilot project soon.

Council Member Harwood reported public works has purchased a used dump truck. Sally Mauro needs an upgrade on power to install air conditioning. Main Street will be closing on June 17 from Popular to Spring Glen. There will be a business access for the R & A Market and Helper Car Wash.

Council Member Llewelyn asked to have a special meeting to adopt a Drought Emergency Resolution. Weeds seem to be over growing on the walking trails so we need to take care of them. Legion Field needs to have sprinkler heads added on first and third base line and the roof over the bleachers need to be repaired. Starting June 20 there will be tournaments at both little league fields. Carbon County is offering a hydrologist to come and evaluate resident's sprinkler system at a small cost to the city for travel expenses. Boyd Anderson brought in plans for bathrooms for the Walt Borla field and he claims to have donations to do the building.

Council Member Pugliese reported the new dump truck has only 3,500 miles on it and was a great buy.

Attorney Strate reported the RAP tax will be on the next County Commission meeting agenda for approval.

Mayor Chavez commended Orlando Ochoa for his years of service. Mayor Chavez reported Micha Sallas is the new principal at the Helper Jr. High and helped to get the volunteers for Memorial Day carts. Mayor Chavez sent an email to John Macinura to relocate a firearms plant to Helper. Mayor Chavez asked if the poles on the Hill Street Bridge could be widened to 66" so the ATV side-by-sides can get through.

There being no further business Council Member Mascaro moved to adjourn. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried: Pugliese, 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, June 6, 2013.

Edward Chavez Jr
Mayor

Jona Skerl
City Recorder

Approved on July 11, 2013

