

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, March 14, 2013**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Helper Auditorium**

**Council Chambers**

**19 South Main**

**Helper, Utah 84526**

**ATTENDANCE:**

City Staff

**Council Members:**

Kirk Mascaro (Mayor Pro-Tempore)

Chris Pugliese

Robert Bradley

Gary Harwood

Jason Llewelyn

City Recorder Jona Skerl

Chief Trent Anderson

City Attorney Gene Strate

Citizens: Lita Riley, Chuck Buchanan, Amanda Holley, John Serfustini.

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

**AWARDING BID FOR PHASE 1 OF WATER, SEWER AND STORM DRAIN PROJECT.**

Eric Franson, Franson Engineering, presented the two bids for Area 1 of the project. Both bids were higher than expected. Mr. Franson stated the estimated amount for all phases \$3.5 million with a total for the complete project at 23.5 million and the CIB has funded 19.5 million of that amount. Area 1 is the most difficult area of the project and the lowest bid came in at 4.8 million from Condie Construction and Nelco at 6.8 million. Mr. Franson suggested the council award the bid to Condie Construction and hope the rest of bids for the other phases comes in less. Change orders are also an option in reducing the cost of Area 1. Mr. Franson explained with the bid being higher than predicated, the city may want to look for other funding and the USDA did express some interest in funding the project. Council would like to apply to the USDA for more funding so the entire project would be funded.

Council Member Harwood moved to award Phase 1 to Condie Construction with the option of change orders. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

## **DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON APPOINTMENT OF A NEW MAYOR.**

Mayor Pro-Tempore Mascaro explained to the candidates how the new Mayor will be appointed. Each candidate will be given the questionnaire and will have three minutes to prepare their answers. They would then be given two minutes to answer each question posed to them by a council member. Council Members will take turns asking the same group of questions to each candidate. Candidates were sequestered in the lower room of the auditorium for each question and answer session. Candidate's names were put in a wicker basket and drew randomly for the order of which each will be questioned.

Walter Borla was questioned first Mr. Borla wanted to see the city grow along with the museum. Mr. Borla had concerns with the bank and power plant closing, stating the city must find ways to keep citizens from leaving. Mr. Borla told the council that the infrastructure project was long overdue, however he felt the river project was a waste of money.

Candidate Kirk Mascaro would like to see the city move forward, he has lived here for 56 years and hopes events like the Light Parade will bring in more tourists. Mr. Mascaro also supported the infrastructure project along with the river project. Mr. Mascaro has served on the Helper City council for 14 years and wants to push Helper forward for our children and grandchildren.

Candidate Edward Chavez would also like to see growth in Helper and is hoping to bring in more money with grants. Mr. Chavez supports the infrastructure project and river project even though rates would have to increase and commented the Helper Police Department as one of the finest in the county. Mr. Chavez had served on the Wellington council and is a retired police officer.

The council voted by secret ballot, the first resulted in a tie Mr. Mascaro with 2 votes and Mr. Chavez with 2 votes. Council voted again Mr. Mascaro had 2 votes and Mr. Chavez had 2 votes. To break the tie their names were placed in a wicker basket, Attorney Strate drew out the name Edward Chavez Jr.

Council Member Bradley moved to appoint Edward Chavez Jr . Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes. Council Member Mascaro abstaining.

There being no further business Council Member Bradley moved to adjourn. Council Member Harwood 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, March 14, 2013.

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Kirk Mascaro  
Mayor Pro Tempore

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Jona Skerl  
City Recorder

Approved on April 4, 2013