

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, May 8, 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 (Absent Excused)

City Recorder Jona Skerl

Chief Trent Anderson

City Attorney Gene Strate

Citizens: Erica Kardelis, Walter Borla, Jennifer Elder, Ron Mutz, Eddie Callor, John Dunn, Greg Payne, Victor and Bryon Stuart, Tony Gonzales, Michelle Fidell, Lomaine Berryhill, Eric Allred, Leslie Tallerico, Steve Giacoletto, Eric Fransen and John Serfustini.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Chavez directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON BRYNER PLOUTZ DITCH.

Attorney Strate informed the council using the CIB storm water grant money could be problematic to use public money for a private company. There are loans that are available to for the ditch company and the pipeline itself can be used as collateral. Council Member Harwood asked if the ditch is considered a public utility? Attorney Strate answered the state code definition states secondary water by a ditch company is not. Erica Kardelis explained the cost of the project is currently \$136,000, that means for each effected 26 shareholders a payment of \$4,250 would be needed. Ms. Kardelis reminded council the cost may bankrupt the company if shareholders pull out. Ron Mutz asked why the ditch company did not pipe when the all the other ditch companies did with all grant money. Mr. Mutz stated he did not feel the city residents should have to pay for the ditch company's pipe. Steve Giacoletto stated that if the city changes the ditch then the city is responsible. Mr. Giacoletto asked if the storm drain system was needed in that area. Council Member Harwood answered yes; there are homes that are getting flooded. Council Member Pugliese declared we are going on with our project we are not going to hold up the project for 26 residents. The city will not risk losing their grant and loans for this project for a few, we have considered the city as a whole. Eric

Fransen stated that everyone wants to work together on this issue; we may be able to package the cost to help the ditch company with this problem. Council Member Mascaro asked to have a work meeting with the Ditch Company to give them time to contact their shareholders.

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

Council Member Harwood asked if the council would like to review all pay requests from the contractors. The council would like to be informed and not review every request as long as Franson Engineering is reviewing them. Council Member Harwood approved the milling of the road in Area 1; from gutter to gutter this material will be reused for fill. The old sewer line in the Harmond field had plugged up at one time. The prior administration had PRWID replace the line, now they are giving us 250 feet of sewer line with hook-ups that had been given to them. Helper City will have to maintain the sewer line.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.

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

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

There being no further business Council Member Mascaro moved to adjourn. Council Member Bradley 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, May 8, 2013.

Edward Chavez Jr
Mayor

Jona Skerl
City Recorder

Approved on June 6, 2013

