

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, November 7, 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: Louise Hamilton, Zina and Kristy Wall 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 October 3, 2013.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve the minutes of October 3, 2013. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION TO C.I.B. FOR RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT.

Council Member Harwood moved to open the public hearing at 6:02 P.M. to discuss the grant application to the Community Impact Board for the River Restoration Project. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

The council discussed applying for a grant, only to assist in the cost of the River Restoration Project. The council explained there could not be any more loans for the city until some of the current loans are paid in full. There was no public comment
Council Member Bradley moved to close the public hearing at 6:05 P.M. and proceed with the grant only application to the Community Impact Board for the River Restoration Project. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

REBECCA MASON DISCUSSION ON AMERICORPS GRANT.

Rebecca Mason, Carbon County RSVP, explained the AmeriCorps program to the council. Council Member Llewelyn felt the program could assist in the removal of Chinese Elm trees along the river banks for the River Restoration Project. Council Member Bradley told Ms. Mason that he would pass the information on to the River Restoration Project Manager.

LOUISE HAMILTON ON CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION.

Louise Hamilton proposed a beautification plan for the cemetery, which involved planting trees along the cemetery roadside. Ms. Hamilton would also like to build a restroom by the southeast gate. The council was agreed the beautification would be a great addition to the cemetery, the long-term cost of maintenance had to be considered. The council agreed to allow the group to move forward on the project as long as they kept the council informed.

Council Member Bradley moved to support the beautification project. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON ORDINANCE 2013-6 PERTAINING TO PERSONNEL MANUAL ON TIER 2 EMPLOYEES.

Council Member Pugliese moved to adopt Ordinance 2013-6 pertaining to the personnel manual on Tier 2 employees. Council Member Pugliese 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 2013-6 passed by unanimous roll call vote.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON SNOW REMOVAL POLICY.

Council Member Harwood presented council with a policy and procedures on snow removal he created for the city crews to follow. Council Member Harwood pointed out in the current Ordinance 2006-1, there is no direction on a snow emergency policy. Council Member Harwood asked the council to review the policy for any corrections or questions.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON REPLACING CITY ATTORNEY.

Attorney Michael Olsen and Attorney Angela Sampinos introduced themselves to the council. Each attorney presented background information and work history. The council then reviewed both candidate's resume.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve Angela Sampinos as the new city attorney taking Attorney Strates place. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

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

Council Member Harwood updated the council on the progress of the project. Council Member Harwood stated the water would be off Saturday, November 9, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM in parts of the Northwest end of town. Residents have been notified by City Hall and a reverse 911 alert was issued. Most of the roads have been or will be paved next week.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.

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

Council Member Pugliese 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 Mascaro reported the museum will be displaying a John F. Kennedy exhibit in honor of the 50th Anniversary of his death. Light parade is coming along however, the committee is not sure if they will have money for the fireworks. The Special Service District granted the city \$56,369 for playground equipment. Cindy Curry from the Balance Rock Eatery would like permission to decorate the Main Street Park for Christmas.

Council Member Bradley reported Tree Inc. will begin to cut trees that interfere with the power lines on Monday of next week.

Mayor Chavez asked that council members stop in to city hall once a week to sign the purchase orders.

Council Member Llewelyn commended Gary Harwood for a job well done on the new cemetery by reusing the dirt from the construction project.

Attorney Strate reported the Tom Boyack property issue has been closed and the right-a-way for the sewer and water lines belong to the city.

Chief Anderson reported the K-9 vehicle repairs where in the amount of \$9,000. Office Archuleta was instrumental in the apprehension of two criminals that were allegedly involved in multiple burglaries throughout Helper.

Recorder Jona Skerl asked the council if they had received and reviewed the quarterly financial report all council members had reviewed the report.

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, November 7, 2013.

Edward Chavez Jr.
Mayor

Jona Skerl
City Recorder

Approved on December 5, 2013

