

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, May 1, 2014
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

Deputy Recorder Joan Burgess
Chief Trent Anderson
City Attorney Angela Sampinos

Citizens: Gene and Janis Carlson, Scottie Kraync, Aaron Simons, Frank Marrelli, John Serfustini

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES March 6 and April 3, 2014.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve the corrected minutes of March 6 and April 3, 2014. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn, Mascaro, and Harwood voting yes.

GENE AND JANISE CARLSON DISCUSSION ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

Gene Carlson approached the council on what the plans are to finish Orchard Street with curb and gutter. Council Member Harwood said currently curb and gutter was not in the plans, Mayor Chavez stated there were not enough funds. Mr. Carlson said he was not satisfied and asked for explanation on other areas that were getting curb and gutter that was added in with a change order and not in the original bid. Gene and Janise Carlson felt this was unfair treatment for them and their neighbors. Council Member Harwood explained the issues with flooding and drainage in the other areas and the change order was necessary. Council Member Harwood asked if they would be interested in the 60/40 plan at the contractor rate of \$38.00 sq. ft., Mr. Carlson said the cost was way out of line. Aaron Simms commented that when he purchased his home he was told by the city council if he gave 10' of his property he would get curb and gutter. Council Member Pugliese stated that the issue could be revisited but there is no guarantee anything will change because of funding. Mayor Chavez said he would meet with the engineers on Monday to discuss the situation and see if they could get a better bid.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON PURCHASING A FLAT BED TRAILER.

Council Member Harwood said it was necessary to replace the flat bed trailer that was stolen and he had been watching for one to buy around \$1,200. Council Member Pugliese suggested using B&C funds and recommended to ask for up to \$3,000.00 for a flat bed trailer.

Council Member Pugliese moved to authorize Council Member Harwood to spend up to \$3,000.00 to purchase a flat bed trailer. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON UPGRADING COMPUTERS TO WINDOWS 8.

Chief Anderson explained that XP is not supported by Microsoft, Councilman Llewelyn confirmed all computers are XP and as of last month no upgrades or paths are available, computers city wide are at risk. Council Member Pugliese said the police department computers especially are at a high security risk. Council Member Llewelyn recommended each department put computer upgrades in the yearly budget, purchase a computer each budget year to keep them up to date. Council Member Bradley gave ideas on different types of computer upgrades and discussed the different department computers, advising on the type of upgrade needed. Council Member Llewelyn said there is not an option on updating the computers and going to a cheaper option is almost a waste of money. Chief Anderson would like to update patrol car computers at approximately \$1,000 per computer; he has a grant that needs to be used by the end of the year. Council Member Bradley and Council Member Llewelyn will get with department heads and review what computers need updated first. Report will be brought back to city council on necessary changes in city computers.

Council Member Harwood motioned to approve computers as necessary. Council Member Pugliese seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL ON TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2014-2015.

Council Member Bradley moved to approve the tentative budget for 2014-2015. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

REPORT ON WATER, SEWER, AND STORM DRAIN PROJECTS.

Council Member Harwood told the council Area 1 was almost complete only a few things left to be completed. Council Member Harwood explained the flooding issue on a home on 78 Birch Street and informed the council Condie was putting the problem back on Helper City. Mayor Chavez asked Attorney Sampinos to submit a written demand letter to Condie's insurance on the claim. Area 4 had broken waterline on April 9, the cause was a faulty repair on irrigation line, and Terry Larsen will be billed for repair. Terry Larsen is about finished with project, a punch list was reviewed, and things are

about to wrap up, a few issues may need to be mediated. Area 5 had water line designed to go through property on 10th North. The owner refuses to have the line go through his property, only 10' of ground is needed. Talked with Attorney Sampinos about condemning the property, negotiating with property owner or going around which would cost \$62,000 extra. Owner has stated that he will not allow the line on his property. Mayor Chavez talked to Frank Erkkila about the building on Bryner Street, he is going to talk to Mrs. Erkkila about moving everything out of the building, Council Member Pugliese will go try to meet with them. John Orton is planning on being at the springs on June 1st and then MP testing will need to be done. Spring Canyon, we are still working with Geneva salesman on the lids and it will be at about \$40,000. Attorney Sampinos stated that Joe Jackson sent over proposed easement on fencing at the springs to his attorney and it was in review. He wants to meet with them regarding additional language on the clean up of the area. Council Member Harwood recommended that if they are not happy with clean up, we could provide a truck and haul it out so it would not be necessary to burn.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.

Council Member Pugliese moved to close session on possible litigation. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

Council Member Llewelyn moved to reopen regular meeting. 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 Pugliese mentioned that one of the Public Works employees is off with an injury. Public Works department hired 3 employees for 2 spots, one employee already quit. The city has saved a lot of money on parts for water and sewer repairs because of the new lines installed, still a few repairs and backed up lines. All department heads should get a general inventory on number of computers in each department so replacements can be put in this year's budget.

Council Member Harwood said Retro Reflectivity sign law goes into effect July 2014, we can buy a meter that checks retro reflectivity on all our signs for \$13,000 or buy a kit for \$2,000 or start replacing signs around town, which we have already started during construction. Sweeper truck was listed for sale minimum bid of \$15,000.00 starting bid \$10,000.00 no bids. It was listed again at same minimum; it started at \$2500.00 up to \$12,800.00. The high bidder called and wanted to know if we wanted to sell the truck, the council agreed to have Council Member Harwood sell to high bidder for \$12,800.00. George Harmond has a field near 610 South Main that has a sewer line easement that needs to be abandoned. Attorney Sampinos will need to get information from Franson Engineering to file the proper paperwork.

Council Member Llewelyn explained the necessary overtime at the library because of a medical issue with an employee. Pony League starting in June, Locust Street park wood needs replaced on playground, Councilman Mascaro said that will be replaced

with new equipment. Councilman Pugliese suggested getting prisoners to help get parks and cemetery in shape. Councilman Harwood stated he had already started weeding around town. Has anyone looked at the shape of the equipment in Castle Gate Park? Councilman Harwood said it was not in that good of shape, the dome has been removed, and he is looking for a replacement. Councilman Mascaro asked if the Helper Park Partners could try to renovate that park also, the council approved.

Council Member Bradley complimented Kirk Mascaro for a good job on the new park equipment. There is elevated transformer line in Castle Gate that needs to be lowered because it is a safety issue. Councilman Harwood explained the previous homeowner lowered his back yard and now the high voltage power line is not buried very deep. Current owner does not have a choice to let the city fix it because it is a big safety concern, he will get with Council Member Bradley to go talk to them. Pool life guards have been hired and clerks will be hired in the next week or two. Lining in the pool will be about \$20,000 repair, made choice to brush off as much loose stuff as we can and trowel in a plaster patch to get by a year or two, underlaying is not affected it and should be fine, need to replace drain covers to be in compliance. Councilman Llewelyn volunteered the dive team to do the work. The grass on the hill side at the pool is in bad shape and hard to maintain so other options are being considered.

Council Member Mascaro said Easter egg hunt went well. Playground equipment is in except for timber around border, Locust Street park equipment will be here around May 15th. Museum employees Jim Boyd and Kristie St. Pierre are working on new goals for upgrades and also seeking new board member.

Mayor Chavez thanked Council Member Mascaro and committee for the nice park equipment. Need to start offering incentives to get businesses into Helper, Tammy from Economic Development is always asking what we can offer. Meeting next week on May 8th at 10:00 with UDOT to meet the new district director Daryl Friant, everyone is invited. Plans for Memorial Day golf carts and drivers, he would like to approach HJH to see if they want to do have drivers again this again. Construction meeting every Tuesday from 1:00- 2:30, everyone welcome. Conference call with Franson engineers are every first and third Thursday at 8:30. Informed council on a letter sent to Mayor Chavez that was received at City Hall, would like advice on a letter requesting naming one of the parks after the Mascaro family for all the work they have done on park equipment.

Attorney Sampinos wants to go through, clarify and update the employee manual, when finished will get on agenda for approval. Have been recommending in court community service in lieu of fine, many of the prisoners do not have jobs. Community service program might be a bigger problem for Public Works, asked for Councilman Harwood's advice on the issue. Councilman Llewelyn recommended Attorney Sampinos to write a guide line program for court to follow. Would like to see the city adopt an ordinance for public defender fee of approximately \$100.00, Carbon County and Price City are charging the same.

Chief Trent Anderson said he has the prisoner program to help with city clean up. Councilman Llewelyn said the county is going to start taking advantage of a prisoner work program and recommended this same program would be good for Helper. Officer John Stephen is back to work from the Maternity leave.

There being no further business Council Member Pugliese moved to adjourn. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried: Pugliese, Bradley Mascaro Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes. Meeting adjourned.

I here by certify that the fore going represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Helper City Council meeting held on Thursday, May 1, 2014.

Edward Chavez
Mayor

Joan Burgess
Deputy Recorder

Approved on June 5, 2014