

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, October 2, 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 (Absent Excused)
Chris Pugliese
Robert Bradley
Gary Harwood
Jason Llewelyn

City Recorder Jona Skerl
Chief Trent Anderson
City Attorney Angela Sampinos

Citizens: Walter Borla, Michele 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 THE MINUTES September 4, 2014.

Council Member Bradley moved to approve the minutes of September 4, 2014. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn, and Harwood voting yes.

LISA PIERCE DISCUSSION ON PLAQUE FOR GIRL SCOUTS AT MAIN STREET PARK.

Ms. Pierce was not in attendance.

MICHELE GOLDSMITH ON EWASTE DAY UPDATE.

Ms. Goldsmith report Ewaste Day went very well they collected 7,003 pounds of electronics. Ms. Goldsmith stated they are hoping to have another one in the near future.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON PLAQUE FOR MINERS MEMORIAL ON BIG JOHN.

This item was rolled over to next the agenda.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON ORDINANCE 2014-3 CONDITION OF CITY PROPERTIES.

Attorney Sampinos explained the changes in the fine structure in the new nuisance ordinance. The fines will escalate with each repeat offense so they could be looking at double the fine if the property is not cleaned.

Council Member Pugliese moved to adopt amended nuisance Ordinance 2014-3. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn, and Harwood in favor with no one in opposition. Ordinance 2014-3 passed by unanimous roll call vote.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON PURCHASING PROPERTY FOR DOWNTOWN PARKING.

Council Member Pugliese explained a map of the areas he would like to purchase from the Union Pacific Railroad for more downtown parking. Council Member Harwood pointed out the railroad currently uses the property for parking their vehicles. The property is located behind the eastside of Main Street. Council Member Pugliese asked that the city just fill out the application and see what happens.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve filling out the application to purchase the Union Pacific Railroad. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn, and Harwood voting yes.

AGREEMENT FOR NATIONAL GUARD TO USE CITY BUILDINGS FOR TRAINING.

Council Member Llewelyn explained the National Guard would like to use certain city buildings for a six month training.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve the agreement with the National Guard to use city buildings for training. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn, and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL TO PAVE HILL STREET TRAIL.

Council Member Harwood reported the Hill Street Trail needed to be repaved in the amount of \$11,000. The trail is 400 feet long and 8 feet wide, and the condition of the trail right now no one would be able to safely walk it. Mayor Chavez will go to the Special Service District for \$6,000 and along with \$3,000 from the Health Board and \$2,000 from Fast Pass we should have the funds to pave.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve the paving of the Hill Street Trail if funding is approved. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn, and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON RENTING MAIN STREET PARK FOR WEDDING.

Council Member Bradley moved to approve renting Main Street Park for \$25 if power is used and toilets must be in place. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn, and Harwood voting yes.

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

Council Member Harwood reported Fabrizio Street, the south end of Bryner Street, and all of the Castle Gate Sub Division will be paved by next week. Silver Spur did pipe bursting in Martin this saves a lot of digging and repaving. On Thursday September 25, 2014, there was about 20 homes West of Bryner Street had pressure relief valves go off on their hot water tanks and all had some kind of damage. Our insurance has been notified and Service Master was called out to all the effected homes to do clean-up. Council Member Harwood presented a map to explain what caused the pressure to go so high. Silver Spur will not be finish by October 31 so there will be liquidated damages paid to the city. The water system operating and final completions should be completed no later than November 8.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.

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

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

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Pugliese reported the pool is winterized and it has been nice to have Mr. Bradley as the pool manager, however he will not be there next year. Public Works department had a worker quit and his last day is tomorrow and one is still out on medical issues. Council Member Pugliese suggested Brittany Bishop fill the opening, she has been working as a seasonal and would like the position. Public Works will be hiring possibly two seasonal personnel for the winter. There was very little flooding in Helper with this latest storm, the new storm drain system worked really well and the residents are very happy.

Council Member Bradley reported he would like to modify the family bathrooms at the pool, to help keep eye on the patrons and employees.

Council Member Llewelyn reported on hiring of Phyllis Andrus for the part time Librarian Assistant.

Council Member Harwood reported that somehow D.J. Romero missed out on a raise for his probation period and the other employees are getting more an hour and he has been here longer. Council Member Harwood recommended \$1.50 more an hour. Derek Way at 27 South 2nd East, fence was taken out when the city needed access to clean up the wash after the flood on August 4, 2014. He will accept a \$125 to replace the fence. The River project is looking very good they have been moving rocks around and cleaning up the river bed.

Chief Anderson has six new laptops coming for the patrol cars all paid by a grant. The two new vehicles should be in soon. Sally Mauro School will be marching to Helper Jr High and Helper Jr. High will be marching to Sally Mauro as an emergency drill.

Attorney Sampinos reported Don Hicken property has been secure and will be getting a building permit to repair the home.

Mayor Chavez reported we need the Council Member to sign their purchase orders more frequently. Natural Resources Conservation Service may help with the cost of preventing future flooding in the Janet Street Wash.

There being no further business Council Member Llewelyn moved to adjourn. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried: Pugliese, Bradley, 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, October 2, 2014.

Edward Chavez Jr.
Mayor

Jona Skerl
City Recorder

Approved on November 6, 2014

