

**MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Thursday, April 2, 2015**  
**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 (Absent Excused)  
Jason Llewelyn

City Recorder Jona Skerl  
Chief Trent Anderson

Citizens: Levi Ferguson, Lisa Pierce, Maren Cadol, Ruth Metzger, 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 March 5, 2015.**

Council Member Bradley moved to approve the minutes of March 5, 2015 Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, and Llewelyn voting yes.

**INTRODUCTION OF TODD THORNE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK PROGRAM.**

Mr. Thorne introduced himself and explained what the Community Development Block Program had to offer. Mr. Thorne handed out information on the Southeastern Utah Business Loan Fund. Mr. Thorne told the council if there were any projects he could help with, he would be happy to assist them.

**INTRODUCTION OF CELESTE SMITH, MISS CARBON COUNTY.**

Miss Carbon County could not attend the meeting.

**LISA PIERCE UPDATE ON PLAQUE FOR GIRL SCOUTS.**

Ms. Pierce informed the council the Clampers were going to pay and install the plaque at the park for the Girl Scouts. Ms. Pierce asked if an unveiling ceremony could be done on June 6, 2015 at 2:00 PM in the park. Ms. Pierce asked if the Girl Scout troop could also plant a tree in the park. Girl Scout Leader Mrs. Gibbon will donate all the information on the project to the museum.

**CINDY CURRY DISCUSSION ON SATURDAY IN THE PARK.**

Miss Curry was not in attendance.

**LEVI FERGUSON DISCUSSION ON LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD.**

Mr. Ferguson informed the council he was the new president of the little league and would like to thank the city crew for mowing the lawn and preparing the ball field for the league. Mr. Ferguson requested some trees be planted where they had originally been taken out to enlarge the field. The field will not need to be lengthened for the little league and without the trees there is no shade for spectators. Mr. Ferguson is working on raising funds to place covers over the benches for spectators. Council Member Llewelyn would like to schedule a work meeting with Mr. Ferguson and Public Works Director Harwood. Mr. Ferguson requested to have police and fire vehicles present for the opening day parade.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON LOCAL CONSENT FOR ARTS FESTIVAL.**

Council Member Mascaro moved to approve local consent for the Arts Festival beer and wine license. Council Member Pugliese seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, and Llewelyn voting yes.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON ORDINANCE 2015-1 AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICES AND PROCEDURES ON TRAVEL.**

Rolled over to the next agenda.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON ORDINANCE 2015-2 ESTABLISHING A LIBRARY BOARD.**

Rolled over to the next agenda.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON ORDINANCE 2015-3 RETURN TO WORK PROGRAM.**

Council Member Pugliese moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-3 return to work program. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro and Llewelyn in favor with no one in opposition. Ordinance 2015-3 passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON ORDINANCE 2015-4 ALLOWING FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY INTERCONNECTION.**

Rolled over to the next agenda.

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

Council Member Pugliese reported the sidewalk and gutter from 99 North Main to 15 North Main will need to be replaced at a cost of \$62,000. Project funds of \$42,000 had been budgeted, but this would leave bits and pieces of old sidewalk. Franson Engineering felt there would be enough money in the project funds to cover the extra cost to replace all the sidewalk. Mayor Chavez attended the pre-bid meeting for Area 2 and 11 contractors were in attendance.

**MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.**

Council Member Pugliese moved to go into closed session for a personnel issue. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, and Llewelyn voting yes. Council Member Mascaro had left the meeting.

Council Member Pugliese moved to reopen the regular meeting. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, and Llewelyn voting yes. Council Member Mascaro had left the meeting.

## REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Llewelyn reported he attended a UDOT meeting dealing with various issues and 10<sup>th</sup> north was part of the discussion as a trouble spot. CAT forest group will be doing controlled burns at the Scofield Springs area.

Council Member Mascaro reported on a fundraiser for the Easter Egg Hunt and it went very well. Council Member Mascaro passed around examples of the plaques for Big John and the gazebo.

Council Member Bradley reported Troy Chilcott was hired as the new pool manager.

Council Member Pugliese reported the springs are still producing water and there is no loss of water and Fish Creek Springs still has some snow. At this time the city will only ask for conservation and not water restrictions.

Chief Anderson reported he received a grant for body cameras and they had just arrived.

City Recorder Skerl reminded the council that the tentative budget will be on the next agenda. Our health insurance and retirement benefits will not increase this year.

Mayor Chavez reported one volunteer fireman was hired, but one more is needed. Mayor Chavez also asked that the council members stop in City Hall more often to sign their purchase orders.

There being no further business Council Member Bradley moved to adjourn. Council Member Pugliese seconded the motion. Motion Carried: Pugliese, Bradley, and Llewelyn 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, April 2, 2015.

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Edward Chavez  
Mayor  
Approved on May 7, 2015

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Jona Skerl  
City Recorder

