

1 **MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

2 **Thursday, May 7, 2015**

3 **6:00 p.m.**

4 **Helper Auditorium**

5 **Council Chambers**

6 **19 South Main**

7 **Helper, Utah 84526**

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10 **ATTENDANCE:**

City Staff

11 Mayor Edward Chavez

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13 **Council Members:**

Deputy Recorder Joan Burgess

14 Kirk Mascaro (absent excused)

Chief Trent Anderson

15 Chris Pugliese

16 Robert Bradley

17 Gary Harwood

18 Jason Llewelyn (absent excused)

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20 Citizens: Lisa Pierce, John Serfustini, Scottie Kraync, Cole and Hollie Stapley, Jolene
21 McKinnon, Kathy D'Ambrosio, Paul and Margaret Weddle, Tim Riley, Michelle
22 Goldsmith, Tom Matthews, Dale Wilson, Brady Andreasen

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24 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

25 Mayor Chavez directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

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27 The regular meeting of the Helper City Council was called to order by Mayor Chavez at
28 6:00.

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30 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES April 2, 2015.**

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32 Council Member Bradley moved to approve the minutes of April 2, 2015 Council
33 Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley and
34 Harwood voting yes.

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36 **PAUL WEDDLE DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON MILITARY TRAINING.**

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38 Mr. Weddle retired Chief Warrant officer explained several years ago a similar exercise
39 was planned and then cancelled in our area, another training is now scheduled in Utah
40 starting around July 15th ending on August 4th. Three soldiers will be on the ground on
41 beginning July 24th conducting meetings. The soldiers will be in civilian clothes, have
42 pistol weapons but no ammunition, there will be not targets or noise. A support team
43 will be role playing around, using the town as a back drop and will coordinate all events
44 with local law enforcement. Mr. Weddle stated they will execute a Land Use agreement
45 so no rights will be violated, Mayor Chavez asked to have a copy sent to Attorney
46 Sampinos. Mr. Weddle requested a letter of permission to have the training event in the
47 city and have also would like to conduct meetings in a city building.

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49 Council Member Bradley moved to approve Military training. Council Member Harwood
50 seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley and Harwood voting yes.

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52 **LISA PIERCE DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON DONATION FOR THE BLACK**
53 **DIAMOND RODEO.**

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55 Lisa Pierce and Kathy D'Ambrosio approached council with information on PRCA
56 Rodeo being brought back to Carbon County. The event will be held June 19th and
57 June 20th, the committee would like to present a request to the city for a donation, so far
58 \$18,000 has been collected. Mayor Chavez asked if a donation was made it might be
59 policy that the city receives something in return. Attorney Sampinos stated she would
60 see if there is a city policy for donations. Council Member Bradley asked if there were
61 door prizes and said the city could possibly donate pool passes as a contribution.

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63 **CHARLES COLACITO DISCUSSION ON JANET STREET.**

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65 Charles Colacito not present at meeting.

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67 **ARTS FESTIVAL UPDATE.**

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69 Cole and Holly Stapley updated the council on Arts Festival events. Mrs. Stapley
70 explained the date changes, Stroll with be Thursday night, Vendor Festival will be on
71 Friday and Saturday, ending Saturday night. Sunday will be dropped from event giving
72 vendors the day to clean up. Council Member Pugliese stated to approve events with
73 Fire and Police Department to close off streets. An exhibits has been secured again to
74 be held in the Civic Auditorium along with the Children's Art Exhibit. Art Smart classes
75 are scheduled throughout the summer at the schools. Mrs. Stapley said they received
76 donation from Eccles and funding is coming along.

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79 **DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON RESOLUTION 2015-1 MUNICIPAL**
80 **WASTEWATER PLANNING PROGRAM.**

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82 Council Member Harwood explained the sanitary sewer system, this Resolution must be
83 filed every year with the state.

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85 Council Member Harwood moved to adopt Resolution 2015-1 Municipal Wastewater
86 Planning Program. Council Member Pugliese seconded the motion. The Council roll call
87 vote is as follows: Council Members Pugliese, Bradley and Harwood in favor with no
88 one in opposition. Resolution 2015-1 passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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90 **DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON DONATION FOR MINERS MEMORIAL.**

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92 Mayor Chavez informed the Council of the request from Dennis Ardohain asking if the
93 city could give a donation. Council Member Pugliese said the budget needed to be
94 reviewed to see what monies will be available, the City would be willing to help in any
95 way they could. Item rolled over to the next agenda.

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97 **DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON RESOLUTION 2015-2 CITY POOL FEES.**

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99 Council Member Bradley explained the requested alterations from pool manager Troy
100 Chillcot. A season family pass is hard to manage and the rate is considerably less for a
101 group rate in Mr. Chillcot's opinon. Council Member Bradley is concerned if the family
102 rate changes the pool might loose patronage. The Council discussed the
103 recommended fee schedule and the family pass will be left in place but will only include
104 1 adult and up to 4 children.

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107 Council Member Bradley moved to adopt Resolution 2015-2 with recommended
108 changes to the fee schedule. Council Member Pugliese seconded the motion. The
109 Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Pugliese, Bradley and Harwood in
110 favor with no one in opposition. Resolution 2015-2 passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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112 **DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL TO INSTALL A PAVILION IN MAIN PARK.**

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114 Rolled over to the next agenda.

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116 **DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON PURCHASING A NEW TRUCK FOR**
117 **STREET DEPARTMENT.**

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119 Council Member Pugliese stated the 1997 pickup truck has had 2 engines replaced in
120 the last 2 years and it needs to be retired. Money would be allocated out of the Class C
121 Road Fund and would like to request a ¾ ton, long bed, extended cab truck with a snow
122 plow. Council Member Pugliese has checked into the state contract on the truck and it
123 would be approximately \$30,000 (truck) + \$6,000 (plow) + \$1,000 (lights). Council
124 Member Pugliese asked for item to be rolled over to next meeting for time to review the
125 budget.

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128 **DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON PURCHASING A SNOW CONE MACHINE**
129 **FOR THE POOL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$700.**

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131 Council Member Bradley explained the necessary plaster repairs needed for the pool at
132 a cost of approximately \$22,000. Council Member Bradley stated he decided because
133 of the repair costs he would put off the purchase of the snow cone machine, the current
134 ice machine is insufficient if a snow cone machine is purchased.

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136 **DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON PURCHASING TWO NEW COMPUTERS**
137 **FOR THE POOL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1600.**

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139 Council Member Bradley stated it is necessary to purchase new computers for the pool.
140 Chief Anderson has talked with Troy Chilcott on types of computers to purchase for
141 what the pool requires and he feels computers can be purchased for less than \$1600.

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144 Council Member Bradley moved to approve purchase of new computers for the pool in
145 the amount of \$1600. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
146 Pugliese, Bradley and Harwood voting yes.

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149 **DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON HIRING SAM HAIGLER FULL TIME.**

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151 Council Member Harwood stated there was a position in the Public Works department
152 that opened up and he recommended Sam Haigler for the job. Mr. Haigler has been
153 working for the city as a part time summer employee for 5 months.

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155 Council Member Pugliese moved to approve hiring Sam Haigler full time. Council
156 Member Bradley seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley and
157 Harwood voting yes.

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159 **DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON WATER CONSERVATION/WATER**
160 **AGREEMENT WITH PRICE CITY.**

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162 Council Member Harwood informed the council that he had been working with Gary
163 Sontag from Price City on a Memorandum of Understanding agreement. The 2 cities
164 would be involved on working together with water rights and water shares, possibly
165 installing an interconnection up the canyon so water can be switched back and forth as
166 needed between the Helper and Price City. Currently we have water rights that can be
167 transferred for this year only to Price City so they will have enough water to supply their
168 residents. There will be a tour of the springs on May 12th starting at 10:00 a.m. if
169 anyone is interested in going. A temporary change application has been submitted with
170 State Water Rights and that will be for this year only and will go back to normal next
171 year.

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174 Council Member Pugliese moved the Water Conservation/Water agreement with Price
175 City. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley
176 and Harwood voting yes.

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180 **DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2015-2016.**

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182 Mayor Chavez reported there has been a 3% pay rate put in budget for all city
183 employees. Mayor Chavez stated Chief Anderson would like to discuss a pay raise
184 schedule for the Police Department. Chief Anderson said his department is paid less
185 than other Police Departments in Carbon County. If Helper City wants to retain good
186 officers Chief Anderson feels that the pay rate will need to be increased or they will look
187 elsewhere for employment. Officer Andreasen has left the department and there are
188 only 3 applications for the position and usually there are more than that. Chief
189 Anderson stated 3 of his officers are looking elsewhere for a higher paying position.
190 Chief Anderson explained that his proposed pay schedule which included the 3%
191 COLA, a 3% hourly increase, a 4%, 5% and 6% increase, up to a total of 9% increase.

192 Council Member Pugliese stated that to be in comparison with Price City at least 8%
193 increase would be necessary. Council Member Bradley asked Chief Anderson what he
194 feels keeps Helper City competitive. Chief Anderson stated he asked his officers why
195 they stay with Helper City and they said the community. The Police Department also
196 has great updated equipment received from grants. Council Member Pugliese stated
197 the current PD vehicles do not require much maintenance, fuel expenses have been
198 lower. Council Member Bradley asked for time to take a better look at the schedule and
199 discuss it in a special budget meeting.

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201 Council Member Bradley moved to approve the Tentative Budget for 2015-2016.
202 Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley
203 and Harwood voting yes.

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207 **REPORT ON WATER, SEWER, AND STORM DRAIN PROJECTS.**

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209 Council Member Harwood reported the sewer line is in on North Main, they are putting
210 in connections to each business and home. Nix Construction is about done under the
211 railroad tracks getting the connections in. Council Member Harwood stated the CIB was
212 not very happy with Helper City. The city is being put on the priority list and might still
213 have a chance for receiving funding for project. The CIB recommended we search
214 elsewhere for money to complete the project. Mayor Chavez stated on June 11th the
215 CIB will be meeting in Price.

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217 **MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.**

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219 No closed session

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221 **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT.**

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224 Council Member Harwood reported that Cindy Curry is concerned if there was going to
225 be water to use before she purchases plants for Main Street. Council Member
226 Harwood will install a hose connection so Ms. Curry can use the secondary water.
227 There is a meeting with Rocky Mt. Power on May 21st regarding Colton Well.

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229 Council Member Pugliese reported Public Works working on the cemetery, parks, ball
230 fields and water leaks. Would like to request a date for a special budget meeting,
231 council decided on May 20th at 6:00.

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233 Chief Anderson reported Brady Andreasen is leaving and the department will be having
234 a see you later party on May 8th at 2:00, everyone invited please come wish him good
235 luck.

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237 Deputy Recorder Burgess reported that City Recorder Skerl has been off of work
238 because of an accident her boyfriend was in, she requested payroll to be in early
239 Monday morning and please come in and sign PO's so she can pay bills.

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Attorney Sampinos asked for Personnel Policy and Procedure on travel, Library Board Establishment and Alternative Energy Interconnection to be put back on agenda for June for approval.

Mayor Chavez reported he told Chief Anderson to order a new vest for Officer Gigliotti his has expired. Mayor Chavez requested it be put on agenda in June for approval, Chief Anderson will apply for grants to replace other vests that will expire. In June people will be coming for the Pilot Program for the River Restoration, need to show good support for the project. Principal Salas from Helper Middle School called him on volunteers to drive golf carts for Memorial Day, Public Works/Gary Harwood will get the carts ordered.

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, May 7, 2015.

Edward Chavez
Mayor

Joan Burgess
Deputy Recorder

Approved on June 4, 2015

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