

**MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, December 3, 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 (Absent)

Chris Pugliese

Robert Bradley

Gary Harwood

Jason Llewelyn

City Recorder Jona Skerl

Chief Trent Anderson

Attorney Angela Sampinos (Phone)

Citizens: Dave Johnsen, Tom Williams, Tom Paluso, Tom Lund, Dave Dornan, Kathleen Royster, Mark Wickman, Bob Olson, Michelle Fidell, Clay Iorg, Ruth Metzger, Anne Kaferle 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 November 5 and 17, 2015.**

Council Member Bradley moved to approve the minutes of November 5 and 17, 2015. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

## **DENNIS ARDOHAIN ON MINERS MEMORIAL.**

Mr. Ardohain informed the council on the satellite miner's monument with one bench that will be given to the city from the Miners Memorial committee. The monument will need a pad of concrete with rebar 10 feet by 6 feet and 6 inches thick. The monument will display all the names of the mines in the area. The date they opened and closed and the number of fatalities of each mine will be displayed on the front. Mr. Ardohain suggested the city purchase a second bench for the monument or find sponsors that would donate funds to cover the cost of \$1,500. The council agreed to work on getting the second bench for the memorial. The total cost of the Price City monument was over \$350,000. The hope is to use the monuments as a tourism tool, Helper can engrave anything on the back to reflect Helper interest.

Council Member Bradley moved to find a sponsor, or purchase a second bench for the monument. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

## **TOM LUND DISCUSSION ON R.V. PARK.**

Mr. Lund explained his plan for property located south of Helper that is currently an alfalfa field. Mr. Lund would like to have an R.V. Park with spots for tents, cabins, and trailers. There will be a store, showers, Splash Park, and horseshoes pits. The south end is in the county and the north end is in Helper City limits. Mr. Lund stated he has looked into utilities and Price City water would be about \$700 cheaper than Helper City water. Mr. Lund requested to annex the south end of the property and rezone for the RV Park if needed. Tom Paluso, Planning and Zoning Chairman, passed out the rules of annexation and felt the city could annex the land without a petition from the land owner. The City Council will be able change the zone if needed. Mayor Chavez stated the council will work with the city attorney to get the correct forms needed to proceed. The Mayor or City Council had no problem with annexing the property legally.

## **DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS.**

Chad Brown, Franson Engineering, presented council with drawings of the proposed Main Street improvements. Mr. Brown explained to the council the cost of the new planter boxes and wider sidewalk will cost about \$100,000 for just the one city block. Council Member Harwood quoted a price of \$4,000 for running the conduit for underground power for the street lights for that same city block. The improvements would start at the Fire Station 97 South Main and end at 191 South Main on both sides of Main Street. The height on the planter triangle will be 8" the height of a curb. Property owners may have to come up with the money for these improvements. Council Member Pugliese suggested there may be money available on the city's 60 %/ 40% program.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL TO PURCHASE 20 TABLES FOR AUDITORIUM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000.**

Mark Wickman asked the council for permission to order at least 20 new tables for the auditorium. Mr. Wickman explained when he first started as custodian 8 years ago, the auditorium had 110 tables now there are 82 tables. Mr. Wickman told the council over the years of using the tables for outside events like the Arts Festival has taken a toll on the condition of the tables and we need to replace them. Mr. Wickman presented the council with information on the tables he would like to purchase. The tables are made in Orem hardwood frame inside and plastic outside. They are very sturdy tables and all the schools are using them. This would give us enough tables to use inside the auditorium and the older tables will be used for the outside events.

Council Member Llewelyn moved to purchase the tables in the amount of \$4,000. Council Member Brady seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON PURCHASING NEW FRONT DOOR FOR CITY HALL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,760.**

City Recorder Skerl explained the door is dragging and is getting harder to open and close. The door cannot be adjusted anymore and parts are not available so the bid from Franks Glass is a smaller door. The door will have a night drop and will open the opposite direction so the wind won't grab it.

Council Member Llewelyn moved to purchase the new door for the amount of \$3,760. Council Member Pugliese seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON RESOLUTION 2015-15 NEW CONNECTION RATES FOR ELECTRIC.**

Council Member Harwood explained the connections for new service is now obsolete with the auto read meters. The city also has never charged for temporary power on new construction. Rocky Mountain Power has increased their charges to the city and we need to pass that on to the customer.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve Resolution 2015-15 to increase new connection rates only. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn, and Harwood in favor. Resolution 2015-15 passed by unanimous vote.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON RESOLUTION 2016-15 NEW CONNECTION RATES FOR WATER.**

Council Member Harwood recommended the new connection fee for a 1" connection be changed to \$1,500 and a 2" connection fee be changed to \$2,000 rather than both being \$1,200.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve Resolution 2015-16, to increase new connection rates only. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn, and Harwood in favor. Resolution 2015-16 passed by unanimous vote.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON MEETING DATE ORDINANCE 2015-5.**

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve Ordinance 2015-5 council meeting dates for 2016. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn, and Harwood in favor. Ordinance 2015-5 passed by unanimous vote.

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

Council Member Harwood informed the council all the paving is done on the eastside that Knife River needed to do. Some of the pavement was not rolled correctly, Nielson Construction will repair the pavement in the spring. Chad Brown reported the original bid from Knife River was \$8,567,000 with change orders, the cost is now \$8,048,000. The budget for Area 2 is \$8,175,000 leaving a difference of \$127,000 that could be used for the sidewalk improvements on Main Street. Mr. Brown did caution the council things could come up and a cushion in the budget is a good thing to have. Mr. Brown also suggested doing all the curb and gutter on Main Street now and checking into the sidewalk later. If curb and gutter is done, the pavement could be laid right up against the gutter and will last longer.

**MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.**

No motion was made.

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

Chief Anderson reported he is checking on candidates to replace Officer Stephens.

Council Member Pugliese reported a large boulder smashed the water line on Ash Road that was the only repair last month.

Attorney Sampinos is working with Silver Spur's attorney to resolve the retainage matter.

City Recorder Skerl reported the City Treasurer has been looking into cutting the cost on the credit card processing. She has found a company that will cut the cost by half. Council would like to proceed with the new company and look into internet payments.

Mayor Chavez presented Council Member Bradley and Llewelyn with plaques and thanked them for their service to the city. Council Member Mascaro was not in attendance to receive his plaque.

There being no further business Council Member Bradley moved to adjourn. Council Member Llewelyn 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, December 3, 2015

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Edward Chavez  
Mayor

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Jona Skerl  
City Recorder

Approved on January 7, 2016

