

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, June 4, 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
Jason Llewelyn

City Recorder Jona Skerl
Chief Trent Anderson

Citizens: John Serfustini, Scottie Kraync, Jake Mellor, Angela Pugliese, Celeste Smith.

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 May 7, 2015.

Council Member Bradley moved to approve the minutes of May 7, 2015 Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2015-3 FOR BUDGET 2015-2016 AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2015-4 AMENDING THE BUDGET 2014-2015.

Council Member Pugliese moved to open the Public Hearing at 6:01 P.M. to receive comments on the 2015-2016 budget and the amending of the 2014-2015 budget. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes. This budget includes transfers from the electric, water and garbage enterprise funds. The budget also contains a 3% increase to all employees with the exception of seasonal and salary employees and a 7% to all police officers. There being no public comments Council Member Bradley moved to close the Public Hearing at 6:18 P.M. and adopt Resolution 2015-3 adopting the budget for 2015-2016 Resolution 2015-4 amending the current budget. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood in favor with no one in opposition Resolution 2015-3 and 2015-4 passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Council Member Llewelyn pointed out various expenses he felt were not in the budget and should be discussed.

INTRODUCTION OF CELESTE SMITH, MISS CARBON COUNTY.

Ms. Smith introduced herself to the council and offered her and her attendants to do appearances or anything that is needed. She will be attending Miss Utah pageant and for the Show Us Your Shoes parade, her platform is baseball. Ms. Smith asked for help in finding some old baseball cleats. Council Member Mascaro suggested checking with the museum.

ANGELA PUGLIESE INFORMATION ON THE RED CROSS.

Angela Pugliese from C.E.R.T. introduced Beverly Holt from the Red Cross. Ms. Holt stated there is a need for a community plan in case of a disaster. There is a state program to help create a disaster plan that includes the community. Rachel Dunn, explained the effort to help citizens with home safety the Red Cross will do free fire assessments. One of the free services would be replacing or installing fire alarms and handing out emergency buckets that contain flashlights etc. Ms. Pugliese reported that the Red Cross liaison for the area moved and needed to be replaced. Residents communicate more to a local resident or someone they may know.

CHARLES COLACITO DISCUSSION ON JANET STREET.

Charles Colacito not present at meeting.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON ACCEPTING LOAN FROM DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY.

Mayor Chavez and Council Member Harwood attended a meeting with Utah Wastewater Project Assistance Program and received a \$2,314,000 loan at 0% interest for the sewer line project in Area 3. Council Member Harwood explained the sewer rate could go up to \$47 per month. Council Member Pugliese asked if this would cover the rest of the project. Mayor Chavez explained with the CIB money combined this would be all the money needed to complete the project.

Council Member Llewelyn moved to accept the loan of \$2,314,000 at 0% interest. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes Pugliese voting no.

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

Council Member Bradley moved to adopt Resolution 2015-2 city pool fees. Council Member Pugliese seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn, and Harwood in favor with no one in opposition Resolution 2015-2 city pool fees passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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

Council Member Harwood asked to have 30 miles be changed to 60 miles in the first paragraph of the ordinance.

Council Member Harwood moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-1 travel policy with corrections. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn, and Harwood in favor with no one in opposition Ordinance 2015-1 travel policy passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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

Council Member Bradley moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-2 establishing a Library Board with corrections. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn, and Harwood in favor with no one in opposition Ordinance 2015-2 establishing a Library Board passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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

This item will be rolled over to the next agenda.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON RESOLUTION 2015-5 SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 362 AUTHORIZED .25% LOCAL OPTION GENERAL SALES TAX FOR TRANSPORTATION.

Council Member Harwood moved to adopt Resolution 2015-5 supporting House Bill 362. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn, and Harwood in favor with no one in opposition Resolution 2015-5 supporting House Bill 362 passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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

Council Member Pugliese stated the 1997 pickup truck has had 2 engines replaced in the last 2 years and it needs to be retired. Money would be allocated out of the Class C Road Fund and would like to request a ¾ ton, four wheel dump bed, extended cab truck with a snow plow, diesel engine. Council Member Pugliese has checked into the state contract on the truck and it would be approximately \$60,000.

Council Member Pugliese moved to purchase new truck for street department in the amount of \$60,000. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON PURCHASING 1993 FORD JET RODDER TRUCK.

Council Member Harwood has been watching the bids on a used rodder truck and current bid is at \$6,500. Council Member Harwood asked permission to bid on the truck under the condition he inspect the truck before purchasing.

Council Member Pugliese moved to purchase the used rodder truck for street department in the amount of \$30,000 after inspection. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON VEST FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Anderson explained one officer had a new vest when he was hired it now needs to be replaced.

Council Member Llewelyn moved to purchase a new vest in the amount of \$700. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON SELLING RIO THEATER.

Council Member Pugliese stated he would like to investigate what it would take to sell the Rio Theater. Council Member Pugliese felt the theater is a drain on the city budget and will continue to be. Council Member Harwood explained the safety issues with the building that would need to be corrected.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve investigating selling the Rio Theater. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

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

Council Member Mascaro asked council if he could look for some funding to build a new pavilion in the Main Park. The cost would be around \$15,000 to \$20,000 for a 20' x 30' pavilion.

Council Member Mascaro moved to find funding for a new pavilion in the Main Park. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON DONATION FOR MINERS MEMORIAL.

Council Member Pugliese suggested offering the Miners Memorial committee in kind services and the use of the swimming pool for a fund raiser. Cindi Curry told the council she has a raffle going on for a bike and the city donate that money. The council thanked Ms. Curry for her donation.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON CERTIFIED TAX RATE.

Council Member Bradley moved to approve the certified tax rate .003070. 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 reported Silver Spur failed to submit daily compaction reports and that shut down the project. The concrete contractor has bailed out them, there will be a delay putting in the sidewalks, curb and gutter. Silver Spur will not receive any more extensions and liquidated damages will occur. June 1 was completion date, they still have paving and testing to do which should start on June 5. Cindi Curry stated not having Main Street opened has hurt the businesses downtown. The pavement will be done from a company out of Utah County.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.

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

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

Council Member Pugliese moved to have the city insurance pay the Vigor claim. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Llewelyn reported the water analysis person will be here again this year to help residents water effectively.

Council Member Mascaro reported he would like to install a skate park in the city. The plaque for Big John and the Gazebo are done and will be installed soon.

Council Member Pugliese reported Ash road water line needs to be replaced.

Council Member Bradley reported the pool floor is being plastered.

Mayor Chavez reported First Saturday will be on Main Street this week and the Girl Scout event in the park starts at 2:00. On Thursday at 8:00 A.M. the CIB meeting will be in the Carbon County Event Center. On June 15th Karl Kraync with Bear Program would like to meet to make a plan to help keep Main Street business open during the construction. Fire Chief Colombo would like to increase the Fire Department volunteers from 16 to 20.

There being no further business Council Member Mascaro moved to adjourn. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried: Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, 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, June 4, 2015

Edward Chavez
Mayor

Jona Skerl
City Recorder

Approved on July 2, 2015