

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, November 5, 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

Citizens: Tim Riley, Tami Ursenbach, Dave Johnsen, Kirsten Taylor, Traci Bishop, 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 OCTOBER 1 AND 26, 2015.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve the minutes of October 1 and 26, 2015. Council Member Pugliese seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

DAVE JOHNSEN AND KRISTEN TAYLOR ON DONATION OF EQUIPMENT TO THE RIO THEATER.

Kristen Taylor updated the council on what the committee has been doing to get the city involved with art. They have formed an alliance with Sally Mauro and we have paid for professional artists to teach classes. This has helped expand the arts in school and this has been a wonderful experience for the students. One of things we would like to do is organize a Film Festival in conjunction with the Arts Festival. The Arts Festival Committee would like to purchase and donate a projector for the Rio Theater. The cost will be about \$11,000 and the Arts Festival Committee has \$10,000 to give towards the cost of the projector. Mr. Johnsen told the council their main goal is to utilize the theater as much as possible. Neil Breinholt will donate his time to install the equipment. Morgan Lund has agreed to allow them to use his Silver Screen located in the theater. Mr. Johnsen would like to show movies at the theater for a small fee or donation to continue funding for the theater.

Council Member Bradley moved to grant permission to move forward. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

TIM RILEY DISCUSSION ON VACANT BUILDING AT 54 SOUTH MAIN.

Mr. Riley addressed the council on some open windows in the building at 54 south Main. Mr. Riley's concern was a child could get into the building and be injured. The feral cats have been living in the building. Asked if the council could encourage the owner to board up the windows for safety and help control the feral cat problem. Mayor Chavez stated he would have Chief Anderson write a letter or call the property manager. Mr. Riley thanked the council for their service in making Helper a better place to live.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL RESOLUTION 2015-12 RENEW RECYCLING ZONE.

Tami Ursenbach explained the Recycling Zone and Enterprise Zone benefits for employers located in those zones.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve Resolution 2015-12 to renew the Recycling Zone. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn, and Harwood in favor. Resolution 2015-12 passed by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL RESOLUTION 2015-13 RENEW ENTERPRISE ZONE.

Tami Ursenbach updated the council on new economic development that may be coming to Carbon County. Ms. Ursenbach stated that Salt Lake County is looking to send business to rural communities. Carbon County was ranked number one out of nine for the fastest growing county. Carbon County is looking at improving the airport and is meeting next week at the airport to discuss what is needed for the area.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve Resolution 2015-13 to renew the Enterprise Zone. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn, and Harwood in favor. Resolution 2015-13 passed by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON RESOLUTION 2015-14 SEWER RATES.

Council Member Bradley moved to approve Resolution 2015-14 to increase sewer rates beginning on July 1, 2015 to cover bond payment. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn, and Harwood in favor. Resolution 2015-14 passed by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL WATER, SEWER AND ELECTRIC CONNECTION FEES.

Council Member Harwood explained the current connection fees will not cover the cost of the new meters. The connections fees only apply to new connections of water, sewer, and electric. The sewer connection will not increase because no city labor or equipment involved. Current connection fees for water are \$300 for a ¾ meter the cost to install one is \$702.95. Fee for a 1" water meter installed is \$500 and electric meter is \$200 and cost for commercial meters is \$265.50. The city is also paying \$300 to set up temporary power for the customer. New connections will be \$800 for ¾ "meter and \$1200 for 1"meter. Commercial electric connection will be \$300 and the cost of temporary power will be paid by the customer. The new connection fees will be on the next agenda.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON FURNACE REPLACEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS SHOP.

Council Member Harwood opened two bids on installing a gas heater for the public works shop. Spring Glen Heating bid \$2450 and Air Temp \$2300.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve purchasing the gas heater from Air Temp in the amount of \$2300. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

REPORT ON WATER, SEWER, AND STORM DRAIN PROJECTS.

Council Member Harwood informed the council of the current remaining budget for the project, which will be updated every meeting. Knife River will be paving in all areas that were excavated starting on Monday.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.

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

Council Member Bradley moved to open session and have City Attorney Sampinos address Silver Spurs request. Council Member Pugliese seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT.

Chief Anderson reported Officer John Stephen will be leaving the department to work for the Utah Highway Patrol at the end of the month. There are some candidates that had applied before that will be interviewed again for the position.

City Recorder Skerl reported there will be an election canvas on November 17th at 12:15 at the Carbon County Auditor's office. All council members should be there or at least three for a quorum.

Council Member Harwood reported a Christmas tree is needed for City Hall if anyone knows someone who would like to donate one. There was an issue with a resident who has a large water bill and claims there was no leak. After discussing the issue with the employee that turned on the water, the resident stated there was a leak and not to worry he would fix it.

Council Member Pugliese reported Planning and Zoning had several new developments in the works. There is a possibility of an annexation needed for a RV park going in on the south end of town. Dave Johnsen is remodeling the building at 143 South Main and hoping to put in 4 living quarters and two businesses.

Council Member Bradley reported a new replacement power pole will be installed on the corner of Janet and 2nd East.

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, November 5, 2015

Edward Chavez
Mayor

Jona Skerl
City Recorder

Approved on December 3, 2015