

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, April 7, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Helper Auditorium

Council Chambers

19 South Main

Helper, Utah 84526

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Edward Chavez

City Staff

Council Members:

David Dornan

Gary Harwood

Chris Pugliese

Amanda Wheeler

Tom Williams

City Recorder Jona Skerl

Attorney Angela Sampinos (Phone)

Citizens: Kate Kilpatrick-Miller, Lenise Peterman, Harry Reddington, Ruth Metzger, Jack Ori, Symone Massey, Mary Odendahl, Michelle Goldsmith, Taylor Powelson, Ellis Powelson, Ben Steele, Erika Alford, Elieen Green, Marilou Kundmueller, Anne Kaferle, Kathleen Royster, 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 March 3, 2016.

Council Member Williams moved to approve the minutes of March 3, 2016. Council Member Dornan seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Dornan, Wheeler, Williams and Harwood all voting yes.

TIFFANY VANSICKLE DISCUSSION ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM.

Eileen Green explained to the Council Tiffany Vansickle was ill and could not attend the meeting. Ms. Green described the Substance Abuse Program Coalition as a group of all types of organizations coming together to help improve substance abuse programs. Carbon County is rated one of the highest counties for substance abuse. Council needed more information to make a decision on supporting the coalition in the amount of \$650. Ms. Green thanked the council and will have Tiffany Vansickle send out more information.

MOUNTAIN AMERICA CREDIT UNION PRESENTATION.

Symone Massey presented council with packets from Mountain America Credit Union describing the cost of services they provide. Ms. Massey stated Mountain America is willing to pay half the cost of new checks for the city if they would like to change banks. Ms. Massey stated the savings would be about \$378 per month. The Council will compare the cost and services before making a decision.

ERICA ALFORD DISCUSSION ON BASEBALL TOURNAMENT.

Erica Alford, Helper Hit Man team manager, requested to use all three little league fields for a baseball tournament on August 11-13, 2016. Ms. Alford stated at least 70 teams will be participating in the tournament. Carbon County will allow them to use the fairgrounds fields along with the Helper fields. Council Member Wheeler has attended the league meetings and the team leaders are very organized. Ms. Alford explained the plan is to have the tournament annually.

Council Member Dornan moved to allow Black Diamond Baseball Tournament to use all three little league fields. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Dornan, Wheeler, Williams and Harwood all voting yes.

BEN STEELE AND EAST MAIN BUILDING OWNERS ON STORM DRAIN.

Ben Steele and Marilou Kundmueller presented council with a slide show on storm drain issues. Mr. Steele addressed the drainage issue behind the buildings on the eastside from 115 South Main to 191 South Main. Mr. Steele's concern was the storm drain design had been eliminated from the construction plans and there has been a flooding issue with some of the buildings. Council Member Harwood displayed plans showing the storm drain design for the rear of the buildings. The only storm drain that had been eliminated was behind the Helper Auditorium to City Hall. Council Member Harwood explained the storm drain design for the back of the buildings starting at 115 South Main to 191 South Main. Mr. Steele felt the storm drain design would take care of the flooding concerns.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON ORDINANCE 2016-1 AMENDING SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS.

Council Member Pugliese informed Council Planning and Zoning reviewed the ordinance and recommended the amendment of the width for signage from 25 percent of the width of the sidewalk to 75 percent. The majority of the signage on Main Street is at least 75 percent of the width of the sidewalk and this change would bring all signage in compliance ordinance along with future signage.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve Ordinance 2016-1 amending signage requirements. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Pugliese, Dornan, Wheeler, Williams, and Harwood in favor. Ordinance 2016-1 passed by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON ANNEXATION PETITION FOR MOUNTAIN STATES INVESTMENT.

City Recorder Skerl explained this is just the first in a long line of steps to annex the Mountain States Investment property for the RV Park.

Council Member Pugliese moved to accept and begin the annexation of the Mountain States Investment Property. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Dornan, Wheeler, Williams and Harwood all voting yes

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON PURCHASING A METAL DETECTOR & PIPE LOCATOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve the purchase of the metal detector and pipe locator in the amount of \$2,000. Council Member Dornan seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Dornan, Wheeler, Williams and Harwood all voting yes

KATE KILPATRICK MILLER DISCUSSION ON ARTS FESTIVAL.

Ms. Miller requested time from our legal counsel to review the 501-3C application and business plan. Council and City Attorney agreed to assist the Arts Festival with their 501-3C application.

REPORT ON WATER, SEWER, AND STORM DRAIN PROJECTS.

Council Member Harwood reported Knife River has installed all the sewer, water, and storm drain from Poplar Street to Hill Street. The sewer is installed from Hill Street to Janet Street. Knife River will start the water and storm drain from Hill Street to Janet Street. The concrete work should start on April 18, Knife River will do the east side of Main Street first from Poplar Street to Hill Street. When the east side is complete the west side will be done. D Street is almost done and then Knife River will begin construction on Palmer Street. Knife River hit the pressure irrigation last fall and repaired the pipe, but Spring Glen Canal is not happy with the repair. Spring Glen Canal stated next fall they will repair it again and send the bill to Helper City. The repair is a good standard repair and the city should not be billed. Council Member Harwood asked the council if the drinking fountains on Main Street can be removed. Council agreed the drinking fountains are hard to maintain and should be removed. Tom Lund requested a letter stating the city would be able to supply water, sewer, and electric for his RV Park.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.

Council Member Dornan moved to a closed session on a personnel issue. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Dornan, Wheeler, Williams, and Harwood voting yes. Council Member Pugliese had left the meeting at this time.

Council Member Harwood moved to an open session. Council Member Dornan seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Dornan, Wheeler, Williams, and Harwood voting yes.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Pugliese reported the pressure valve at Carbon Power Plant needed to be repaired. The parking lot of the Legion Field and the road to the Heritage Field have all been resurfaced with roto mill from the city streets.

Council Member Dornan reported on the plans for the Miners Memorial explaining the locators for the various mines. Council Member Dornan showed pictures of a complete design for the Miners Memorial.

Council Member Wheeler reported the kiosk plexiglass, map, and directory at the cemetery needs to be replaced and updated.

Council Member Williams reported the museum has a grant to install a permanent wall to protect the WPA paintings from harmful sunlight. Council Member Williams suggested a mobile wall that could be moved instead of covering up the glass block window or just move the paintings. The Utah Power & Light plaque will be made of materials from the plant instead of a block of concrete.

Recorder Jona Skerl asked if the council would like to have a work meeting on the budget. Council set a date of April 19, 2016 4:00 PM at City Hall.

Attorney Sampinos reported still working on the fire contract with Carbon County. Silver Spur's interest payment on the retainage payment which was held is being worked on.

Mayor Chavez reported the Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success with 3,000 eggs. Brandon Peterson and I have been talking with everyone on Main Street about the sidewalk project and all but about 4 have signed the contract to have their sidewalk replaced.

There being no further business Council Member Williams moved to adjourn. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion Carried: Dornan, Wheeler, Williams, 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, April 7, 2016

Edward Chavez
Mayor

Jona Skerl
City Recorder

Approved on May 5, 2016