

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 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 (Absent Excused)

Amanda Wheeler

Tom Williams

City Recorder Jona Skerl

Chief Trent Anderson

Attorney Angela Sampinos (Absent Excused)

Citizens: Jim Boyd, Harry Reddington, Deb Dull, Kate Kilpatrick-Miller, Chantz Richens, Pat Kokal, Tim Riley, Jack Ori, 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 December 3, 2015.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve the corrected minutes of December 3, 2015. Council Member Dornan seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Dornan, Wheeler, Williams, and Harwood voting yes.

DEB DULL AND KYLE DAVIS DISCUSSION ON CARBON PLANT MEMORIAL.

Deb Dull, Regional Business Manager Rocky Mountain Power, and Kyle Davis, Manager of Carbon Plant, explained the museum board had requested bricks and artifacts from the Carbon Power Plant that will be donated to the museum. Mr. Davis brought a few of the manufacturer plates from the generators that will be donated for the Carbon Plant room at the museum. Jim Boyd explained the two part plan for the plant memorabilia. A wall will be constructed for the turbine blades and a plaque in the yard next to the mosaic wall. The donated bricks from the plant will be sold for \$100 per brick and engraved with the name of the donor, then placed as a walkway to the wall. Mr. Boyd is hoping the brick sales will generate enough funds to landscape the entire lot. Before the deconstruction, the committee will go through the plant and look for things that can be displayed. Mr. Davis explained the bricks have never been used, these are the spare bricks for the boiler. Mayor Chavez and all Council members were very supportive of the project and thanked Deb Dull and Kyle Davis for the update and the memorabilia.

KATE KILPATRICK MILLER REPORT ON ARTS FESTIVAL.

Ms. Miller reported on the upcoming events for the 2016 Arts Festival. There will be a gallery stroll and reception on August 18th. Many vendor's requested the festival remain open a half day on Sunday however, there will be no live performances instead there will be canned music. Ms. Miller will be meeting with the Carbon Tourism board next week to find out the amount of the grant that was awarded for advertising outside of the county. The festival committee would like to secure a permanent location for operations during the festival that would allow safe storage for the activities year to year. The festival would like to purchase a computer, fax machine and supply vendors with internet support access. The building next to the City Hall needs a new roof and some inside repairs before the festival can continue to use it. Ms. Miller is considering expanding the festival to include local filmmakers and increase the children's art area. Ms. Miller asked if the Main Street construction would be completed by August 18th. Council Member Harwood stated the construction should be completed no later than the middle of July. Council Member Williams suggested to ask all the local artist's to help with sweat equity for the repairs in the current building. Council Member Dornan thanked Ms. Miller for volunteering to chair the Arts Festival.

HARRY REDDINGTON DISCUSSION ON NEW RV PARK.

Mr. Reddington address the council with many concerns on the new RV Park. Mr. Reddington, the co-owner of Pam's RV Park, was concerned that the city may give Mr. Lund some discounts on the installation of power and water. Most large investors ask for concessions on water, power, and taxes. When I tried to expand, Pam's RV Park the council told me they did not want a trailer park in the city limits. In a years' time Pam's RV has only about a dozen campers that only stay one night most of our campers are long term renters. Mr. Reddington stated he paid for all the power, sewer, and water improvements to Pam's RV Park and did not receive any discounts. Mr. Reddington told the council about the demand meters on the park that is huge and unnecessary expense. Mr. Reddington asked the council to be fair and not extend Mr. Lund any concessions. Mr. Reddington requested that the snow plows come earlier to Martin Road before the roads are compacted.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON RAISE FOR RESERVE OFFICERS.

Chief Anderson asked council for a \$2.01 increase for his reserve officers and to move his existing officers into next the pay grade. Officer Sandoval will not receive an increase until his 6 month probation is over in February. Chief Anderson explained he lost two officers this year and has just replaced them. The department has been working with 4 officers for a while and the reserves have been filling in when needed. The reserves are making \$15.99 per hour at this time and I would like to raise them to \$18 per hour. The police department has saved the money in the budget by not having an extra officer.

Council Member Williams moved to approve the \$2.01 wage increase for the reserves and to move the existing officers into the next pay grade. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Dornan, Wheeler, Williams, and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ON WATER, SEWER, AND STORM DRAIN PROJECTS.

Council Member Harwood requested the council make a decision on replacing the sidewalks on the city properties on Main Street. Council Member Harwood prepared a cost sheet on all the sidewalks in the first section. Council Member Williams stated there should be no problem with the city replacement, however the business and resident owners may not be able to afford the sidewalk replacement. Council Member Dornan asked if everyone had been contacted on Main Street. Council Member Dornan stated the wedge that starts at about 131 South Main to 191 South Main is city property. Council Member Dornan would like the city to take control of the design to make a nice walk area. Council Member Harwood also would like permission for Franson Engineering to move forward on designing the crosswalks with the wedge planters. Knife River will begin construction on Main Street the first of February and this would be the time to replace the sidewalks. Council Member Harwood asked council what to do about the remaining sidewalks on Main Street. Council Member Harwood stated all the sidewalks need to be replaced and the city's grant/loan funding will not cover the expense.

Council Member Dornan moved to approve replacing of the sidewalks on Main Street for city owned properties and offer business owners and resident a 60-40 program with a 2 year payment plan. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Dornan, Wheeler, Williams, and Harwood voting yes.

Council Member Williams moved for Franson Engineering to design crosswalks with wedges. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Dornan, Wheeler, Williams, and Harwood voting yes.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.

No motion was made.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Harwood reported he had to order more salt for the roads and wear blades for the plows. PacifiCorp has offered to sell their Colton Wells to Helper and Price. There has not been a price mention at this time and Price has offered to purchase them and sell water to us when we need it. Helper City uses the Colton Well as back up in drought years like this one.

Council Member Dornan reported the meeting with Wells Fargo representatives verified the bank will be closing on March 11, 2016. Wells Fargo has advertised the property to other banks and if there is no interest, they may donate the building to the city. This has been done before and this building would make a nice City Hall with parking and a drive-up window and safe storage.

Mayor Chavez reported he had attended the Public Hearing on the coal to liquid fuel plant. Most comments were positive and there should be a notice by next week if their permit will go through. Mayor Chavez handed out council assignments for the new council to review.

There being no further business Council Member Harwood moved to adjourn. Council Member Dornan 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, January 7, 2016

Edward Chavez
Mayor

Jona Skerl
City Recorder

Approved on February 4, 2016

