

**MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, December 2, 2010**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Helper Auditorium**

**Council Chambers**

**19 South Main**

**Helper, Utah 84526**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Dean Armstrong

**City Staff**

**Council Members:**

Kirk Mascaro

Chris Pugliese

Robert Bradley

Gary Harwood

Brandon Wise

City Recorder Jona Skerl

Chief Trent Anderson

City Attorney Gene Strate

Citizens: Mike James, Jed McBride, Clark Pierucci, Ben Clement, John Stephen, Mellissa Lasslo, Amanda Holley, Mark Wickman and John Serfustini.

The regular meeting of the Helper City Council was called to order by Mayor Armstrong at 6:00.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES November 4 2010.**

Council Member Harwood moved to approve the minutes of November 4, 2010. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

**MIKE JAMES ON CAR SHOW.**

Mr. James addressed the Council on what he would like to see at the 2011 Car Show. Mr. James told the Council that there may be up to 250 cars and he may need more space for them. Mr. James asked the Council if he could use the Legion Field. Mayor Armstrong and the Council told Mr. James that the field is for baseball use only. There has been a lot of time and money spent to get the field in shape for baseball games. Mr. James then asked if he could have the Main Street Park, Lions Park and the Main Park. The Council had agreed to support the Car Show and allow the use of all the requested parks and have free swimming for the day. The Car Show will be held on June 17 and 18, 2011.

**BEN CLEMENT ON G.I.S. LOCATION CODES FOR ADDRESSES.**

Mr. Clement presented the Council with a power point presentation to explain the location codes that he would like to see everyone adopt for addressing. The new addresses would be longitude and latitude coded for an address instead of street names. Mr. Clement pointed out some of the trouble spots in the city where the addresses do not make any sense. If they were in the new format anyone with a GPS system could find the address. Mayor Armstrong and the Council had problems with giving up the street names for addresses. Mayor Armstrong stated that the Council would have to study the system of longitude and latitude before agreeing to change addresses.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON ARMAND CLARK PIERUCCI PLACE OF RESIDENCE.**

Mayor Armstrong explained to the Council that Ordinance 90-5 states any full time city employee must reside within the geographical boundaries of Helper unless the employee is first granted an exception by the Mayor and Council. Mayor Armstrong told the Council that Mr. Pierucci had moved to Price and Officer John Stephen is also moving to Price. The Council felt that the ordinance needed to be changed to state just elected officials. Attorney Strate informed the Council elected officials residency is state law and the ordinance could be repealed.

Council Member Harwood moved to retain Armand Clark Pierucci in Public Works . Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

Council Member Wise moved to repeal Ordinance 90-5 pertaining to the residency requirements for employees and elected officials. Council Member Pugliese seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood in favor with no one in opposition Ordinance 90-5 repeal passed by a unanimous roll call vote

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON STRATEGIC PLAN 2011-2013 FOR LIBRARY AND UPDATES.**

Amanda Holley, Librarian, informed the Council that the Strategic Plan must be reviewed or changed every three years. This year the plan was reviewed and updated by the Library Board. Ms. Holley also explained that the expansion was in the plan and grants have been applied for. Ms. Holley asked if the demolition of the wall between the Auditorium storage room and library could be torn down and a door put up until grant money is obtained. Mayor Armstrong felt that the expansion should be discussed at the next meeting.

Council Member Mascaro moved to approve the Strategic Plan 2011-2013 for the library. Council Member Wise seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes. Council Member Pugliese was not present at this time.

**JOHN STEPHEN DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON LIVING OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS.**

This was discussed on agenda item 3. John Stephen is able to live outside the city limits and retain his job as a police officer due to the repeal of Ordinance 90-5.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON ORDINANCE NO 2010-9 MEETING DATES.**

Council Member Harwood moved to approve Ordinance 2010-9 meeting dates. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood in favor with no one in opposition Ordinance 2010-9 passed by a unanimous roll call vote. . Council Member Pugliese was not present at this time.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON APPOINTMENT OF NEW MUSEUM BOARD MEMBERS.**

Council Member Mascaro suggested to the Mayor and Council to appoint Karla Kelly and Greg Payne to the Museum Board.

Council Member Wise moved to approve Carla Kelly and Greg Payne to the Museum Board. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes. Council Member Pugliese was not present at this time.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON DINOSAUR DIAMOND INFORMATION CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.**

Mayor Armstrong informed the Council on a program with the Scenic Byway and the Dinosaur Loop to obtain two kiosks for the city. There are three different panels that will have the Dinosaur Loop for Carbon and Emery County which includes Helper. The information will include businesses and things to do like the Museum. The kiosks will cost \$1,000 for Helper to participate. Helper will be named 5 times in different kiosks throughout the state and county in about 15 locations.

Council Member Mascaro moved to approve the \$1,000 for the kiosks. Council Member Wise seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes. Council Member Pugliese was not present at this time.

**DISCUSSION ON NEW WATER RATES.**

Mayor Armstrong asked that the Council review the new water rate schedule. Mayor Armstrong presented the Council with a rate comparison schedule to show that the new rate is targeting a certain group. The schedule that Mayor Armstrong presented is much more even and fair. Council agreed to review the new rates and the comparison schedule before the next meeting.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON EMPLOYEES CHRISTMAS.**

Council Member Mascaro moved to approve ½ day off with pay and a \$25.00 gift card. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes. Council Member Pugliese was not present at this time.

**MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.**

No motion was made for a closed session.

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

Chief of Police Trent Anderson reported that there would be no sirens at the light parade due to emergency protocol.

City Recorder Jona Skerl asked permission to get bids for codification of the code book.

Council Member Harwood asked about the updating the website.

Council Member Wise reported there may be a way to spray weeds using the sprinkler system.

Council Member Mascaro reported on activates for the Light Parade and Rio Theatre. Council Member Bradley reported that the power upgrade for Morgantown was going forward.

Mayor Armstrong thanked the city crews for a great job on lighting up Helper. Franson Engineering is starting on the inventory of the water and sewer lines.

There being no further business Council Member Mascaro moved to adjourn. Council Member Wise seconded the motion. Motion Carried Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes. Meeting adjourned.

I here by certify that the fore going represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Helper City Council meeting held on Thursday, December 2, 2010.

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Dean Armstrong  
Mayor  
Approved on January 6, 2011

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Jona Skerl  
City Recorder