

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, June 3, 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: Cindy Nielsen, Brandy Sherman, Kyle Edwards, and Donald Mortensen.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES May 6, 24 2010.

Council Member Wise moved to approve the minutes of May 6 and the corrected minutes of May 24, 2010. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley, Mascaro, Wise, and Harwood voting yes. Council Member Pugliese was not present for the vote.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDING THE BUDGET 2009-2010 AND ADOPTION OF BUDGET 2010-2011.

Mayor Armstrong told the council that the regular budget would not be adopted until after the property tax public hearing.

Council Member Mascaro moved to open the public hearing at 6:01. Council Member Wise seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

There being no public comment Council Member Wise moved to close the public hearing at 6:10 and approve the amendments for Budget 2009-2010. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise, and Harwood all voting yes.

RHONDA PETERSON ON BLEACHER USE AGREEMENT WITH CARBON COUNTY.

Ms. Peterson addressed the council on the new Carbon County bleacher use agreement. Ms. Peterson explained with the new bleachers Carbon County will be requiring a signed agreement and training on the use and pick up. Carbon County will no longer deliver the bleachers; the entity will have to pick them up. The agreement held the entity responsible for all damages to the bleachers. Mayor Armstrong would like the City Attorney to review the agreement before the city signs it.

CHRIS GIGLIOTTI ON WATER BILL.

Mr. Gigliotti was not present.

DISCUSSION AND/ OR APPROVAL RESOLUTION FOR FEES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS.

This item will be tabled for the next agenda.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON DISPATCH FEES FOR 2011.

Chief Anderson informed the council that the dispatch cost went up again this year in the amount of \$3,251.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve the Price Communication cost. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, voting yes and Wise and Harwood voting no.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON REPAIRING AND PAINTING AT AUDITORIUM.

Council Member Mascaro told the council that he had been working on getting the upstairs of the auditorium painted and the floor refinished. He had a couple of contractors bid on the painting and Clean and Handy had the lowest bid of \$17,000 that included the refinishing the floor.

Council Member Bradley moved to approve the bid from Clean and Handy in the amount of \$17,000. Council Member Pugliese seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON NATIONAL GUARD PROJECTS.

Council Member Wise explained that the National Guard had a program to provide labor free of charge to the city for building projects. Council Member Wise would like to build new bathrooms for the Little League Park and the Locust Park. The city would have to provide all the materials for the project. Council Member Mascaso told the council he would like to have the guard come and install rocks and plants at the Museum.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve the National Guard to build bathrooms at the Little League Park as priority and the Museum project if possible. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON REPAIRING NEON SIGNS.

Mayor Armstrong told the council that there are several neon signs on Main Street that need repair and there may be some redevelopment money that can be used. The Avalon is purchasing a replica of the original neon sign and refurbishing the other signs would light up the city Main Street.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON ADVERTISING FOR BIDS TO SURVEY WATER SYSTEM.

Council Member Pugliese explained that the Rural Water Association suggested that a water system survey be done. Council Member Pugliese asked that a request for proposals be advertised for bids on the survey with finding funding must be included.

Council Member Wise moved to approve the advertising for bids on the Water System Survey. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON APPOINTMENT OF ZONING ADMINISTRATOR.

Council Member Pugliese told the council that appointing a Zoning Administrator to approve the building permits would help in speeding up the process. Council Member Pugliese asked that Tom Paluso be appointed as Zoning Administrator and paid \$35 per approved permit.

Council Member Mascaro moved to approve the appointment of Tom Paluso as Zoning Administrator with the pay of \$35 per approved permit. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON PRICE RIVER WATER AGREEMENT.

Mayor Armstrong explained that this agreement had not been signed in 2007. The agreement with Price River Water is for purchasing emergency water.

Council Member Wise moved to sign the agreement with Price River Water. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON WEED CONTROL FOR ALL PARKS AND CEMETERY.

Council Member Wise addressed the council on the problem of weed control in the city. Council Member Wise has permission to use the Carbon County's weed sprayer at no cost and the city will purchase the chemical. Council Member Wise will spray all the green areas owned by the city at no cost to the city; he is licensed to spray chemicals.

Council Member Mascaro moved to purchase chemicals for weed control in the amount of \$975. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON CERTIFIED TAX RATE.

This item will be tabled until public hearing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**BOYACK RIGHT-A-WAY.**

Nothing to report

DON JACKSON WATER ISSUE.

Nothing to report.

KEY BANK LEASE.

Attorney Strate is waiting to here from Key Bank

RIO THEATER CONTRACT.

Attorney Strate is working on the changes.

PUBLIC WORKS ORGANIZATION.

Nothing to report.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.

No motion was made.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT.

Chief Anderson reported Officer Stephen will be returning to work on June 28, 2010.

Council Member Harwood reported that the Knox boxes are all installed and need keys, the Rio Theater parking lot rotto mill needs to be oiled and the fire station parking lot needs to be striped.

Council Member Wise reported that one public works employee passed the test for his certification in weed control. All employees have until July 12 to pass the test or the city will lose the money paid. The slide has been installed at the Castle Gate Park and the netting for the bleachers for the Legion Park will be installed. The cemetery was not mowed because the Sun Advocate had placed flowers on the graves.

Council Member Mascaro reported that Marie Truscott Lentsch had installed the donated star at City Hall and the coal seed to the Museum. DWR fishing day will be on June 9 and the Lincoln Exhibit starts on June 18.

Council Member Bradley reported that the upgrade on First West will not work for the power that is need and Rocky Mountain Power is looking into another plan. The pool asphalt is completed and the awning has been ordered.

Council Member Pugliese reported that the Rural Water Association has a proposal for new water rates.

Mayor Armstrong explained the Family Leave Act the city will require the employee to exhaust all paid time off before taking FMLA. The new curb and gutter on 5th Avenue is UDOT compliant and the city has cleared the project. Mayor Armstrong had concerns on a personal attack of one of the council members on a social networking site. Please do not encourage this kind of behavior we need to work together and support each other.

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, June 3, 2010.

Dean Armstrong
Mayor
Approved on July 1, 2010

Jona Skerl
City Recorder