

**MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, October 7, 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

Deputy Recorder Joan Burgess

Officer Chief Trent Anderson

City Attorney Gene Strate

Citizens: John Serfustini, Dave Dornan, Marilou Kundmuller, Donald Mortensen, Melissa Sorensen, Sam Chiara and Amanda Holley

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES September 2, 2010.**

Council Member Wise moved to approve the corrected minutes of September 2, 2010. Council Member Wise seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro and Wise and Harwood voting yes.

**REPORT FROM THE HELPER ARTS COUNCIL.**

Marilou Kundmuller presented the council with the Rio Theatre quarterly report. Ms. Kundmuller stated that they have had good response to the play subscriptions and people seem to be excited about the Rio Theatre. Dave Dornan stated that they have a goal to sell 1000 season tickets and there had been complaints that people could not hear well. Ms. Kundmuller mentioned the issue they are having with the sewer smell and a water leak in the lobby. Council Member Harwood said he has already contacted Rural Water to see if they can help solve the problem and will report to Public Works about the water leak. Marilou Kundmuller also had questions about the phone line and who should be paying the bill. They would like to have internet and caller ID, Chief Trent Anderson said to the council that there would not be a problem with having internet installed. Council Member Mascaro stated it would be a good idea for them to own their own phone line and pay for the billing. Ms. Kundmuller will talk with City Recorder Skerl and Emery Telcom and have the billing name changed.

**AMANDA HOLLEY ON HAUNTED HAPPENINGS.**

Amanda Holley requested the council approval for the Haunted Happenings and explained the new events she has added this year. Ms. Holley stated she has good sponsors and no grant money should be needed for the event this year. Mayor Armstrong told Ms. Holley to make sure she coordinates the events with Public Safety. Council Members told Ms. Holley that they support the Haunted Happenings and complimented her on her efforts.

**SAM CHIARA UPDATE ON LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD.**

Members of the City Council made positive comments on the progress of the new field and the upgrades that are already being scheduled. Mayor Armstrong stated that the work done on the field was impressive and the old Little League field will also have work done to improve it. Sam Chiara and Melissa Sorensen updated City Council on the Little League field upgrades and future expansion plans. Council Member Harwood told the council the water tank had been removed. Mayor Armstrong said the money spent approximately \$16,000 of the allowed \$25,000 from the Special Service District. Mr. Chiara stated there is a check off list of what work needs to be completed and the city may want to see what money should be allocated to what jobs. Jobs may include power, parking lot and clay material for infield. Mayor Armstrong told Council Member Wise to coordinate with Public Works to get the necessary work done. Sam Chiara stated that Jones and Damille will be doing the engineering for free and they were waiting on plans for a building permit for the dugouts because it is a structure, there would just be a cost for lumber.

**DISCUSSION ON GENERAL PLAN.**

Council Member Pugliese addressed the council on how the Planning and Zoning Commission was in the process of updating the General Plan. Council Member Pugliese said the Commission would like suggestions and ideas from the City Council on what they would like included in the General Plan. After discussion City Council stated they would like to have a work meeting with Planning and Zoning during the regular meeting on October 20, 2010. Council Member Wise stated that at the last Commission meeting, Ben Clement was approved to resurvey Helper City boundaries.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON RESOLUTION 2010-6 FEES FOR WATER.**

Council Member Pugliese stated that the Resolution has already been discussed and was now in Resolution form. Chris Pugliese explained to the council that dormant and active connections will now have the same base rate fee of \$19.50. The Resolution encourages conservation, Rural Water likes to see Helper City moving towards conservation based fee schedule. Council Member Pugliese brought attention to the Commercial rate section for allowing special negotiations on large water usage charges. Mayor Armstrong stated a more adequate definition should be used on who and how this should be determined. Council Member Harwood explained how water leaks develop in winter months when the meters are not being read, this is when high usage occurs and the 25% reduction should apply. Council Member Bradley said he would like to look closer at the wording before approving the Resolution. Council made the decision to have Attorney Strate better define the verbiage in the Resolution but wanted the fee rate to be adopted as drafted.

Council Member Bradley moved to accept Resolution 2010-6 striking the special negotiations paragraph and remove the word also in the Water Service Reconnection Fee and Stand-By-Fee section. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Member Mascaro voting no, Wise, Harwood, Pugliese and Bradley voting yes. Resolution 2010-5 passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Resolution 2010-6 will not be completely passed or ammended until verbiage is corrected and approved.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON PURCHASING NEW MAIN SERVER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000.**

Chief Trent Anderson explained how the main city server crashed and how devastating it was to the city and a new server would be approximately \$3,000.

Council Member Mascaro moved to approve the purchase of a new main server in the amount of \$3,000. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro and Harwood voting yes. Council Member Wise was not present for vote.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON BATTING CAGES AT LEGION FIELD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,900.**

Council Member Wise informed the council the cement work for batting cages was approximately \$1900.00. Jeff Cisneros has a full scale engineered drawing and Central Commission has put in a bid of \$2900 for items such as fencing, poles, netting and walk in gates. Money for batting cages was approved in April and Council Member Wise will begin ground work and get going on project.

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

Chief of Police Trent Anderson reported on the by-yearly department shoot and Officer Pugliese is now the fire arms instructor. Yard clean up efforts are going well, Officer Stephens is in charge and working hard on it. After thinking about internet at the Rio, he would like to look further into putting it on with the city. Jason Llewellyn will coordinate an exercise with the National Guard Support Team based out of Salt Lake on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The National Guard responds to hazmat on a state level for events out of the element of the Regional Hazmat team. Mayor Armstrong asked how the call outs for the Metro Drug Task Force we doing. Chief Anderson stated they have been working closely with the drug task force. The K9 officer has assisted on 2 cases this past month and prior to that Officer Pugliese had a major case that was on the federal level.

**DISCUSSION/AN/OR APPROVAL ON ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER AGREEMENTS**

Discussed in closed session.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve Rocky Mountain work agreement only for the amount of \$149,694. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro and Harwood voting yes.

**MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.**

Council Member Mascaro moved to go into closed session to discuss the Rocky Mountain Power Agreements . Council Member Pugliese seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, and Wise, Mascaro and Harwood voting yes.

Council had no question on the work agreement, Mayor Armstrong pointed out the electric service agreement being retail and not wholesale.

Council Member Bradley moved to go out of closed session and back into regular meeting. Council Member Pugliese seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro and Harwood voting yes. Council Member Wise was not present for vote.

## **ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business Council Member Mascaro moved to adjourn. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro and Harwood voting yes. Council Member Wise not present for vote. 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, October 7, 2010.

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Dean Armstrong  
Mayor

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Joan Burgess  
Deputy Recorder

Approved on November 4, 2010