

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, September 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 (Absent Excused)

Brandon Wise

City Recorder Jona Skerl

Officer Stephen Boyer

City Attorney Gene Strate

Public Works Orlando Ochoa

Citizens: Pete Via, Tracy Coon, Pete and Lynette Eaquinta, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wilkerson, Troy Gallegos, Anna Nichols and John Serfustini.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES August 5 and 19, 2010.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve the minutes of August 5 and 19, 2010. Council Member Wise seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro and Wise voting yes.

TROY GALLEGOS, DISCUSSION ON FLOOD ISSUES.

Mr. Gallegos explained the flooding issues he experienced during the August rain storm that flooded his yard. Mr. Gallegos had spoken to Dave Babcock from U.D.O. T. about the issues with the water running down from the top of the hill by Locust Street down to his home at 303 South Main. Mr. Dave Babcock had sent a email suggesting that barriers be placed on the vacant lot owned by the Union Pacific Railroad. This would have block some of the mud and debris and slow the flow of the water so the drainage system would work properly. Mayor Armstrong stated that the city would look into the flood issue.

DAIVD TURVEY, DISCUSSION ON DRAINAGE ISSUES.

Mr. Turvey explained his drainage issues at 308 South 100 West. Mr. Turvey stated that he had spoken with the Public Works Director about cleaning out the culvert by his home in July. Mr. Turvey believed that if the culvert been cleaned out the water from the August storm would have not been an issue. Mayor Armstrong thanked Mr. Turvey for his comments and advised that the council would look into the problem.

STEVN GIACOLETTO DISCUSSION ON ROAD DAMAGE AND BRYNER PLOT DITCH PIPE.

Mr. Giacoletto was not present at the meeting.

TRAVIS AND TRACY COON DISCUSSION ON CURB AND GUTTER ISSUE ON VOLL STREET.

Ms. Coon, 97 Welby Street, described the flooding that occurred at her home in August and had some suggestions on how to fix the problem. Ms. Coon showed the council pictures of the water running down Voll Street into her garage. Mr. Coon asked if someone could look at the gutter that seemed to be filled in with payment. Mayor Armstrong stated that the city would look into the problem.

PETE AND LYNETTE EAQUINTA ON CAT ISSUES.

Lynette Eaquinta addressed the council on the problem with cat feces in her yard. Mrs. Eaquinta explained that she has been trapping cats that have been coming in her yard making a mess. Mrs. Eaquinta asked the council if there was a way to license cats because she had unknowingly trapped cats that belonged to her neighbors. Council Member Mascaro referred to a prior council meeting that citizens did not want the cats

licensed, but it could be done. Mayor Armstrong agreed that this is an on going problem.

REPORT FROM THE HELPER ARTS COUNCIL.

The Arts Council was not present.

DISCUSSION ON ENGINEERING PROPOSALS.

Council Member Pugliese told the council that there were 15 engineering proposals submitted. Council Member Pugliese explained that Council Member Harwood, Mayor Armstrong and himself have been reviewing the proposals and have narrowed it down to about six.

Council Member Wise moved to authorize Mayor Armstrong to enter into a agreement with the best proposal . Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro and Wise voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON RESOLUTION 2010-5 FOR CITY PROPERTIES.

Council Member Bradley moved to adopt Resolution 2010-5 fees for the use of Helper City Properties. Council Member Pugliese seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro and Wise in favor with no one in opposition Resolution 2010-5 passed by a unanimous roll call vote

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON E.M.T. CLASSES FOR FOUR FIREMEN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$225 PER PERSON.

Council Member Wise moved to approve the training for the four firemen. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro and Wise voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON ORDINANCE 2010-7 INTERFERENCE WITH CITY ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS.

Council Member Bradley explained to the council that in Ordinance 2006-8 residents are responsible for trimming their trees that are in the power lines. Council Member Bradley told the council that this could be a liability to the city and to its residents.

Council Member Bradley moved to adopt Ordinance 2010-7 Interference with City Electrical Systems. Council Member Wise seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro and Wise in favor with no one in opposition Resolution 2010-7 passed by a unanimous roll call vote

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON SOURCE PROTECTION PLAN.

This item will be rolled over to the next agenda.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON CITY LOGO.

The council decided to use the logo the city already has.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.

Council Member Bradley moved to go into closed session to discuss personnel issue . Council Member Wise seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, and Wise voting yes. Council Member Mascaro was not present for this vote

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

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Mascaro reported he had tin for the Little League dugout roofs donated. The fundraiser for the Light Parade went fairly well.

Council Member Wise reported that the Arts Festival had the biggest crowd in the history of the festival and with no problems.

Chief of Police Trent Anderson reported on a new license reader that he purchased on a grant. The Arts Festival had no problems for the amount of people in town. The city website is up and running.

Council Member Bradley reported the pool would be closing on September 6, 2010.

Council Member Pugliese reported that the pool had a very successful year with Mr. Bradley as manager.

Mayor Armstrong reported the Eagle Scout project was done at the Little League which was painting the storage shed and concession stand. The Pony League field project is on hold for now.

There being no further business Council Member Wise moved to adjourn. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. Motion Carried Pugliese, Bradley, and Wise 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, September 2, 2010.

Dean Armstrong
Mayor
Approved on October 7, 2010

Jona Skerl
City Recorder