

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, August 4, 2011
6:00 p.m.
Helper Auditorium
Council Chambers
19 South Main
Helper, Utah 84526

ATTENDANCE: City Staff
Mayor Dean Armstrong (Absent Excused)

Council Members:	City Recorder Jona Skerl
Kirk Mascaro	Officer Stephen Boyer
Chris Pugliese (Absent Excused)	City Attorney Gene Strate
Robert Bradley	
Gary Harwood	
Brandon Wise	

Citizens: John Serfustini, Neida Garcia, David Palacios, Stacy Bassinger, Keith Cox, John Daniels, Mike and Kathy Parry, Tim Saccomano, Bill Vigor and Amanda Holley.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tempore Mascaro directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES July 7, 2011.

Council Member Bradley moved to approve the minutes of July 7, 2011. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley, Mascaro, and Harwood voting yes .Council Member Wise was not present for this vote.

JOHN DANIELS AND KEITH COX REPORT ON DAY OF SERVICE.

John Daniels and Keith Cox reported the Day of Service went very well for being the first year. Mr. Daniels told the council there were 450 volunteers and 1400 to 1500 projects that were completed. Mayor Pro Tempore Mascaro commended the group for a job well done. Mr. Daniels informed the council they would like the day of service become an annual event perhaps on a different day rather than a holiday weekend. The council thanked the committee and would support another day of service next year.

NEIDA GARCIA BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT.

Neida Garica and David Palacios presented the council with a picture of the old Helper Archway that they would like to replicate and place in the Museum Park. The archway will be approximately 10 feet by 17 feet with lights going across the top. Mr. Palacios told the council that donations will be accepted and a plaque will be placed on the arch with all the names of donors. Mr. Palacios pointed out that the statement on the arch would be changed to Center of Utah's Energy Industry. Mr. Palacios felt this would allow other industrial companies to donate rather than just the coal industry. The council agreed that the archway would be great to have back and committed Helper City resources to help move and light the archway.

STACEY BASSINGER DISCUSSION NO TOBACCO AT BASEBALL FIELDS.

Ms. Bassinger addressed the council with a presentation on no smoking at all baseball fields. Ms. Bassinger presented the council with sample ordinances that cities have adopted throughout the state. The council told Ms. Bassinger that they would look over the material and have the City Attorney check into an Ordinance.

CARBON/EMERY TELCOM DISCUSSION ON CHANNEL 6.

Carbon/Emery Telcom was unable to attend the meeting.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON DRAINAGE ISSUE ON 2ND AND 3RD NORTH.

Council Member Harwood told the council that three different homeowners have been flooded with run off. Council Member Harwood suggested curb and gutter or cleaning the ditch on Orchard Street. Tim Saccomano explained to the council that the water comes from the Utah Railroad property down through his fields and down 2nd North through Rick Collin's driveway into Mike Parry's backyard, then into Brittany Cunningham and Bill Fox's backyard on 3rd North. Bill Vigor suggested a speed bump to keep the water on the street. Council Member Harwood told the Parry's that an engineer has been up evaluating the problem. Mike Parry asked who would pay for the curb and gutter if that is the solution. Council Member Harwood felt that if curb and gutter is needed the city should pay for the installation. Mayor Pro Tempore Mascaro suggested Council Member Harwood get with the engineer to see what the solution is and then inform the residents.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON BILLBOARD SIGN.

Council Member Bradley moved to have Big John on the north billboard and Historic Helper on the south billboard. Council Member Wise seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING.

This item was rolled to the next agenda.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON AUDITORIUM WOOD FLOOR REPAIR.

Mayor Pro Tempore Mascaro told the council that he was unable to get anymore bids to refurbish the auditorium floor. The only bid received is from Clean and Handy for \$11,000 for just the main floor. Council Member Bradley asked if there was money in the budget for the floor. There is \$15,000 in the auditorium budget for repairs and maintenance.

Council Member Wise moved to have the main floor refurbished for \$11,000. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes .

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON DESIGN AND COST OF HILL STREET PROJECT.

This item will be rolled over to the next agenda.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON FENCING FOR SPRINGS.

This item will be rolled over to the next agenda.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON REPAIRS TO FIRE STATION.

Council Member Harwood presented the council a bid to remove the slate tiles on the front of the building and replace with stucco and paint the folding doors. The bid from Wayco is for a total of \$1950 for all repairs.

Council Member Harwood moved to have Wayco repair and paint the fire station for \$1950. Council Member Wise seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON CREATING A FUND FOR REPLACING POLICE CARS.

City Recorder Skerl explained to the council that Chief Anderson has been awarded a grant that will help pay for his salary and would like the money designated for his salary to be placed in a fund to help replace police cars in the future.

Council Member Bradley moved to create a fund to replace police cars. Council Member Wise seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON CHANGING EMAIL AND WEB PAGE SERVICE.

City Recorder Skerl explained to the council Kevin Saccomano could host our webpage on lpage which will free up the server and security issues. City Recorder Skerl informed the council our email server is 10 years old and is starting to fail. Gmail could be one option at about \$750 per year for 25 users.

Council Member Bradley moved to have lpage host web page and Gmail for email. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

LOCAL CONSENT FOR A LIQUOR LICENSE AT 255 SOUTH MAIN HELPER EXPRESS CAFÉ.

Council Member Bradley moved approve the local consent for Helper Express Cafe. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.

There was no motion.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Harwood reported the leak on Ash Road will be repaired as soon as the rock was blasted. Kurt Dimick was hired to blast the rock but has no insurance to cover liability. Council Member Harwood will be contacting Nielson or Nelco Construction to see if they can handle the job.

Council Member Wise reported on the Arts Festival and explained what the city crews need to do for the festival. Council Member Wise asked for help from the council, he will be out of town during the Arts Festival.

Council Member Mascaro reported there will be a play at the Rio Theater from August 11-14 and August 18-21. A 87 page petition was sent to the Postal Service to help preserve the Helper Post Office and a letter was sent acknowledging they received the petition.

Council Member Bradley reported the pool will be closing after Labor Day. September 6, 2011 .

There being no further business Council Member Wise moved to adjourn. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried Bradley, Mascaro, Wise 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, August 4, 2011.

Kirk Mascaro
Mayor Pro Tempore

Jona Skerl
City Recorder

Approved on September 1, 2011