

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, February 3, 2011
6:00 p.m.
Helper Auditorium
Council Chambers
19 South Main
Helper, Utah 84526

ATTENDANCE:

City Staff

Mayor Dean Armstrong

Council Members:

Kirk Mascaro

Chris Pugliese

Robert Bradley

Gary Harwood

Brandon Wise (Absent Excused)

City Recorder Jona Skerl

Chief Trent Anderson

City Attorney Gene Strate

Public Works Orlando Ochoa

Citizens: Brianna Welch, Gena Welch, Micha Marrelli, Diane Lodeserto, Dana Young, Alexis Wilberg, Linda Ballard, Dottie and Tim Flemett, Michele Goldsmith, Stacy Headley, Don Marrelli, Jesse McCourt , Mary Lou Dornan and John Serfustini.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES January 6, 2011.

Council Member Bradley moved to approve the minutes of January 6, 2011. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, and Harwood voting yes.

JEFF CISNEROS AMERICAN LEGION UPDATE.

Mr. Cisneros presented the council with last year's second place American Legion trophy. Mr. Cisneros told the council this year's tournament would be June 23-26 2011. Mayor Armstrong congratulated Mr. Cisneros on a successful season and hoped this year would be the same. Mr. Cisneros will be in contact with Council Member Wise for the few tasks that need to be done to the field.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON MOTORCYCLE CAMPERS EVENT JULY 6-9 2011.

Michelle Goldsmith addressed the council on the Motorcycle Campers event on July 6-9, 2011. Ms. Goldsmith reported that the campers would like to use the Main Park again for this event. Council agreed to allow the campers to use the Main Park as long as they register and pay the fees.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve the Motorcycle Campers event in the Main Park on July 6-9, 2011. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese,Bradley, Mascaro, and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON PARKING FOR AVALON TENANTS.

Stacy Headley addressed the council on a parking issue for the Avalon tenants. Ms. Headley told that council that the tenants have been issued tickets for parking on Main Street. The council will have a work meeting on February 24, 2011 at 6:00 PM to discuss the parking issue.

REVIEW CEMETERY ORDINANCE.

Diane Lodeserto told the council that her son had passed away in September and she went to pick out a headstone and was told she could not have the headstone she wanted. Ms. Lodeserto stated that she had not been told that there were restrictions on the size of a headstone when her sister-in-law purchased the lots. Ms. Lodeserto felt that everyone should be told about the restrictions before they purchase lots. Tim Flemett commented that there was a machine that could be rented to dig graves. Brianna Welch explained that an extended backhoe could be used when the headstone is high. Mayor Armstrong suggested that a brochure be handed out so, when a lot is purchased the owner knows what kind of headstone is allowed. Mayor Armstrong told the council that he would like the Cemetery Ordinance on the work meeting agenda and invited the concerned parties to attend.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON APPOINTMENT OF DAVID PALACIOS TO PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD.

Mayor Armstrong explained that there was a vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Board and Council Member Pugliese had recommended David Palacios be appointed.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve the appointment of David Palacios to the Planning and Zoning Board. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese,Bradley, Mascaro, and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON UPGRADING WATERLINE AT WASTE LOGISTICS 5125 NORTH HIGHWAY 6.

Jesse McCourt, owner of Waste Logistic, explained the problem with the waterline to his business. Mr. McCourt told the council that he would like to fill his tankers at his business location instead of traveling elsewhere. Mr. McCourt's concern is his neighbors may lose water pressure as his business expands. Council Member Harwood told the council the line begins as a 2" line and reduces to 1 ½" the new line would be 8". The city has enough water right now to supply Waste Logistic, however in the summer there may be a need to purchase water or turn the Colton Well on. Mayor Armstrong told the council that the need for infrastructure improvement for business is greatly needed for economic growth in Helper and improving the fire insurance rate at the same time. Waste Logistics would use about 12,000 to 36,000 gallons per week, which increases revenues for the City. Council Member Pugliese informed the council that the cost \$24,000 for material only the total cost will be about \$40,000.

Council Member Mascaro moved to approve the waterline project at 5125 North Highway 6. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON TRANSFER OF BALANCE ROCK EATERY BUSINESS LICENSE TO NEW OWNER.

City Recorder Skerl explained to the council that the Balance Rock Eatery had been sold and the council had the ability to transfer the business license to the new owner Cindi Edwards Curry.

Council Member Bradley moved to approve the transfer of the Balance Rock Eatery Business License to Cindi Edwards Curry. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON ORDINANCE 2011-1 PERTAINING TO PAID HOLIDAY LEAVE.

Ordinance 2011-1 will eliminate Columbus Day and added the Friday after Thanksgiving as paid holiday leave for employees.

Council Member Harwood moved to adopt Ordinance 2011-1 pertaining to paid holiday leave. Council Member Pugliese seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, and Harwood in favor with no one in opposition Ordinance 2011-1 passed by a unanimous roll call vote

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON PACIFICORP INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT.

Council Member Bradley moved to approve the interconnection agreement with Pacificorp for Morgantown Machine's power . Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese,Bradley, Mascaro, and Harwood voting yes

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON PAYING SALES TAX LOBBYIST INVOICE OF \$4,000.

Mayor Armstrong explained to the council this invoice was Helper City's share to hire Lobbyist Dave Spatafore to change the sales tax law for mining equipment and sales. This law has affected the sales tax revenue for the entire county.

Council Member Bradley moved to approve the payment for lobbyist in the amount of \$4,000. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese,Bradley, Mascaro, and Harwood voting yes

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON NEW CARPET FOR COUNCIL ROOM FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$3,700.

Council Member Pugliese explained to the council that after the riser was installed he obtained a bid of \$3,700 from Kevin's Carpet. Kevin's Carpet was the only business opened that installs carpet.

Council Member Mascaro moved to approve new carpeting for council room in the amount of \$3,700. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese,Bradley, Mascaro, and Harwood voting yes

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.

Council Member Mascaro moved to go into close session for personnel issues. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese,Bradley, Mascaro, and Harwood voting yes

Council Member Mascaro moved to exit the closed session. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese,Bradley, Mascaro, and Harwood voting yes

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT.

Public Works Director Orlando Ochoa reported that he always tells anyone that is purchasing a lot what kind of headstone they can have. Mr. Ochoa explained that he only talked to Micha Marrelli on the lot sale for Ms. Lodeserto.

Chief of Police Trent Anderson reported CERT(Community Emergency Response Team) training was held at the Public Safety building there are three more classes left if you want to go. If you have not done your NIMS Certifications you need to get it done.

Council Member Harwood reported that the Union Pacific Railroad cleaned near the tracks and left a bunch of debris on the side of the road that needs to be removed.

Council Member Mascaro reported that the Helper Arts Council will be applying for a Restaurant Tax Grant to do some projects at the Rio Theater.

Council Member Bradley reported that the power upgrade for Morgantown was completed.

Council Member Pugliese reported that he was working on a water and sewer project on 1st West.

There being no further business Council Member Mascaro moved to adjourn. Council Member Pugliese seconded the motion. Motion Carried Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, 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, February 3, 2011.

Dean Armstrong
Mayor
Approved on March 3, 2011

Jona Skerl
City Recorder