

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, January 6, 2011
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: Mark Wickman, Amanda Holley, Janet Abrams, John Serfustini.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES December 2, 2010.

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

JANET ABRAMS PRESENTATION ON QUARTERLY MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Ms. Abrams presented council with an energy loop corridor management plan. These plans are designed to enhance tourism in Helper. Ms. Abrams recommended establishing camping areas that would be visible to travelers and creating brochures for ghost town/coal camp side tours. Ms. Abrams asked the council if a resolution could be passed for a corridor management plan update.

Council Member Bradley moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-2 adopting the Energy Loop Huntington/Eccles Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood in favor with no one in opposition Resolution No 2011-2 passed by a unanimous roll call vote

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON LIBRARY REMODEL AND EXPANSION.

Librarian Amanda Holley described the remodel and expansion for the library. The small room which is now a storage room would be used for a reading room. The library would like to use the entire room for the expansion. Ms. Holley furnished a plan to each council member that explained the remodel and expansion.

Council Member Bradley moved to approve the expansion and remodel of the library. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON RESOLUTION 2011-1 FEES FOR WATER.

Mayor Armstrong told the council that Attorney Strate had changed Resolution 2010-11 to reflect changes to the winter and summer rates. Mayor Armstrong explained that the winter rate of 5,000 gallons used would create an overage that would affect most of the residents in Helper. Mayor Armstrong summarized that the changes in the new Resolution 2011-1 would address the overage in the winter rates and evens out the gallons used in the summer. The new rates would encourage larger users to conserve water and fair to the conservative user.

Council Member Wise moved to adopt Resolution 2011-1 fees for water. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood in favor with no one in opposition Resolution No 2011-1 passed by a unanimous roll call vote

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON PAID HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.

Council Member Harwood explained that the issue with the holiday schedule was the ½ days that were given to the employees at Christmas and New Years in the past as a bonus. Council Member Harwood told the council that some employees had to work the ½ day so it is not a bonus to all employees. Council agreed that a floating day may be better so employees can take the day anytime. Council Member Harwood asked the Columbus Day be removed and the day after Thanksgiving Day is a paid holiday instead.

Council Member Harwood moved to have an ordinance written for next meeting removing Columbus Day and adding the day after Thanksgiving as a paid holiday. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.

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

Council Member Wise moved to reconvene the regular council meeting. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Wise and Harwood voting yes.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT.

Chief Anderson reported that heroin use was on the rise in Carbon County. Chief Anderson received a grant for \$7,500 for equipment and is updating the Police Policy and Procedures.

Council Member Mascaro reported on how well the Light Parade went.

Council Member Pugliese reported that a new riser for the count would be installed in the council room along with new carpeting. The Planning and Zoning Board has been working on a new Master Plan.

Council Member Wise reported that everyone must be NIMS certified.

There being no further business Council Member Wise moved to adjourn. Council Member Pugliese 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, January 6, 2011.

Dean Armstrong
Mayor
Approved on February 3, 2011

Jona Skerl
City Recorder