

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, July 7, 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 (Absent Excused)

City Recorder Jona Skerl
Chief Trent Anderson
City Attorney Gene Strate

Citizens: John Serfustini, Harry and Pam Reddington, Roger Metzger, Summer & Jed McBride and Jeff Ed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Armstrong directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES June 2, 2011.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve the minutes of June 2, 2011. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, and Harwood voting yes.

MIKE JAMES CAR SHOW REPORT.

Summer and Jed McBride presented the council with a plaque in appreciation of the support Helper City has given the Outlaw Car Show. Ms. McBride reported that there were 200 participants from various states this year. Ms. McBride furnished a comment sheet with names, addresses and comments about the show. Mayor Armstrong stated the show was a great success and well attended.

ROGER METZGER CAR SHOW ARTS FESTIVAL.

Mr. Metzger told the council the car show for the Arts Festival would be in the same place as last year with 120 participants. Mayor Armstrong asked if there would be enough room for all the cars. Mr. Metzger affirmed that there was plenty of room for all entries.

SUSAN DAVIS DISCUSSION ON “PEOPLE FIRST” DISABLED ADULTS.

Ms. Davis was not in attendance.

PAM AND HARRY REDDINGTON ON ELECTRIC AND WATER ISSUES.

Pam Reddington talked about the demand usage at Pam’s RV Park and felt it is not fair to have demand meters on the park. They have no control over the tenant’s use of the power and the demand keeps getting higher. Ms. Reddington felt the RV Park should be considered residential and not commercial. Mayor Armstrong explained that if this was a residential home business there would not be such a use of demand power.

Mr. and Mrs. Reddington explained to the council the issues with dirty water that they have been having this year. Ms. Reddington explained the twelve spaces had to run water and drain their water heaters to clear up the mud in the line and the bill was very high. Ms. Reddington asked if they could get some relief on the billing. Council Member Harwood explained they are at the end of the line and there had been two breaks up the canyon that sucked mud in instead of pushing the mud out. Council Member Harwood suggested installing a flush valve that could be drained before the mud gets to their home. Mayor Armstrong felt that the city has an obligation to supply clean water. Mr. Reddington stated there has been a lot of air in the water and the pressure is also high. Council Member Harwood suggested installing an air relief valve for the air in the water. Mayor Armstrong appreciated the input from the Reddingtons’ on the various issues.

LAPORTE GROUP DISCUSSION ON AVALON ISSUES JONATHAN CLARK AND SCOTT CRITCHETT.

Mr. Critchett was not present at the meeting. Jeff Ed, manager, was present and not informed of the issue. Mayor Armstrong stated with the help of Mayor Piccolo they were working on getting some transportation in place for Helper and Price, not only for the Avalon but all residents to use.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL TO SELL 69 SOUTH MAIN.

Mayor Armstrong explained the city should not be in the landlord business and selling 69 South Main would take care of the problem. Council Member Mascaro told the council that was the oldest building in Helper. Council agreed not to sell at this time.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.

There was no motion.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT.

Chief Anderson reported Public Works installed a speed limit sign on Bryner Street to help with the speeding problem.

Council Member Harwood reported PRWID did increase impact fees to \$1250 per new sewer connection.

Council Member Mascaro reported there were sheep in the Helper Springs. The Museum Director has almost completed the Shadyside of Helper display. There has only been one bid submitted for the repair of the auditorium floor.

Council Member Bradley reported the pool has been doing well this year. There have been power outages because of trees in the lines.

Council Member Pugliese reported there was a field trip with Franson Engineering that covered the springs, cemetery and Hill Street project.

Attorney Strate reported Key Bank purchased the small strip of property from the city for \$5,000.

Mayor Armstrong reported the Arts Festival Committee has their billboard signs up on the city's billboards. Day of Service there will be about 400 to 700 people involved on July 23 at 10:00 am. There was a smoking issue at the Legion game and there is a no smoking league rule for all Legion and Cal Ripken games. Helper will receive a grant from Southeastern Health Department for signage on the parkway. There are a couple of building the council should look at for a new public works building.

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. 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, July 7, 2011.

Dean Armstrong
Mayor

Jona Skerl
City Recorder

Approved on August 4, 2011