

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, March 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)

Deputy Recorder Joan Burgess

Chief Trent Anderson

City Attorney Gene Strate

Citizens: John Serfustini, Paulie Fossat, Melissa Fossat, Phillip Raich, Chris Sweeney, Rhiannon Bradley, Tom Montoya, Dakosha Olsen, Nick Kiahtipes, Amanda Holley, Richard Columbo, Michael Montoya, Joy Bradley, Mike Zamantakis

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES February 3 and February 24, 2011.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve the corrected minutes of February 3, 2011. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, and Harwood voting yes.

HELPER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION.

Mayor Armstrong indicated that the numbers and statistics of the Fire Department are incredible. Mayor Armstrong said there were several new faces on Fire Department and wanted the Helper Fire Department to be introduced to the City Council. Fire Chief Zamantakis stated that Helper City has 16 volunteer fireman, the newest being Casey Olsen and Justin Sacco and explained the responsibilities and requirements of the fire department. Chief Zamantakis reported that two of the fireman, Gary Harwood/training officer and Brandon Wise were on the City Council and recognized Richard Columbo/Assistant Fire Chief. Mayor Armstrong thanked the department for the dedication and excellent job they do.

CHRIS SWEENEY/HELPER JR. HIGH STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESENTATION TO FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chris Sweeney and the Helper Jr. High Student Government presented the Helper Fire Department plaque and a framed picture in token of appreciation for what they do for the city and the area. In memory of the 10th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on America they made the presentation to give back to the Helper City, the Police and Fire Department. Council Member Mascaro stated that it would be appropriate for the picture and plaque to hang in the Fire Department.

MELISSA SORENSON HELPER LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL UPDATE.

Melissa Sorenson was not at the meeting. Move item to next agenda.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON APPOINTMENTS TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE.

Mayor Armstrong stated in order to be in compliance and apply or receive grants it is required for Helper City to have an active Historic Committee. Mayor Armstrong proposed to appoint the Museum Board, Councilman Mascaro confirmed they are all willing to be on the Historic Preservation Committee. The appointed committee is as follows: Malcolm Howard, Pat Kokal, Kirk Mascaro, Carla Kelly, Brenda Deeter, William Giglioti, Gregory Payne, Leslie Tallerico and Stephanie Fitzsimons.

Council Member Mascaso moved to approve the appointment of the Museum Board to the Historic Preservation Committee. Council Member Pugliese seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON PORTABLE BLEACHER AGREEMENT WITH CARBON COUNTY.

Mayor Armstrong informed the council that Council Member Harwood was at a meeting with Carbon County to review the agreement on the rental and usage of the bleachers. Councilman Harwood stated there would be official training required for cities on transporting, use and maintenance of the bleachers.

Council Member Bradley moved to approve the Portable Bleacher Agreement with Carbon County. Council Member Pugliese seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON PURCHASING CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.

Councilman Pugliese stated that the city is loosing more Christmas decorations each year because of age, wear and tear. After further discussion the City Council increased the purchase amount to \$2,000 under the approval of Councilman Mascaro before the purchase is made.

Council Member Mascaro moved to approve the purchase of Christmas decorations in the increased the amount of \$2,000 with the approval authority of Councilman Mascaro. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON RECOMMENDED AMENDMENT TO OFFICIAL ZONING MAP.

Councilman Pugliese explained the miss labeled or clerical error on the CC1 zone on North Main. The Planning and Zoning Commission had a Public Hearing on the change and it was recommended that the City Council change the specified CC1 Zone to GC1.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve the approved the zone change from CC1 to GC1 on North Main. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, and Harwood voting yes.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.

No motion for closed session.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT.

Chief of Police Trent Anderson reported Carbon County has radio equipment they would like to give to each city but it is important that everyone is working towards being NIMS compliant. Helper is the first city in Carbon County to have an actual Community Emergency Response Team, Councilman Bradley is a member of the team. Chief Anderson said they are going to get radar trailer out sometime during the summer.

Council Member Harwood reported that PRWID received a grant and loan for water and sewer projects, this will cause a water and sewer rate increase. District will have a Public Hearing on March 22nd at the PRWID office, if approved will start on July 1st. Water line upgrade work schedule will begin March 21st.

Council Member Mascaro reported on the play being held at the Rio Theatre and reported on the possible closure of the liquor store. Councilman Mascaro discussed the cat nuisance problem around town. The City Council all agreed and discussed some possible solutions that might help the problem.

Council Member Bradley had nothing to report.

Council Member Pugliese reported on the issues coming up on the dormant water fee charge. Councilman Pugliese reported that he is still talking and explaining to people the reason for the fee being charged.

Mayor Armstrong reported there is also rumor about possible closure of Post Office and suggested maybe people could write letters to Post Master and the Congressional Delegation. Moving forward on 4 interviews for Librarian, Leila Andrews is now acting Librarian. City Council had a work meeting on cemetery issues, received suggestions and proposals on developing better materials for better communication. Council members discussed the city web site that really needed work; Councilman Bradley stated he could help develop the web site in the summer during pool hours.

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

Dean Armstrong
Mayor
Approved on April 7, 2011

Joan Burgess
Deputy Recorder