

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, April 5, 2012
6:00 p.m.
Helper Auditorium
Council Chambers
19 South Main
Helper, Utah 84526

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Dean Armstrong

City Staff

Council Members:

Kirk Mascaro (Absent Excused)
Chris Pugliese
Robert Bradley
Gary Harwood
Jason Llewelyn

City Recorder Jona Skerl
Chief Trent Anderson
City Attorney Gene Strate

Citizens: Jeff Cisneros, Roger and Ruth Metzger, Calvin Ockey and John Serfustini

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 March 1, 13 and 27, 2012.

Council Member Bradley moved to approve the minutes of March 1,13, and 27, 2012. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

JEFF CISNEROS UPDATE ON AMERICAN LEGION.

Jeff Cisneros addressed the council with some repairs that need to be done to the Legion field before June. The wind break fencing needs to be replaced; most of it has been damaged by the high winds. Mr. Cisneros asked if the concession stand could be painted and a few boards on the bleacher steps need replacement. The council agreed to do all the repairs needed to get the field ready for the season.

ROGER METZGER ON BURN OUT FOR ARTS FESTIVAL.

Mr. Metzger presented the council with a signed agreement with Tony Basso allowing the burn out to take place on his property as long as the city listed him on the cities liability insurance. Mayor Armstrong instructed the City Attorney to check into any legal issues with the insurance and get back to Mr. Metzger.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON CITY GREEN-SPACE MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS.

Council Member Llewelyn explained the reason for calling local landscaping companies to bid on the maintenance for all the green space in the city. Council Member Llewelyn told the council hiring three temporary employees for six months would cost the city about \$42,000. Council Member Llewelyn stated the bids were way over that amount and there would be no savings in contracting with a company to do the maintenance, hiring the temporary employees would be cost effective.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON CASTLE GATE SUBDIVISION WATER PUMPS.

Council Member Harwood reported the water pumps for Castle Gate Subdivision are not pumping at their full capacity. The pumps were installed in 1979 and have never been changed or repaired. The cost to recondition the motors will be about \$1,541 each; to replace with new motors will be \$2,300 each. The cost to recondition the pumps is \$4,573 each and to replace with new pumps will be \$5,406 each. Harwood suggest the motors and pumps be rebuilt if the parts are available for them.

Council Member Bradley moved to approve purchasing two new pumps and motors in the amount of \$16,000 with the city installing. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON INSTALLATION OF STANDBY GENERATOR.

Council Member Llewelyn moved to approve the cost for installation of standby generator for the fire department in the amount for \$4,000. Council Member Pugliese seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON LETTER TO D.A.B.C. REQUESTING REOPENING OF THE LIQUOR STORE.

Council Member Bradley presented a letter he wrote to the D.A.B.C. requesting the reopening of the liquor store and asked the council approve and sign the letter. Chief Anderson told the council the D.A.B.C. is meeting on April 24 and the council should attend the meeting to make their request in person. Several council members agreed to attend the meeting in Salt Lake.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve and sign the letter to the D.A.B.C... Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON ORDINANCE 2012-2 FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION.

Mayor Armstrong informed the council he had talked with John Croft of FEMA, he will help with any problems that may arise with FEMA free of charge. Mayor Armstrong stated the Ordinance must be passed or Helper will be disqualified from FEMA assistance.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve Ordinance 2012-2 Flood Damage Prevention. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn and Harwood in favor with no one in opposition. Ordinance 2012-2 passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON ORDINANCE 2012-3 EMPLOYEE STATUS.

Mayor Armstrong explained Ordinance 2012-3 clearing up any questions on Holiday and Bereavement pay for part-time employees.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve Ordinance 2012-3 Employee Status. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn and Harwood in favor with no one in opposition. Ordinance 2012-3 passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON WATER CONSERVATION PLAN.

Mayor Armstrong told the council that we need to approve the water conservation plan and send to the state. Mayor Armstrong appointed Council Member Harwood as the Water Conservation Coordinator.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve the plan and appointment of Council Member Harwood as the Water Conservation Coordinator. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON RESOLUTION 2012-1 FEES FOR CITY BUILDINGS.

Mayor Armstrong tabled this item to the next agenda so council would have time to review Resolution 2012-1.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON RIVER RESTORATION & RECREATION PROJECT.

Mayor Armstrong asked the council to formally give their approval and support for the project and to move forward on grant applications. A budget of \$25,000 to \$30,000 is needed to start feasibility study. Mayor Armstrong is in the process of filling out the grant to the special service district for the project.

Council Member Pugliese moved to support the Riverbank, Stream Habitat and Flood Control Restoration Project. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON UTILITY RATES FOR CIB APPLICATION.

Mayor Armstrong presented the council with a possible fee structure that may help in acquiring the CIB grants for the water, sewer and storm drain project. The fees will not be put into place unless it is required by the CIB in order to obtain the grants.

Council Member Bradley moved to support the purposed fee structure for CIB grant applications. Council Member Pugliese seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON RIO BOARD AND MANAGER.

Council Member Bradley addressed the problem with making the Rio Theater profitable. Council Member Bradley felt hiring a manager to run the Rio Theater would help in decreasing the CDBG grant and perhaps make a profit. Mayor Armstrong agreed a manager may bring some activity to the Rio Theater. Mayor Armstrong stated a board would need members with theater experience and knowledge, may be hard to find. Mayor Armstrong suggested a temporary board to help hire a manager and find some sources of revenue. Council Member Harwood questioned finding someone to run the theater at \$8.00 per hour; Mayor Armstrong stated there are several people interested in the position. City Recorder Skerl asked where the money for this employee will be coming from and what about the current employees that have not had a raise for three years, because of budget constraints. Council Member Pugliese felt a contracted manager would be less of a strain on the city's budget. Mayor Armstrong stated that he was tired of paying out money and getting no return perhaps we should just sell it. Council Harwood replied just don't throw up your hands and say sell it, you try to come up with a solution.

Council Member Bradley moved to write a RFP to advertise for a contracted manager. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.

No motion was made.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT.

Chief Anderson reported on a meeting with a DABC representative and there was a suggestion of asking for a waiver on the location of the Arts Festival beer garden. This way a patron can walk around on Main Street with a beer as long as they have a wrist band instead of being confined to the Main Street Park.

City Recorder Skerl asked all council members when they would like to close the agenda on Monday at 5:00 PM or Tuesday at 5:00 PM. Council would like to close the agenda on Monday at 5:00 PM and have a draft agenda sent to each of them on the Friday before the meeting. The tentative budget will be on the next agenda.

Council Member Bradley reported on the first annual lifeguard competition being held at the Price Wave Pool.

Mayor Armstrong reported The River Restoration meeting went well and seemed to be supported. The Trail's group is interested in moving their office to Helper and developing the many trails around Helper. ETV is willing to do a Helper Business spot light at no cost to help bring in tourist into Helper.

There being no further business Council Member Bradley moved to adjourn. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn 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, April 5, 2012.

Dean Armstrong
Mayor

Jona Skerl
City Recorder

Approved on May 3, 2012