

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, March 1, 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
Chris Pugliese
Robert Bradley
Gary Harwood
Jason Llewelyn

City Recorder Jona Skerl
Chief Trent Anderson
City Attorney Gene Strate

Citizens: Roger and Ruth Metzger, Ann Evans, Nicole Steele, Jinni Fontana, Mark Cram, Joe Barker 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, 2012.

Council Member Bradley moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 2012. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

KRISTEN KULOW, INTRODUCTION MISS CARBON COUNTY.

Miss Carbon County could not attend the meeting.

CARBON COUNTY CHAMBER PRESENTATION OF 100 YEAR AWARD.

Dallen Skelley, President of the Carbon County Chamber, presented the council with a plaque for the 100 +years club. Mr. Skelley recited a brief history of Helper before awarding the plaque to Mayor Armstrong.

ROGER METZGER DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON CAR SHOW FOR ARTS FESTIVAL.

Mr. Metzger described a burnout event for the Arts Festival to the council. The event will be held in the parking lot of Tony Basso's property at 255 South Main. Mr. Basso is willing to have the event if the city will give him a certificate of liability. Carbon County would donate jersey barriers for the event if the city can unload them. Council Member Harwood stated the city is not equipped to unload the jersey barriers. Council had concerns over liability and injuries but, also showed support for the event. Mayor Armstrong told Mr. Metzger he would find out what Mr. Basso will need from the city, listing Mr. Basso on the insurance may not be possible Mr. Metzger will do more checking on the issues and return to the council.

JINNI FONTANA UPDATE ON ARTS FESTIVAL.

Jinni Fontana, Director Helper Arts Festival, revealed some new ideas on generating interest in the Arts Festival. Ms. Fontana is proposing some packing ideas with Amtrak to attract passengers to the festival. Ms. Fontana addressed the location and lack of power for the food vendors.

MARK CRAM, SIEMENS CORP, PRESENTATION.

Mark Cram, Siemens Corporation, explained how his company can help identify energy performance problems, recommend how to improve them and save money. The Council told Mr. Cram they would be interested in a study done on street lights and wireless water meters. Mr. Cram will send a letter of understanding and information about the scope of work to Mayor Armstrong.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON LEASING WATER SHARES.

Council Member Harwood reported the debt owed to Price River Water Improvement District will be paid this year and the water shares will be released to the city. Council Member Harwood suggested leasing these shares for extra revenue that can be used toward repairs and improvements.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve leasing the water shares. Council Member Llewelyn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON AT&T LEASE.

Attorney Strate presented a copy of the new AT&T lease that purposed a decrease in rent, which is currently \$6,050 per year under the existing lease. Mayor Armstrong suggested Attorney Strate and Council Member Llewelyn work on the details of the lease for the next meeting.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS.

Mayor Armstrong stated he had no changes to the appointments other than Jason Llewelyn would take over Brandon Wise's departments. Council Member Harwood will be the Council Liaison for the Arts Festival.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve the department appointments for 2012. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON ORDINANCE 2012-1 ESTABLISHING A RIO THEATER BOARD.

Mayor Armstrong felt another board may not be the answer for the Rio Theater. This item will be tabled at this time.

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

Mayor Armstrong had several concerns with some of the requirements in the Ordinance that could hold the city responsible for flood issues. This item was tabled until more information can be obtained.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON HOLIDAY PAY FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES.

City Recorder Skerl reported on last meetings decision to make the Librarian Leila Andrews salary to avoid paying retirement for her. Ms. Skerl pointed out the city has already paid for a year it would be a waste of money if retirement was taken away at this time. Ms. Skerl suggested passing an ordinance stating anyone hired after the date of the ordinance would not be paid holiday pay. This would prevent anyone that worked over 19.5 hours a week from getting retirement. Council agreed to have Attorney Strate create an ordinance for the next meeting.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.

No motion was made.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT.

Chief Anderson invited everyone to the emergency preparedness event on April 28 2012 at the Carbon County Event Center. Chief Anderson reported two police vehicles were down for repairs and he would be applying for grants to replace two cars this year.

City Recorder Skerl asked all council members to review the C.I.B. list and inform her of any additions that would be needed.

Council Member Harwood reported he will be going on a field trip with David Ariotti to inspect the seal at the Colton Well.

Council Member Mascaro reported on an attempted break in at the Museum, there were no items missing.

Council Member Bradley reported Public Works has been trimming trees that may get into the power lines, also checking into contracting out the repairs on the street lights.

Council Member Pugliese reported on an infrastructure open house meeting on March 8 2012 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Auditorium.

Mayor Armstrong reported a scoping meeting had been scheduled for March 13, 2012 10:00 AM at the Balance Rock Eatery. This meeting will be to discuss the River Recreation Park plan. Mayor Armstrong reminded the Council the budget planning is coming up. Attorney Strate will be working on condemning the home at 8 South Main Street, the home is a health hazard.

There being no further business Council Member Pugliese moved to adjourn. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried Pugliese, Bradley, Mascaro, 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, March 1, 2012.

Dean Armstrong
Mayor

Jona Skerl
City Recorder

Approved on April 5, 2012