

**MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Thursday, October 3, 2013**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Helper Auditorium**  
**Council Chambers**  
**19 South Main**  
**Helper, Utah 84526**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Edward Chavez

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: Tim Riley, Jinni Fontana, Eldon Miller, Joni Pace, Crystal Young, Kyle Elder, Jared Spendlove, Daniel Elder, Charlie Jones and John Serfustini.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Chavez directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES September 5, 2013.**

Council Member Bradley moved to approve the minutes of September 5, 2013. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

**JEFF CISNEROS UPDATE ON AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL.**

Mr. Cisneros was unable to attend the meeting.

### **CRYSTAL YOUNG DISCUSSION ON RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT.**

Crystal Young, River Restoration, addressed the council with a project update. Ms. Young informed council on the grants applied for and on grants received for the construction of the pilot project to begin. Ms. Young stated the pilot project will start in November located by the bridge on Ivy Street. Mayor Chavez stated he was all for the project to continue.

### **WALTER BORLA DISCUSSION ON WEEDS.**

Mr. Borla expressed his concerns on the over grown weeds on the highway exit by Workmen's Market. Mr. Borla told the council to contact UDOT to cut the weeds on the highway right-a-way. The Borla Little League Field also has weeds growing in the infield that need to be sprayed. Council thanked Mr. Borla for bringing this matter to their attention.

### **JONI PACE DISCUSSION ON SOUP KITCHEN.**

Joni Pace informed council she will be opening the soup kitchen at the Avalon for all members of the community. Ms. Pace stated a new program called Being a Good Helper will be organizing volunteers for projects around the community. The program also offers grant writing assistance.

### **DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON ST. ANTHONY'S CARNIVAL SINGLE EVENT LOCAL CONSENT.**

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve the local consent for St. Anthony's Carnival. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

### **DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON RESOLUTION 2013-7 ELECTION PLACE AND RESOLUTION 2013-8 ELECTION JUDGES.**

Council Member Pugliese moved to adopt Resolution 2013-7 Election Place and Election Judges 2013-8. Council Member Llewelyn 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 Resolution 2013-7 and Resolution 2013-8 passed by unanimous roll call vote.

### **DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON PARKWAY PAVILION.**

Council Member Pugliese suggested the city move the Parkway Pavilion to the main park in order to make room for more parking with the revalidation of downtown. The Pavilion is not used much and there is a shortage of parking for downtown. Council Bradley informed the council he had invited the engineer who did a drawing of downtown Helper years ago to revisit the plan. He is willing to come down free of charge and look at what we would like to see now. Council Member Pugliese told the council this is just a suggestion on how to create more parking.

### **DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD AND PARKS.**

Council Member Llewelyn discussed possibly consolidating three ballparks into two, this will save on man power and the budget. Council Member Llewelyn explained with Mr. Chiara, whom maintains the Heritage Field, is moving to Vernal, we need to start talking about how we are going to maintain the three baseball fields. Council Member Llewelyn told the council the parks belong to the city and citizens should not be responsible for the maintenance. The council agreed to come up with some ideas on maintenance of the fields and parks.

### **DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON PURCHASING TRUCK BED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,500.**

Council Member Harwood explained he found a used utility truck bed that is in good shape for the amount of \$3,500. The current utility truck bed has a broken window, unusable door locks, it is in bad shape.

Council Member Llewelyn moved to approve the purchase of the used truck bed in the amount of \$3,500. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

### **DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON CLOSING MAIN STREET FOR OCTOBER FEST AND 5K RUN ON OCTOBER 5.**

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve the closing of Main Street for October Fest and 5K run on October 5. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Bradley, Llewelyn and Harwood voting yes.

### **DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON WATER, SEWER, STORM DRAIN PROJECT.**

Council Member Harwood updated the council on the process of the project. Council Member Harwood stated there will be pavement on the ground by October 15 in Area 1, and on October 7, curb and gutter should be started on Main Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> west. Attorney Strate updated the council on the purchasing of the Boyack Property, which should be completed before the end of October.

### **MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.**

No motion was made.

## REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Bradley reported trees will be trimmed again this year to help with maintaining the power lines.

Mayor Chavez reported Carbon County Tourism, Shalee Johanson has purchased propane outdoor heaters for the light parade or any outdoor activity and they will belong to the city.

Council Member Harwood reported the new truck is having a bed liner installed.

Council Member Llewelyn reported the weeds on the Castle Gate Trail needs to be cut.

Council Member Pugliese reported the surface in the shallow part of the pool is cracking and peeling the cost to refinish would be about \$25,000. Council Member Harwood will check into the warranty on the current surface before proceeding.

Attorney Strate reported he would be leaving at the end of November. He had asked a few attorney's to see if they would be interested in the job and Angela Sampinos would like to apply. Mayor Chavez asked Council Member Pugliese and Llewelyn along with Chief Anderson to help with the hiring of a new attorney.

There being no further business Council Member Pugliese moved to adjourn. Council Member Bradley 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, October 3, 2013.

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Edward Chavez Jr  
Mayor

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Jona Skerl  
City Recorder

Approved on November 7, 2013

