

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, February 4, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Helper Auditorium

Council Chambers

19 South Main

Helper, Utah 84526

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Edward Chavez

City Staff

Council Members:

David Dornan

Gary Harwood

Chris Pugliese

Amanda Wheeler

Tom Williams

City Recorder Jona Skerl

Chief Trent Anderson

Attorney Angela Sampinos (Absent Excused)

Citizens: Matt and Lynette Tallerico, Mike James, Ruth Metzger, Harry Reddington, Tim Riley, Clay and Cindy Iorg, Traci Bishop, 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 THE MINUTES January 7 and 14, 2016.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve the minutes of January 7 and 14, 2016. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Dornan, Wheeler, Williams, and Harwood voting yes.

JEFF CISNEROS DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON USING LEGION FIELD FOR CARBON HIGH BASEBALL AND WEDDING.

Carbon High Baseball Coach, Jeff Cisneros explained the new Carbon High baseball field will not be completed for this year's season. Mr. Cisneros asked for permission to use the Legion Field again this year. Carbon High will begin practice on March 3, 2016 and the first game will be March 8, 2016. Mr. Cisneros requested the fence on the right field line be repaired along with the shed door. Council Member Harwood stated he would look into what repairs are needed. Mayor Chavez asked about the wedding on the field, Mr. Cisneros said the wedding moved to an indoor location. Council Member Williams inquired about the status of Legion Baseball. Mr. Cisneros stated Legion Baseball only had three Salt Lake teams last year, all the teams have gone to the new league that was started last year.

Council Member Williams moved to approve Carbon High Baseball to use the Legion Field. Council Member Pugliese seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Dornan, Wheeler, Williams, and Harwood voting yes.

MIKE JAMES DISCUSSION ON CAR SHOW AND MUSEUM HOURS.

Mr. James asked for permission to use the Main Street Park and the Main Park for the Helper Outlaw Car Show. This will be the 30th year for the Helper Outlaw Car Show the Main Street Park is used for the Main Street Cruise on Friday June 17, 2016 and Saturday June 18, 2016 the car show is in the Main Park. Every year there has been a free swim day except for last year when the pool was closed for repairs. Mr. James stated he receives several request from out of town visitors to visit the museum on Sunday. Mr. James asked if the council would consider opening the museum on Sunday and close on a different day. Council Member Williams will do some research on number of visitors during the week to see if it would be practical to be opened on Sunday.

Council Member Pugliese moved to approve the use of the parks and offer free swimming for the Helper Outlaw Car Show. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Dornan, Wheeler, Williams, and Harwood voting yes.

MATT TALLERICO DISCUSSION ON CAL RIPKEN BASEBALL.

President of Carbon Cal Ripken Baseball, Matt Tallerico addressed the council on using the Walt Borla Field and Heritage Field for Cal Ripken Little League play. Helper no longer has a league all teams will be under the Carbon Cal Ripken. The league consists of 600 players and the league will need to play up to sixteen games a week. League play will begin April 1 to July 31. Council Member Harwood had concerns about when the city would be able to maintain the field. Mayor Chavez asked if the league was willing to do some maintenance on the fields. Mr. Tallerico agreed to do some maintenance on both fields. Mr. Tallerico stated if Carbon Cal Ripken was awarded the Pacific Southwest tournament there are 300 teams participating from all over the United States would be here for one week. Mr. Tallerico advised the council to create some activities for the families during this tournament. The tournament could yield about \$500,000 in revenue for the county. Mr. Tallerico was concerned about the amount of hotel rooms that would be needed to house the families. Council Member Williams suggested having the community host families if there are not enough hotel rooms for the visiting families.

Council Member Wheeler moved to allow Carbon Cal Ripken to use the Walt Borla Field and the Heritage Field. Council Member Pugliese seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Dornan, Wheeler, Williams, and Harwood voting yes.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE.

Mayor Chavez suggested Chris Pugliese be the Mayor Pro-Tempore.

Council Member Dornan moved to elect Chris Pugliese as Mayor Pro-Tempore. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Dornan, Wheeler, Williams, and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS.

Mayor Chavez announced the recommendations for each department.
 Council Member Wheeler: Library, Parks and Cemetery.
 Council Member Pugliese: Public Works and Planning and Zoning.
 Council Member Dornan: Electric, Pool, River Restoration and Arts Festival,
 Council Member Williams: Buildings, Museum, Rio Theater and Light Parade.
 Council Member Harwood: Price River Water Board, Recreation and Car Show.
 Municipal Offices: City Recorder, Jona Skerl, City Treasurer, Ellie Jones, Chief of Police, Trent Anderson, Public Works Director, Gary Harwood and Fire Chief, Richard Colombo.

Council Member Wheeler moved to approve all appointments. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Dornan, Wheeler, Williams, and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND /OR APPROVAL ON MINERS MEMORIAL LOCATION FOR SATELLITE MONUMENT.

Council Member Williams discussed the location with Museum Director Jim Boyd. Mr. Boyd felt with the Power Plant Memorial planned next to the museum there would not be enough room for the Miners Memorial. Council Member Williams recommended the location be by the mining equipment on 1st West. Council Member Pugliese agreed that location would be better than the Main Street Park or by Big John. Council Member Dornan suggested installing some type of locators by the monument to point in the direction of the various mines. Council Member Pugliese would like to have the council gather at the mining equipment on 1st West at 5:15 PM before the regular meeting to finalize the location.

Council Member Pugliese moved to place the Miners Memorial on 1st West next to the mining equipment. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Dornan, Wheeler, Williams, and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION ON PURSUING THE DONATION OF THE WELLS FARGO BUILDING.

Mayor Chavez stated that last meeting we discussed the closing of the Wells Fargo Bank. Council Member Dornan suggested to send a formal letter that Helper City would entertain the idea of donating the building to the city. Council Member Dornan stated Zions Bank may still be interested in bringing a bank to Helper. Council Members would like to see a bank or business go into the building. Council Members all agree the building would be used for a City Hall if no other business buys the building.

Council Member Pugliese moved to pursue the donation in a formal letter for the Wells Fargo Building. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Dornan, Wheeler, Williams, and Harwood voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF CIB PROJECT LIST.

Council Member Harwood explained how the CIB project list worked and some of the projects that can be removed and added. Council Members will look over the list and discuss and approve at the next meeting.

This item will be rolled to the next agenda for approval.

REPORT ON WATER, SEWER, AND STORM DRAIN PROJECTS.

Council Member Harwood reported Knife River has completed installing water lines from the Cemetery Water Tank to Janet Street and down Cemetery Road. Knife River has installed the sewer line down Kenilworth Wash that will connect to 2nd East. Main Street will close on February 2, 2016 from Poplar to Ivy. Cindy Iorg commented how well Knife River has communicated with the businesses about the project especially Barbara Wells, Project Coordinator. Council Member Williams was concerned about notifying customers where to park.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION.

Council Member Harwood moved to a closed session on possible litigation with Silver Spur Construction. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Dornan, Wheeler, Williams, and Harwood voting yes. Council Member Pugliese had left the meeting at this time.

Council Member Williams moved to an open session. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Dornan, Wheeler, Williams, and Harwood voting yes.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Harwood reported the Weed Tractor, Grader and Back Hoe were all repaired and serviced. Public Works employees cleaned the Cemetery Tank while Knife River was replacing the water line. They also repaired the street light on the corner of Janet and Main that Nielson Construction damaged.

Council Member Dornan reported on two power outages due to tree trimming. Council Member Dornan attended a Special Service District meeting with Forrest Maclean, River Restoration to request funding for the River Project. Board Member Mike Milovich explained there were no funds available and suggested to apply to the CIB.

Council Member Williams reported meeting with the Museum Board although there was no quorum the board discussed upcoming plans. Dave Johnsen and Kristen Taylor are still working on purchasing a projector to show films at the Rio Theater. A Dance Concert will be held on February 27, 2016 to help raise money for the Rio Theater, featuring Louis Kavouras from University of Nevada, Las Vegas. The Utah State Film Commission suggested a different lens for the projector to show modern day film. The cost will increase \$3,000 for the lens above the \$12,000 already raised. This lens will be needed for the film festival that will be part of this year's Arts Festival.

Mayor Chavez reported Miles Nielson requested a letter to support the Garley Wash Reservoir located above the golf course. The Librarian, Keele Baird resigned and Phyllis Andrus will take her place. Sheriff Wood is organizing a Substance Abuse Collation and is asking for funding support of \$750.

There being no further business Council Member Wheeler moved to adjourn. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried: Dornan, Wheeler, Williams, 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, February 4, 2016

Edward Chavez
Mayor

Jona Skerl
City Recorder

Approved on March 3, 2016