

# MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Helper Auditorium

Council Chambers

19 South Main

Helper, Utah 84526

## ATTENDANCE:

City Staff

Chairman Tom Paluso

Vice Chairman Jean Boyack

## Board Members:

Grant Howell

Tom Hatt

Deputy Recorder: Joan Burgess

Council Member Liaison: Chris Pugliese

Citizens: Michael Bryant, Mayor Chavez, Charlie Jones, Emily Sanders, Joy Bradley, Iverson family, Steven Knight, Jenilee Dart, Ralph Fossat, Charlie Felice, Ryan Sanders, Darren Cloward, Heather Cloward, James Mathews, Brenda Mathews, Mark, Shelby and Seth Rice, Robert Bradley, Joy Bradley, Brendan Fitzsimons, Sally Sanchez and Carly Yates

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Paluso directed the Pledge of Allegiance

The regular meeting of the Helper City Planning and Zoning Commission was called to order by Chairman Paluso at 7:00 p.m.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 17, 2013.

Board Member Hatt moved to approve the minutes of April 27, 2013. Board Member Boyack seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Board Member Boyack, Hatt and Howell all voting yes.

Chairman Paluso closed the regular meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m.

## PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE ALLOWING CHICKENS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES.

Chairman Paluso stated there was a new proposed ordinance to allow chickens in residential zones and opened the floor for discussion. James Matthews, Ralph Fossat and Charlie Felice voiced in opinion against chickens mainly because of the lack of enforcement. Darren Cloward, Joy Bradley, Brandon Fitzsimons and Emily Sanders addressed their opinion on being in favor of chickens. Emily Sanders explained how she did a lot of research with other cities and most of it was positive feedback. Ms. Sanders remarked several people currently have chickens, the new ordinance would allow law abiding citizens to have them legally. Charlie Felice expressed his concern on ordinance enforcement in the city; he said there are ordinances now that are not followed or enforced and chickens would just add to the problem.

Stephen Knight stated he was a former police officer and is on the Helper City Health Board, he volunteered to help monitor the city with problems such as chickens, dogs and weeds. Councilman Howell asked the citizens against having chickens if they were opposed to chickens in general or just had concerns on the enforcement of the ordinance. Councilman Pugliese stated he has done research with other city's and most of them do not have too many problems, he agreed that enforcement is a concern. Councilman Pugliese and Mayor Chavez addressed different suggestions about enforcement and the possibility of an Ordinance Officer, explaining it was a good idea but, funds were not in the city budget. After public comments and discussion the Commission agreed they would support chickens in residential zones and give positive recommendation to the City Council in support of proposed ordinance.

Commission Member Hatt moved to close the public hearing at 7:43 p.m. Commission Member Boyack seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Boyack, Hatt and Howell voting yes.

Commission Member Boyack moved to make a positive recommendation to the City Council to approve the proposed chicken ordinance possibly using the Health Board to monitor. Commission Member Hatt seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Boyack, Howell and Hatt voting yes.

## **DISCUSSION ON PARKING ORDINANCE IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA/NORTH AND SOUTH MAIN.**

Council Member Pugliese informed the Commission that Helper City will soon be acquiring Main Street from the State of Utah. Mayor Chavez confirmed it was passed and Helper City now owns Main Street. Council Member Pugliese stated the parking on Main Street will be reconstructed soon during the water/sewer project. Michael Bryant suggested the possibility of center parking on main to increase parking for zone requirements. The Commission discussed improvement in parking on 100 West and Chairman Paluso stated he will contact the railroad about the possibility of inquiring the back side of Main Street to use for extra parking. Commission Member Boyack volunteered to go to the Carbon County and have a new map drafted with the areas on North and South Main that could have less strict parking requirements.

## **COMMISSION/PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

Deputy Recorder Burgess told the Commission there were concerns about Helper City's fee schedule. Frankie Hathaway from Carbon County Planning and Zoning said people had commented about the \$60.00 fee charged for review and said some people were doing construction without a building permit. The Commission agreed they want to leave the fee schedule as is, they feel it will make residents comply with the zoning requirements and will keep the Planning Commission aware of what is going on in town.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business Board Member Hatt moved to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Boyack seconded the motion. Motion carried. Board Member Boyack, Hatt and Howell voting yes. Meeting adjourned.

I here by certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate and complete record of the Helper City Planning and Zoning Commission meeting held on Wednesday, May 15, 2013.

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Jean Boyack  
Vice Chairman

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Joan Burgess  
Deputy Recorder

Approved on January 15, 2014