

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, April 2, 2009

6:00 p.m.

Helper Auditorium

Council Chambers

19 South Main

Helper, Utah 84526

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Mike R. Dalpiaz

City Staff

Council Members:

Kirk Mascaro

Chris Pugliese

Larry Ganser

Dean Armstrong

Brandon Wise

City Recorder Jona Skerl

Attorney Gene Strate

Chief Trent Anderson

Citizens: Carl Allred, Lois Giordano, Neida Garcia, James Davis, Steve Rigby, Patti Rigby.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES March 19, 2009

Council Member Ganser moved to approve the minutes of March 19, 2009. Council Member Wise seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Ganser, Mascaro, Armstrong and Wise voting yes.

PATTY RIGBY, CARBON SCHOOL DISTRICT ON SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM.

Patty Rigby addressed the council on the Carbon School District summer food program. This program will provide lunch for all children from the ages 0-18 starting June 1 to July 31. Currently Sally Mauro Elementary School is the only location in Helper and the percentage of children attending is very low. Ms. Rigby asked the council if the Carbon School District could add another location at the Helper Lions Park this year. Ms. Rigby is hoping the extra location will increase the number of children for the lunch program. Council Member Armstrong had some concerns on trash pickup in the park and also the fact of not being able to rent the pavilion during this time.

Council Member Ganser moved to approve having the lunch program at the Lions Park. Council Member Mascaro seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Ganser, Mascaro all voting yes. Armstrong voting no and Wise abstaining.

HELPER BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE.

Neida Garcia and Lois Giordano approached the council on allowing them have a budget for the beautification clean-up. Ms. Garica told the council that they were hoping to get the street light poles painted this year and purchase some replacement planters. This year we are going to be asking if residents, businesses, organizations want to adopt a planter. The adoptee will plant and water the planters on Main Street that will help with water and maintenance stated Ms. Garcia.

Council Member Ganser moved to approve \$1,000 budget for the beautification project. Council Member Wise seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Ganser, Mascaro, Armstrong and Wise voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON ALLRED'S LOCKSMITH BUSINESS LICENSE FOR CARL AND ROSE ALLRED AT 364 SOUTH 300 WEST.

Council Member Ganser moved to approve Allred's Locksmith business license at 364 South 300 West. Council Member Wise seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Ganser, Mascaro, Armstrong and Wise voting yes.

JASON LLEWELYN ON TECHNOLOGY ISSUES.

Jason Llewelyn informed the council on several technology problems in the city. The firewall at the Library will no longer block inappropriate web sites the cost to replace the firewall will be \$1500. The cities email is getting hit will tons of spam and a new spam filter will cost \$1,100 if the city partners with the county system. This would be 90 to 95% effective on keeping out spam or any emails that may contain a virus.

Council Member Armstrong moved to approve up to \$2,600 to upgrade the security issues as soon as possible. Council Member Wise seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Ganser, Mascaro, Armstrong and Wise voting yes.

Mr. Llewelyn continued with a bid on installing wireless reading for the cities springs in Scofield, the tanks on Reservoir Hill and the Chlorinator at Royal. The best estimated cost would be about \$10,000. This wireless system would be installed and monitored by the State Water Rights employees. It would enable the city to look on the states web site and check the flow of the springs without driving to the site. The estimate is close, but Mr. Llewelyn will have to see the sites that the city needs to check on a regular basis. The equipment would have to be purchased by the city but the program will be maintained by the State Water Rights.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON LATE FEES FOR UTILITY.

Council Member Ganser told that council that the late fee was only \$5.00 and most of the same people are on the shut off list every month. Council Member Ganser stated that the Public Works Department will knock on the door to let the customer know that the power is being shut off for non-payment then give them time to pay it. Public Works will no longer give the customer time to pay they will be disconnected and charged a \$25.00 reconnection fee. Our employees have to go to the same residents every month the city should be collecting the connection fee to cover the cost stated Council Member Ganser. The council felt the late fee should be \$20.00 and the reconnect fee should be \$50.00 per utility that is disconnected. Attorney Strate will prepare the Resolution and have it for next council meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**BOYACK RIGHT-A-WAY.**

Attorney Strate is getting the property surveyed by Art Barker for accurate property description. Mayor Dalpiaz has been looking into other options for the city to take.

FRANCHISE RIGHTS FOR EMERY TELCOM.

Nothing to report

APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD.

Mayor Dalpiaz asked Council Member Pugliese to recommend someone.

INTERCONNECTION WITH PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.

Council Member Armstrong is waiting for the cost estimate.

DON JACKSON WATER ISSUE.

Attorney Strate told the council he would be meeting the Jackson's at the Scofield site on April 17, 2009. Council Member Armstrong and Public Works Director Ochoa will also be at the meeting.

PURCHASING POLICY.

Nothing to report.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Council Member Mascaro moved to close the regular meeting for an executive session to discuss land issue and legal strategy. Council Member Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Ganser, Mascaro Armstrong and Wise voting yes.

Council Member Mascaro moved to adjourn the executive session. Council Member Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Pugliese, Ganser, Mascaro, Armstrong and Wise voting yes.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business Council Member Mascaro moved to adjourn. Council Member Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion Carried Pugliese, Ganser, Mascaro, Armstrong and Wise voting yes. Meeting adjourned.

I here by certify that the fore going represents a true, accurate and complete record of the Helper City Council meeting held on Thursday, April 2, 2009.

Mike R. Dalpiaz
Mayor

Jona Skerl
City Recorder

Approved on April 16, 2009