

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, January 8, 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
Phillip Jensen
Larry Ganser
Dean Armstrong (Late)
Brandon Wise

City Recorder Jona Skerl
Attorney Gene Strate
Chief of Police Trent Anderson
Public Works Director Orlando Ochoa

Citizens: Gerssien Roberts, Richard Shaw, Irene Hovat.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, December 18, 2008

Council Member Mascaro moved to approve the minutes of December 18, 2008. Council Member Wise seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Jensen, Ganser, Mascaro, and Wise voting yes. Armstrong was not present for this vote.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON RESOLUTION 2008-7 APPROVING A TRANSFER OF THE CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE PRECIS TO EMERY TELCOM.

Mayor Dalpiaz had concerns on both franchise agreements with Emery Telcom. Mayor Dalpiaz informed the council that if Emery Telcom purchases Precis and has their own lines for television this would be a monopoly and they could charge whatever they wanted. Mayor Dalpiaz will be meeting with Price City and Wellington City Mayors to discuss the agreements. Council Member Ganser would like to keep researching the problems.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON RESOLUTION 2009-1 APPROVING PLANNING AND ZONING FEES.

Council Member Jensen told the council that the fees were approved and recommended by the Zoning Board. Mayor Dalpiaz felt that the fees were high since the city has never charged for this service.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve the Resolution 2009-1. Council Member Ganser seconded the motion. Motion Carried. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Council Members Ganser, Jensen, Mascaro, and Wise in favor with no one in opposition Resolution 2009-1 passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Armstrong was not present for the vote.

DISCUSSION ON MUSEUM BOARD ORDINANCE.

Council Member Armstrong told the council about the wording in the present ordinance for the Museum board, the Board is allowed to approve expenditures for the Museum. The City Council is the only body that can approve any expenditure in the budget. Council agreed that the ordinance should be looked at and will give Attorney Strate their suggestions for changes.

DISCUSSION ON HIRING FOR THE MUSEUM DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT.

Council Member Mascaro told the council that the interviews had been held last night and there were many qualified applicants.

Council Member Mascaro moved to allow him to hire the Museum Director and Assistant pending the background checks and references. Council Member Ganser seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Jensen, Ganser, Mascaro, and Wise voting yes. Armstrong was not present for this vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

BOYACK RIGHT-A-WAY.

Attorney Strate is proceeding with the condemnation.

FRANCHISE RIGHTS FOR EMERY TELCOM.

This was discussed in the first agenda item.

APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD.

Mayor Dalpiaz was not ready to make the appointment.

INTERCONNECTION WITH PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.

Council Member Armstrong told the council that the engineers thought the connection would cost around \$40,000 to \$50,000. Hansen, Allen and Luce will give a complete estimate for a cost of \$1,000.

Council Member Mascaro moved to have Hansen, Allen and Luce proceed with cost estimate for the interconnection for \$1,000. Council Member Wise seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Jensen, Ganser, Mascaro, Armstrong and Wise voting yes.

DON JACKSON WATER ISSUE.

Mayor Dalpiaz told the council Attorney Strate was looking into the water issue for the Jackson's sheep trough.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PERSONNEL ISSUE.

Council Member Mascaro moved to an executive session on personnel issue. Council Member Ganser seconded the motion. Motion Carried Ganser, Jensen, Mascaro, Armstrong and Wise voting yes.

Council Member Ganser moved to regular session. Council Member Jensen seconded the motion. Motion Carried Ganser, Jensen, Mascaro, Armstrong and Wise voting yes.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

I here by certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate and complete record of the Helper City Council meeting held on Thursday, January 8, 2009.

Mike R. Dalpiaz
Mayor

Jona Skerl
City Recorder

Approved on January 22, 2009