

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, March 7, 2024
at 6:00 p.m.
in the Council Chambers
19 South Main Street
Helper, Utah 84526

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Lenise Peterman

Council Members:

David Dornan
 Robert Olson
 John Serfustini
 Cole Stapley
 Ed Chavez

City Staff:

City Recorder: Zack Tonc
 Deputy Recorder: Melissa Parker
 Police Officers: Sgt. Sean Draper
 Garrett Newman

Citizens: Matt Montoya, Zack Wise, Nancy Elkins, Joe Sacco, Michelle Goldsmith, Mike Martinez and Traci Bishop

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike Martinez and Michelle Goldsmith gave public comments Exhibit A

Approval of the minutes from January 9, 2024, and February 1, 2024.

Council Member Dornan moved to approve minutes from January 9, 2024, and February 1, 2024 with changes to line 74. Council Member Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows:

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Dornan</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Olson</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Serfustini</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Stapley</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Chavez</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Motion passed</u>			

Discussion and possible approval of Resolution 2024-04 a resolution adopting the privacy policy statement for Helper City’s Website.

City Recorder Tonc, explained that the State has passed a law requiring a privacy policy on our website. He stated he had to call the state to get clarification on how it should read, we do not store personal information. The state auditor has reviewed this policy, and approved of it.

Council Member Chavez moved to approve Resolution 2024-04, a resolution adopting the privacy policy statement for Helper City’s Website. Council Member Dornan seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows:

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Dornan</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Olson</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Serfustini</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Stapley</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Chavez</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Motion passed</u>			

Discussion and possible approval to surplus the Fire Department Crown Vic.

Fire Chief Montoya stated the car has been retired and it has transmission issues, he would like to surplus it. Council Member Chavez asked if Fire Chief Montoya was going to handle the surplus, Fire Chief Montoya stated the City handles all of that. Council Member Stapley asked if there was a replacement for this vehicle, Fire Chief Montoya stated there is a replacement.

Council Member Chavez moved to approve the surplus of the Fire Department Crown Vic. Council Member Stapley seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows:

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Dornan</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Olson</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Serfustini</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Stapley</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Chavez</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Motion passed</u>			

Discussion and possible approval of the Fire Department Reserve Program.

Fire Chief Montoya stated that they are having a hard time finding, and keeping people other departments have offered to help. Assistant Fire Chief Wise stated that they have been discussing for two years, a way to get more reserves on staff to help. He stated we are currently at 14 volunteers, 4 of them are going through fire fighter 1 & 2, one finishing the EMT program. Helper City is the only agency in the County that responds as a licensed EMS agency through the state, Helper has to have the EMT requirements. Assistant Chief Wise stated in order to get the stipend he is proposing, volunteers would need to respond to a minimum of 5 calls a month. Daytime coverage is the biggest problem to cover, one stipulation they are proposing is they do not need to live in Helper, they would have to live in Carbon County, and they would like someone who frequents Helper. This is not a full solution, it would support for the

Department. This would be for medical calls, as Helper Fire responds to every medical that the ambulance responds to, in their 1800 square mile response area. Council Member Stapley stated in the proposal they are seeking individuals with Firefighter 1, or EMT, he asked if they were targeting certified individuals only, Fire Chief Montoya stated they must be certified for liability reasons. Assistant Fire Chief Wise stated they would like individuals who are wildfire trained, Council Member Dornan asked if it was a monthly stipend or per event, Fire Chief Montoya stated it would be monthly. Assistant Fire Chief Wise stated it would be \$50.00, for a minimum of 5 calls.

Council Member Dornan moved to approve the Fire Department Reserve Program. Council Member Chavez seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows:

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Dornan</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Olson</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Serfustini</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Stapley</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Chavez</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Motion passed</u>			

Discussion on the diversion for the Gay Ditch.

Mayor Peterman asked Joe Sacco to speak about the Gay Ditch. Joe Sacco stated that since the River Restoration 5 years ago, he has not been able to get water, he stated in the last 5 years they have lost about \$40,000 in crops. He stated something needs to be done, he stated the only person that is willing to help is Dave Meyer. Joe Sacco stated that Dave Meyer suggested putting a pipe further out in the river, when they did the diversion damn it created an eddy, and it silts his head gate. Joe Sacco stated it has been 5 years without the appropriate amount of water, and it is time something is done to remedy that. Mayor Peterman stated when Joe Sacco indicated he had no water, she tried to remedy the problem by calling Dave Meyer, or having Helper City Public Works go out and help clear the problem and make sure he can get his water. Joe Sacco stated he is only getting a foot and a half of water, he is entitled to 11 ½ feet of water there. Joe Sacco stated that the diversion damn has washed out again, so there is nothing with enough force to push the water through the pipe. Mayor Peterman would like to get with Dave Meyer and Joe Sacco next week and come up with a solution.

Discussion and possible approval of Resolution 2024-01 a resolution of the Municipal Building Authority of Helper City, Utah, calling a public hearing and authorizing notice of intention to issue not more than \$800,000 of taxable lease revenue bonds for the acquisition of a public works building, and related improvements; fixing the maximum interest rate, maturity and discount of the bonds; and related matters.

Mayor Peterman stated that council needed to convene as the Municipal Building Authority of Helper City, Utah.

Board Member Stapley motioned to convene as the Municipal Building Authority of Helper City, Utah. Board Member Serfustini seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows:

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Dornan</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Olson</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Serfustini</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Stapley</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Chavez</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Motion passed</u>			

Mayor Peterman stated in February we submitted a CIB application to build a new Public Works building, we were awarded that application. It's a \$300,000 grant with a \$500,000 loan at 0% interest. Mayor Peterman stated Helper City's Public Safety Building which is also a CIB loan/grant is coming due, so we will pay that off, which will lower our debt. We will save about \$18,000 dollars a year and get a new building in the process.

Board Member Chavez motioned to approve Resolution 2024-01 as the Municipal Building Authority of Helper City, Utah. Board Member Serfustini seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows:

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Dornan</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Olson</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Serfustini</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Stapley</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Chavez</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Motion passed</u>			

Council Member Serfustini motioned to reconvene as the Helper City Council of Helper City, Utah. Council Member Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows:

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Dornan</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Olson</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Serfustini</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Stapley</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Chavez</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Motion passed</u>			

Discussion and possible approval of Resolution 2024-02 a resolution of the City of Helper, Carbon County, Utah, (the "City"), approving the adoption by the Municipal Building Authority of Helper City, Utah, of a parameters resolution authorizing not more than \$800,000 lease revenue bonds for the acquisition of a Public Works Building and related improvements.

Council Member Olson asked why the resolution was for \$800,000, when \$300,000 of it is grant money, Mayor Peterman stated that the whole \$800,000 was required.

Council Member Dornan moved to approve Resolution 2024-02 a resolution to the City of Helper, Carbon County, Utah (the "City) approving the adoption by the Municipal Building Authority of Helper City, Utah, of a parameters resolution authorizing not more than \$800,000 lease revenue bonds for the acquisition of a Public Works Building and related improvements. Council Member Chavez seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows:

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Dornan</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Olson</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Serfustini</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Stapley</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Chavez</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Motion passed</u>			

CLOSED SESSION FOR PROPERTY DISCUSSION.

Council Member Stapley moved to a closed session for property discussion. Council Member Chavez seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows:

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Dornan</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Olson</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Serfustini</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Stapley</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Chavez</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Motion passed</u>			

Council Member Dornan moved to leave closed session. Council Member Serfustini seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows:

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Dornan</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Olson</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Serfustini</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>


Stapley	X		
Chavez	X		
Motion passed			

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business Council Member Olson moved to adjourn. Council Member Chavez seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows:

Council Member	Yes	No	Absent
Dornan	X		
Olson	X		
Serfustini	X		
Stapley	X		
Chavez	X		
Motion passed			

I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Helper City Council meeting held on Thursday, March 7, 2024.


 Lenise Peterman
 Mayor


 Zack Tunc
 City Recorder

Exhibit A

Helper City
Citizen Public Comment Form
Comments Only


Name: Mike Martinez
Date: March 7, 2024
Address: 235 No Evergreen Pkce, UT

I wish to address the Council during public comments regarding:

Announce Castle Gate 50 year Reunion
Request waiver of fees for use of the park

Note: This form must be filled out and handed to the city recorder before the beginning of the meeting. Comments are limited to 2 minutes. All citizens attending Council Meetings will be expected to respect the rights of others by refraining from any open display of support or opposition to the remarks of any speaker, or open demonstration thereof. Anyone not complying with these rules of procedure may be asked to leave the meeting.

I have read and agree to abide by the rules listed above.



Signature (This form is complete unless signed)

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.

Helper City
Citizen Public Comment Form

Comments Only

Name: Michelle Bidsnell
Date: March 6, 2024
Address: _____

I wish to address the Council during public comments regarding:

Helper Express

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I have read and agree to abide by the rules listed above.

M. Bidsnell
Signature (This form is complete unless signed)

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.