

1 **MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**

2 **Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

3 **at 3:00 p.m.**

4 **in the City Hall Offices**

5 **58 South Main Street**

6 **Helper, Utah 84526**

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9 **ATTENDANCE:**

10 Mayor Lenise Peterman

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12 **Council Members:**

13 David Dornan

14 Robert Olson

15 Lori Barrett

16 Edward Chavez

17 David Palacios

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19 **City Staff:**

20 City Recorder: Billie Heilesen

21 Public Works Co-Director:

22 DJ Romero & Brittany Hansen

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25 **CITIZENS:**

26 None

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28 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

29 No Public Comment

30 **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RENEWING THE LEASE OR**
31 **PURCHASING THE BACKHOE FOR PUBLIC WORKS.**

32 Mayor Lenise Peterman started the special meeting by asking Public Works Co-
33 Directors DJ Romero and Brittany Hansen if the backhoe in question was the same
34 backhoe the city was already leasing. Ms. Hansen replied, yes. Council Member
35 Dornan spoke about the other two backhoes the city has, with a question about
36 whether the city owns them outright. Mr. Romero responded that the city does own
37 the other two backhoes outright. Council member Dornan responded by asking if
38 the other two backhoes are operational. Mr. Romero responded to Council Member
39 Dornan's question being the other two backhoes are operational.

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41 Co-Director Brittany Hansen explained to council that this contract would be the
42 last time the city would be able to lease the third backhoe, due to the city already
43 leasing the backhoe for the past six years. Ms. Hansen went on to speak about how
44 the lease agreement the past six years was \$9000.00 annually and the new
45 agreement was going to be \$7200.00 annually; additionally, after the three year

46 term of the lease the city will have to decide whether to purchase the backhoe or
 47 turn in the backhoe. Mayor Peterman responded by asking Ms. Hansen if the city
 48 decided against purchasing the backhoe in three years, would the city need to lease
 49 a new backhoe at that time. Ms. Hansen replied, yes. Council Member Palacios
 50 asked how many hours of use the backhoe currently has, Mr. Romero replied the
 51 backhoe has around four hundred hours of use. Council Member Palacios responded
 52 that the backhoe was still like new. Council Member Palacios also asked where
 53 Public Works typically uses the backhoe. Mr. Romero responded that the Public
 54 works department uses the backhoe all over the city, due to the backhoe being the
 55 only one with a thumb on the backside.

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 57 Council Member Chavez moved to approve the renewing of the lease on the backhoe
 58 for Public Works. Council Member Palacios seconded the motion. Motion carried,
 59 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></u>	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
<u>Barrett</u>	<u>X</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
<u>Palacios</u>	<u>X</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
<u>Chavez</u>	<u>X</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
<u>Motion passed</u>			

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ADJOURNMENT:

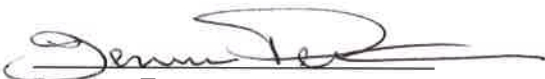
There being no further business, Council Member Chavez moved to adjourn.
Council Member Dornan seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call
vote is as follows:

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Dornan</u>	<u>X</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
<u>Chavez</u>	<u>X</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
<u>Olson</u>	<u>X</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
<u>Palacios</u>	<u>X</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
<u>Barrett</u>	<u>X</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
<u>Motion passed</u>			

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I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate, and complete record
 of the Helper City Council meeting held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

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Lenise Peterman
Mayor



Billie Heilesen
City Recorder

Approved on May 1, 2025