

1                   **MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
2                                   **Thursday, February 20, 2026**  
3                                   **at 3:00 p.m.**  
4                                   **in the Council Chambers**  
5                                   **19 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 Tyson Damron  
14 Robert Olson - Absent  
15 Ruth Lee  
16 David Palacios  
17 Edward Chavez

12 **City Staff:**

Community Administrator: Cole Stapley  
City Recorder: Traci Bishop  
Deputy Recorder: Shaley Vasquez - Absent  
Police Chief: Sean Draper  
Police Officer: Absent  
Public Works Co-Directors:  
DJ Romero & Brittany Hansen  
City Attorney: Dominique Kiahtipes - Absent  
Museum Director: Roman Vega - Absent

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26 **CITIZENS:**

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31 **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF SITE FOR ALL WHEELS PARK**  
32 **DESIGN.**

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34 Two surveys have been completed. The American Ramp Company did one and  
35 Helper City sent out another. Results were shared with council. Mayor Lenise  
36 Peterman asked Community Administrator Cole Stapley to go over results. Around  
37 30,000 square feet total would be ideal for the park. Mr. Stapley said that each site  
38 can be trimmed or expanded as needed. Locations are near the cemetery/the old  
39 burn site, the Lions Park Pavilion, the River Walkway, and the Helper City Park.  
40 Mr. Stapley went over some other suggestions from those that completed the  
41 survey, such as another area by the walkway, though it is not owned by Helper, a  
42 city-owned lot that is quite narrow, and others. The council began discussion,  
43 wondering about other city property in different locations, though size, draining,  
44 main pipes running through lots, and more were presented as potential issues.

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 46 Changing the location of the proposed lot in the city park was discussed. However,  
 47 Council member Ed Chavez brought up how the park is going to be used in its  
 48 entirety for the upcoming Car Show in the summer. Annually, there are groups and  
 49 individuals that do utilize the park and Mr. Stapley wanted to possibly approach  
 50 reserving the whole park under a Special Event Permit. With this, Council member  
 51 David Palacios said that it all points back to the cemetery/burn site location. Trading  
 52 property for property with a resident was brought up in the past, but was not  
 53 revisited by the resident himself. Council member Ruth Lee brought up the possible  
 54 dust issue in cemetery/burn pile spot, as she had previously, and requested that it  
 55 be put into careful consideration so that the grant money is not wasted on a site  
 56 that won't be used. Once again expanding the cemetery years down the road was  
 57 then visited.

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 59 There is still availability around the cemetery, even with the upcoming expansion  
 60 already in place, where additional plots can be put in as-needed. Possibly bringing  
 61 back the burn pile was also discussed, and Council member Tyson Damron said he  
 62 had discussed with Mr. Stapley on a possible new location, depending on cost.

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 64 Council Member Palacios moved to the Cemetery Road space for the All Wheels  
 65 Park design. Council Member Chavez seconded the motion. Motion carried, the  
 66 council roll call vote is as follows:

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Olson</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Lee</u>	<u>X</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
<u>Damron</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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 70 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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


<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Olson</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Lee</u>	<u>X</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
<u>Damron</u>	<u>X</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>

Palacios	X		
Chavez	X		
Motion passed			

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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 Thursday, February 20, 2026.

  
 Lenise Peterman  
 Mayor

  
 Shaley Vasquez  
 City Deputy Recorder

Approved on March 5, 2026