

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

2 **Thursday, February 5, 2026**

3 **at 6:00 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

15 Ruth Lee

16 David Palacios

17 Edward Chavez

18 **City Staff:**

19 Community Administrator: Cole Stapley

20 City Recorder: Traci Bishop

21 Deputy Recorder: Shaley Vasquez - Absent

22 Police Chief: Sean Draper

23 Police Officer: Drake Valdiviezo

24 Public Works Co-Directors:

25 DJ Romero & Brittany Hansen – Hansen absent

26 City Attorney: Dominique Kiahtipes

27 Museum Director: Roman Vega

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34 **CITIZENS:**

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36 Dennis Salamanikas, Battle Baseball team, Scott McKee, Morgan Lund, Steph
37 Ariotti, Krist Telbou, Nancy Elkins, Kathy Fausett, Oran Stainbrook, Ed Callor Sr.,
38 Katy Knight, Gary Burnham, Charlene Burnham, ETV News, Barbara Warnock,
39 Ventura Youngblood, Andrea Erickson

40 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

41 Ed Callor Sr. made a comment regarding the closed burn pile – Exhibit A.
42 Kathy Fausett, Morgan Lund, and Scott McKee made a public comment each
43 regarding a zoning issue. – Exhibit B.

44 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 8TH, 2026 COUNCIL
45 MEETING, THE JANUARY 22ND, 2026 WORK MEETING AND THE JANUARY
46 22ND, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING.**

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESERVING PARKING SPOTS FOR CARBON MEDICAL MAMMOGRAM TRUCK ON MARCH 30TH AND NOVEMBER 3RD, 2026.

Ventura Youngblood and Andrea Erickson of Carbon Medical requested placing the bus on March 30th and November 3rd. They wish to park at City Hall. Council member David Palacios recused himself, as he is on the Board of Directors for Carbon Medical. Depending on insurance and program availability, this service could be free for women. An order also is not needed this year for a mammogram. Council member Ruth Lee asked where the parking would be. City Recorder Traci Bishop stated it was right in front of the city park/City Hall parked on the street in the parking slots. Mrs. Youngblood said if that worked last year, they would love to be there again.

Council Member Lee moved to approve the mammogram truck to park in the allocated spots on the designated days. Council Member Damron 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>Recused</u>
<u>Olson</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Lee</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Damron</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Palacios</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Chavez</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Motion passed</u>				

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE ADDENDUM TO THE USU-EASTERN COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT DATED 8/5/2024.

The mayor said hopefully the council had an opportunity to review. This came out of the last meeting regarding the use of the auditorium, though when it is warmer, they won't be using it. Council member Bob Olson said it seemed pretty much like what was talked about, and Council member Tyson Damron said it seems as if the utilities will be covered in exchange for training for Helper children. He wanted to be sure to get the word out to the local youth about this opportunity, saying it was a big draw for him.

Council Member Palacios moved to approve the addendum as presented. Council Member Damron 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>
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Lee	X		
Damron	X		
Palacios	X		
Chavez	X		
Motion passed			

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRAINING FOR \$750.

Mayor Peterman reached out to Kerri Nakamura, who is looking for a date. \$750 is her fee to come in and it would be a Helper-specific training. Council member Lee stated this was a good idea, asking if it was open to department heads as well. Mayor Peterman said she wanted to keep it to council, as she wants them to really dig in and ask questions. Council member Chavez asked about a date, and the mayor said upon approval, a date will be scheduled.

158 Council Member Palacios moved to approve the \$750 for budget training. Council
159 Member Chavez seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as
160 follows:

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Olson	X		
Lee	X		
Damron	X		
Palacios	X		
Chavez	X		
Motion passed			

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REPORTS ONLY FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS.

167 Council Member Damron moved to move into a closed session for legal. Council
168 Member Chavez seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as
169 follows:

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

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Lenise Peterman
Mayor



Shaley Vasquez
City Deputy Recorder

Approved on March 5, 2026