

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

2 **Thursday, March 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 - Late

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12 **City Staff:**

Community Administrator: Cole Stapley

City Recorder: Traci Bishop - Absent

Deputy Recorder: Shaley Vasquez

Police Chief: Sean Draper

Police Officer: Garrett Newman

Public Works Co-Directors:

DJ Romero & Brittany Hansen – Hansen absent

City Attorney: Dominique Kiahtipes

Museum Director: Roman Vega

Fire Chief: Matt Montoya

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26 **CITIZENS:**

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28 Delores Slavensky, Rocky Felice, Lynn Felice, Ed Callor Sr., Mellisa Lewis, Gary
29 Burnham, Val Marietti, Aidan Mortensen, Krista Talbot, Betty Burkett, Miriam
30 Gileadi, Katy Knight, Stephanie Ariotti, Jeanann Zmerzlikar, Stephanie Olsen,
31 Olivia Dudding Rodriguez, Brian Neilsen

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35 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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37 Ed Callor Sr., Delores Slavensky, Lynn Felice, & Rocky Felice made a comment
38 regarding the closing of the limb pile – Exhibit A.

39 Katy Knight made a comment regarding Helper Engine. – Exhibit B.

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43 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 5TH 2026 COUNCIL**
44 **MEETING, & FEBRUARY 20TH, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING.**

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 46 Mayor Lenise Peterman asked the council if they had a chance to review the
 47 minutes. The only correction to be made was the listing of Council members on the
 48 adjournment vote of February 20, 2026 meeting minutes.

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 50 Council Member Palacios moved to approve both sets of meeting minutes with the
 51 appropriate amendments to February 20th, 2026 meeting. Council Member Lee
 52 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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| <u>Olson</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</u> |
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| <u>Damron</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</u> |
| <u>Palacios</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</u> |
| <u>Chavez</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>X</u> |
| <u>Motion passed</u> | | | |

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 56 **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER.**

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 58 Council Member Ruth Lee started off by introducing Miriam Gileadi as the newly
 59 nominated applicant to the library board member and asked that Miriam further
 60 introduce herself to Council. Ms. Gileadi began by stating that she has attended a
 61 few meetings thus far and wants to be more involved in the community. She also
 62 has a background in teaching children and feels like it would be beneficial to her
 63 role as being part of the board and the child-focused activities.

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 65 Council Member Lee also clarified with City Community Administrator Cole
 66 Stapley if the filled position was the last position on the board, to which Mr. Stapley
 67 answered that there is one more spot open.

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 69 Council Member Lee moved to approve the appointment of Library Board Member
 70 Miriam Gileadi. Council Member Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried, the
 71 council roll call vote is as follows:

| <u>Council Member</u> | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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| <u>Olson</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</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> |
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| <u>Motion passed</u> | | | |

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75 **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING**
76 **BOARD MEMBER.**

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78 Mayor Peterman began by stating that a member of the Planning & Zoning board
79 has resigned in January with the open spot being published. Council Member Bob
80 Olson included that Amber Sparks had applied and interviewed with himself and
81 Mr. Stapley. Ms. Sparks' background of being on Wellington City Council and the
82 Planning board prior to her move to Helper six years ago was also explained.

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84 Council Member Olson moved to approve appointment of Amber Sparks to the
85 Planning & Zoning Board. Council Member Damron seconded the motion. Motion
86 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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| <u>Olson</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</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>_____</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>X</u> |
| <u>Motion passed</u> | | | |

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90 **DISCUSSION ON FIRE HAZARDS ON HELPER CITY PROPERTY. – CHIEF**
91 **MONTOYA.**

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93 Fire Chief Matt Montoya stood before Council to explain that the state has recently
94 mandated through CWPP (wildland cooperation agreement) to address wildland
95 urban interface and wildland hazards to include fuel reductions, etc. Chief Montoya
96 added that he had recently walked the wash coming out of Castle Gate subdivision
97 between Roosevelt Street and Bryner Street and declares that as being a fire
98 hazard. If there happened to be a fire in that wash, it would be extremely difficult to
99 control with little to no access. Chief Montoya continued to recommend fuel removal
100 instead of chipping to remove much of the dead fallout, also stating that the
101 mandate will also require residents to reduce fire fuels on their property as well.

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103 Chief Montoya wanted to remind Council, along with meeting patrons, that for
104 those residents that would like to burn excess fuels to rid them, open burn started
105 March 1st and will continue until April 30th. Residents will need to apply for an
106 open burn permit through air.utah.gov, free of charge, and will be good for up to
107 three days. Noting that after the permit, dispatch will need to be notified to check if
108 it is a "burn day" in order to proceed.

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110 **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF MOVING TO A STARCARD**
 111 **PROGRAM WITH SKAGGS REGARDING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**
 112 **UNIFORM ALLOWANCE. – CHIEF DRAPER.**

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 114 Police Chief Sean Draper stood before Council and explained that currently the
 115 department receives a uniform allowance that goes directly to their checks every six
 116 months for purchasing uniforms. He stated he has caught himself, along with his
 117 officers, not actively using the allowance thus introducing a program offered
 118 through Skaggs where uniforms are purchased. Chief Draper continued to explain
 119 that the program works by the officers ordering their uniforms through Skaggs and
 120 then Skaggs will then bill the city. Following that method would be beneficial as the
 121 officers will be ordering uniforms regularly and purchases will be tax exempt rather
 122 than being taxed on their paychecks.

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 124 Council Member David Palacios asked to clarify if this method is to replace the
 125 stipend, to which Chief Draper answered that it would not change the stipend, just
 126 the method of purchase. Clarifying that Skaggs would bill the city and keep track if
 127 purchase amounts exceeded the stipend, to which the officer would then cover the
 128 difference that would not be covered by the stipend. Community Administrator
 129 Stapley also clarified that Skaggs would send him a monthly bill that he would add
 130 to accounts payable.

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 132 Council Member Lee asked if the method is like a credit card. Chief Draper
 133 answered that it is not like a credit card; that Skaggs will set them up an account
 134 on their website to order from and they will deduct and keep track on their end.

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 136 Council Member Tyson Damron asked if there are any limitations on what can be
 137 purchased by the officers. Chief Draper responded that there are limitations to what
 138 can be purchased with the focus specifically on uniforms. He had a meeting with
 139 Skaggs and has specifically gone through and listed what would and wouldn't be
 140 allowed to purchase.

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 142 Council Member Palacios motioned to approve moving to a StarCard program with
 143 Skaggs. Council Member Damron seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council
 144 roll call vote is as follows:

| <u>Council Member</u> | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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| <u>Damron</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</u> |
| <u>Palacios</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</u> |
| <u>Chavez</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>X</u> |
| <u>Motion passed</u> | | | |

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 148 **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF APPOINTING PROPERTY**
 149 **AGENT.**

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 151 Council Member Palacios started by informing Council that Helper City’s ordinance
 152 (3.20.040) cites that the Mayor and Council shall appoint a person to serve as a
 153 property agent with the sole function to determine and report to Council if the value
 154 of surplus property is \$300 or greater or none at all.

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 156 Mayor Peterman added that the need for an agent has come up when Public Works
 157 was recently in need to dispose of property. Mr. Stapley included that it is just to
 158 put a value on an item rather than just freely disposing.

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 160 Mayor Peterman also reiterated that the request is in Helper’s ordinance and they
 161 are looking to utilize the need and appointing Helper City’s Community
 162 Administrator, (whom is Cole Stapley) to be the property agent.

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 164 Council Member Palacios moved to approve appointing the Community
 165 Administrator as the property agent. Council Member Lee seconded the motion.
 166 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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| <u>Olson</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</u> |
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| <u>Damron</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</u> |
| <u>Palacios</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</u> |
| <u>Chavez</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>X</u> |
| <u>Motion passed</u> | | | |

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 170 **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ADOPTING RESOLUTION 2026-01**
 171 **SUPPORTING AMERICA250 UTAH AND RECOGNIZING AND APPROVING OF**
 172 **THE AMERICA UTAH250 POTLUCK COMMITTEE, AS WELL AS CLOSING**
 173 **MAIN STREET FROM THE PARK TO DEPOT ST. ON JULY 5, 2026 FOR**
 174 **AMERICA250 POTLUCK EVENT FROM 2 P.M. TO 7 P.M**

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 176 Mayor Peterman gave some background about the event to Council and Residents
 177 that the event is regarding the 250th anniversary of America being founded, which
 178 is also a nationwide event held on July 5th all over. Utah State University (USUE)
 179 has a group focused primarily on “America 250”. Helper City will be hosting a
 180 potluck on that Sunday, providing hotdogs and closing of Main Street while a local
 181 non-profit will be providing music in the Main Street Park.

183 Mayor Peterman also included that this adoption is the first step in accessing
 184 funding at the state level for the event and the need for committee members to help
 185 with the event. Council Member Lee asked to clarify if committee members are still
 186 actively needed or are already put together. Mayor Peterman answered that this
 187 will establish the committee and she will then turn it in to the America250 Utah
 188 group which will open funding for the event.

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 190 Lastly, Council Member Lee asked if there was a timeline to have the committee
 191 ready, by to which Mayor Peterman answered there is no sort of commitment in
 192 that way, just the adoption is needed.

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 194 Council Member Palacios moved to approve adopting resolution 2026-01 supporting
 195 america250 Utah and recognizing and approving of the America utah250 potluck
 196 committee, as well as closing main street from the park to Depot St. on July 5, 2026
 197 for america250 potluck event from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Council Member Damron
 198 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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| <u>Palacios</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</u> |
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| <u>Motion passed</u> | | | |

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202 **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ADOPTING RESOLUTION 2026-02**
 203 **DESIGNATING TEMPORARY RECORDER DUTIES.**

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 205 Mayor Peterman informed Council that the City Recorder is temporarily out and
 206 the resolution is just to designate the Recorder responsibilities.

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 208 Council Member Lee asked to clarify if the duties go to the Deputy Recorder or
 209 Community Administrator. Mr. Stapley answered that it would be the Community
 210 Administrator, though the two positions will work together on it.

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 212 Council Member Palacios moved to approve resolutions 2026-02 designating
 213 temporary recorder duties. Council Member Lee seconded the motion. Motion
 214 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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| <u>Olson</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</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> |

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| Chavez | | | X |
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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ADOPTING RESOLUTION 2026-03 AMENDING THE USE RATES FOR THE AUDITORIUM.

Mayor Peterman informed Council that there had been some discrepancies with the Rio reservation forms with Helper City and West Coast Show Support and now having made them match. Also, the language for the auditorium has been clarified for use of 2+ hours of usage. The other significant change was lowering the deposit amount of \$500 to \$100 while changing the rental fee from \$350 to \$200.

Mr. Stapley added that the changes stem from interests that wanted to use the facility for a small event or short time and the full \$350 plus \$500 was not justifiable. The changes made are in hopes of the auditorium being utilized more.

Council Member Olson and Mr. Stapley discussed more of the fee chart on the resolution.

Council Member Damron moved to approve resolutions 2026-03 amending the use rates for the auditorium. Council Member Lee 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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| Olson | X | | |
| Lee | X | | |
| Damron | X | | |
| Palacios | X | | |
| Chavez | | | X |
| Motion passed | | | |

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL REGARDING HEADSTONE DIMENSIONS IN MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY. – BETTY BURKETT.

Ms. Burkett stood before Council with a diagram of her headstone she would like to have built to place at her plot in the cemetery. Council member Lee asked Ms. Burkett if she had already purchased the headstone. Ms. Burkett said she has paid half the total and then put a hold on the remaining amount due to what she has been told regarding the size of the headstone.

249 Mr. Stapley added to Council that the current ordinance states that the base could
250 be made a larger size at the discretion of Council approval. The maximum height for
251 headstones in the ordinance code is 32 inches and the headstone diagram for Ms.
252 Burkett is 36 inches, making it 4 inches too tall.

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254 Mayor Peterman asked Public Works director DJ Romero of concerns for the height
255 exceeding the maximum of 32 inches. Mr. Romero answered that typically the
256 biggest concern is possible damage to stones that exceed the maximum height. Ms.
257 Burkett informed that the stone is not to be stone at all but to be made out of metal,
258 making it more durable, then directing Council back to her diagram.

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260 Council Member Olson asked about the base of the headstone being raised 18 inches
261 which was clarified that the base will sit level with the ground and the spikes that
262 go into the ground for support from the base are 18 inches. Councilman Olson also
263 asked Ms. Burkett why she wants her headstone to exceed the maximum height by
264 4 inches. Ms. Burkett showed, based on her diagram, what is to be added on to the
265 stone regarding her information due to her extensive military past. Also stating
266 that, if necessary, she can reduce 4 inches on the one side.

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268 Council Member Damron stated his concern regarding there not being a stipulation
269 on the height of a stone like there is about the base. Stating that if Council allows
270 the height variance, that opens the door for any other potential proposal no longer
271 making it a variance but more of changing the height standard. Council Member
272 Damron suggested staying with the maximum of 32 inches due to the liability of
273 damaging a headstone any taller than the maximum height of 32 inches.

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275 Council Member Lee mentioned that the best option would be to shorten the height
276 from 36 to 32 inches to follow the current ordinance, and if the conversation wanted
277 to be continued then the changes would need to be made through an ordinance
278 change process. Mr. Stapley added that there still needs to be an approval on
279 variance for the base despite not changing the maximum height.

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281 Council Member Palacios asked for clarification on a previous headstone matter to
282 which he was informed that that was where the recent ordinance change began.
283 Also Mr. Palacios directed a question to Mr. Romero regarding the 18-inch ground
284 spikes and whether they would be an issue to any water or sprinkling system. Mr.
285 Romero answered that in that area there should pose no risk as the water system
286 runs deep enough.

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288 There was clarification that the headstone base dimension could be adjusted but the
289 height must remain at 32 inches maximum.

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291 Council Member Palacios moved to approve headstone dimensions adjusting the
 292 base while staying at the 32-inch height maximum. Council Member Olson
 293 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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| <u>Olson</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</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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 296 **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF PURCHASING FERTILIZER FOR**
 297 **THE PARKS AND CEMETERY. – PUBLIC WORKS.**

299 Public Works Co-Director DJ Romero stood before Council informing them that it is
 300 now time for the first stage in fertilizer for the year. The purchase has already been
 301 accounted for in the budget.
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303 Council Member Chavez moved to approve purchasing fertilizer for the parks and
 304 cemetary. Council Member Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council
 305 roll call vote is as follows:
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| <u>Council Member</u> | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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| <u>Olson</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</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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 309 **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RENTING A VACUUM TRAILER**
 310 **FOR ONE WEEK. – PUBLIC WORKS.**

312 Public Works Director Romero informed Council that A1 Rental recently acquired a
 313 vac trailer which would be extremely useful to vacuum out storm drains around
 314 Helper that are needed as it has never been thoroughly done before. Mr. Romero
 315 would like to rent the trailer for a full week or possibly two to be able to do as much
 316 as they can.
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319 Council Member Olson asked if the vacuum met the specs needed to effectively
320 handle the job, to which Mr. Romero replied that it would as it has a pressure
321 washer and holds up to 800 gallons of material.

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323 Council Member Lee asked if they had previously contracted the work out to which
324 she was answered that it has not been contracted. The storm drains have previously
325 been surface cleaned to the best of the ability when there have been complaints but
326 never primarily focused. Mr. Romero also answered Councilman Damron that the
327 bid from A1 Rental has been the only bid received.

328
329 Council Member Lee asked if planning for the two-week rental would be best. The
330 two-week option is most preferred.

331
332 Council Member Palacios moved to approve renting a vacuum trailer for two weeks.
333 Council Member Chavez seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call
334 vote is as follows:

| <u>Council Member</u> | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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| <u>Olson</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</u> |
| <u>Lee</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</u> |
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| <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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338 **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF DISCOUNTED AUDITORIUM**
339 **RATE THROUGH MAY FOR HELPER CHEER.**

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341 Community Administrator Stapley spoke to Council on behalf of a private cheer
342 group that has been using the auditorium for the past three years, stating that the
343 cheer group does not charge its members monthly fees for membership and they
344 cover other fees through discounts, donations, and fundraisers. In the past, the
345 group was given a discounted rate for use of the auditorium with the costs being
346 covered by a donation. Mr. Stapley informed Council that a large portion was
347 previously paid by a generous donor and has been deducted monthly at the rate of
348 \$50 a month and that donation has run out. The cheer group is now requesting for
349 an opportunity for a new discounted rate until the end of May. Councilman Palacios
350 proposed to Council of offering the discount at \$25 a month until the end of May.

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352 Council Member Palacios moved to approve discounted auditorium rate through the
353 end of May for Helper Cheer for \$25 a month. Council Member Lee seconded the
354 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 PURSUING A FEDERAL COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST FOR POLICE VEHICLES AND FIRE EQUIPMENT.

Mayor Peterman informed that Representative Kennedy’s office had contacted her for an appropriation request, stating that the funding has to be spent in the fiscal year 2027. With that stipulation, two police vehicles, an air compressor and other equipment for the Fire Dept. are going to be the focus. Each item will be individual requests per instruction. It is known that there will be a match, to which amount is currently unknown. Mayor Peterman said it is worth making the effort due to the costs of each individual item. Also specifying that this comes from District 3, covering most of eastern Utah, allowing other cities and counties to apply for the funds as well. The restriction is that the funds cannot go to parks or museums.

Mayor Peterman clarified to Council that each item submitted is done so as an individual item and will require her to go in several different times to submit a request, adding that the kicker may be the match. If the request is accepted, the city has ability to determine acceptance or denial with the match rate.

Council Member Damron moved to approve pursuing a federal community project funding request for police vehicles and fire equipment. Council Member Palacios 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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| Olson | X | | |
| Lee | X | | |
| Damron | X | | |
| Palacios | X | | |
| Chavez | X | | |
| Motion passed | | | |

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 386 Council Member Chavez moved to move into a closed session for legal and property.
 387 Council Member Palacios seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call
 388 vote is as follows:

| <u>Council Member</u> | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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| <u>Olson</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</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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 392 **CLOSED MEETING – A CLOSED SESSION WAS HELD REGARDING LEGAL &**
 393 **PROPERTY MATTERS.**

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 396 Council Member Palacios moved to move out of a closed session for property.
 397 Council Member Damron seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call
 398 vote is as follows:

| <u>Council Member</u> | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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| <u>Olson</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</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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 402 **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF INTENT TO SURPLUS HELPER**
 403 **CITY PROPERTY.**

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 405 No action was taken.

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 408 A Closed Meeting Sworn Statement was signed and notarized for the record.

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 412 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

| <u>Council Member</u> | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| <u>Olson</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</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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420 I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate, and complete record
421 of the Helper City Council meeting held on Thursday, March 5, 2026.
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427 Lenise Peterman
428 Mayor

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426 Shaley Vasquez
427 City Deputy Recorder

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Approved on April 2, 2026