

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

2 **Thursday, August 6th, 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

12 **City Staff:**

13 Community Administrator: Cole Stapley

14 City Recorder: Traci Bishop

15 Police Chief: Sean Draper

16 Police Officer: Lara Olson

17 Public Works Co-Directors:

18 DJ Romero & Brittany Hansen

19 City Attorney: Dominique Kiahtipes

20 Museum Director: Roman Vega

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24 **CITIZENS:**

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26 Natalie Finkbiner, Merrilee Zimerzlikar, Aidan Mortensen, Michell Fidell, Lori
27 Perez, Kathy Hamaker, Lola Pierce, Michelle Goldsmith, Nancy Elkins, Tina
28 Grange, Jeanann Zmerzlikar, Debbie Hatt, Ruby Sebreros, Charlene Burnham,
29 Gary Burnham, Dean Marchello, Isabelle Chavez, Keifer Medley, Nate Moore, Jeff
30 Richens, Hollie Stapley, Barbara and Chris Warnock, Julie Medley, Jessie Tsideo,
31 Dez Stevenson, George Waldren, Oran Stainbrook, John Zmerzlikar, Tom Hatt

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34 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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36 Michelle Goldsmith made a public comment in regard to vehicles continuously
37 parking at the Locust Street/All Abilities Park. Nate Moore made a public comment
38 regarding endorsing the Stars Elite LLC practicing in the Helper Auditorium.

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41 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 2, 2026 MEETING.**

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43 Council member Ruth Lee had one minor correction to make on line 151 of the
44 minutes.

Council Member Lee moved to approve the meetings with the proper correction.
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>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>			

PRESENTATION TO HELPER CITY. – TINA GRANGE.

Tina Grange thanked the council for the opportunity to speak. She said that she is the Film and Tourism Specialist for Carbon County. She was presenting a unique piece of Helper's history back to the community: an original signed poster and script from the 2008 film Adventures of Power. It was recently gifted to her by the Utah Film Commission and while she was honored, she wished to gift it back to the city with the commission's support. She explained the film and said the gift is a symbol of Helper's enduring legacy as a cinematic destination. She thanked the council for keeping the creative spirit of Helper alive.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL AREA CONSENT FOR ST ANTHONY'S FALL CARNIVAL.

The mayor moved the agenda order to bring this item further up the line. Hollie Stapley spoke on behalf of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Helper. She asked for local consent for the annual carnival, which will be held on November 5th, 6th and 7th this year. This fundraiser is what makes it possible for the church to support having a priest in town and really keeping the church alive.

Council Member Chavez moved to approve local area consent. 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>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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76 **UPDATE ON WATER BETWEEN SAN PETE COUNTY AND HELPER CITY.**
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78 Jeff Richens with PRWID said Council member Ed Chavez asked him to attend and
79 explain what the future goal is. Mr. Richens explained that all the water users in
80 Carbon County are coming together to form a committee. In 1917 a dam was built
81 at the Gooseberry Narrows, but it was not built well and almost immediately
82 started to fail. Another dam had a beaver problem and both started to fail. SanPete
83 and Carbon counties went to the Bureau of Reclamation to have a dam built. It was
84 during WWII, so there were other necessities. Mr. Richens told the history of the
85 narrows, then explained that there is an attempt to put a state park in that area.
86 Mr. Richens said PRWID, Price River Water Users Association, the Carbon Water
87 Conservancy District, the counties and cities are all being invited to unify voices to
88 prevent the dam being built.
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90 The committee will also promote any other water means that are needed in the
91 valley. Mr. Richens said the support would be signatures on a letter, etc., but not
92 asking for money. He said it is a fight all need to be part of, but they are going to
93 fight the best way possible. A Carbon Water Committee draft was given to the
94 council. He said this was a committee before that went away a while ago, and others
95 such as Trout Unlimited and Rocky Mountain Power have also been contacted to
96 possibly be involved. The proposal is currently being studied and is supposed to
97 come back to be presented at a meeting. When it does, Mr. Richens said they hope
98 to be there and show opposition. Mr. Richens said that the state government should
99 not be paying to have the dam built.
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101 Questions arose such as how helpful Helper's funding for legal assistance was in
102 regard to this, and if Mr. Richens is looking for a formal appointment for the
103 committee. Mr. Richens stated a member of the city council could attend the
104 meetings to represent. He said that there will be times the committee comes to the
105 city and invites them to support at meetings and the like.
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108 **DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF PLACING LANDSCAPING AT 133 S**
109 **MAIN STREET FOR GEORGE WALDRON.**
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111 George Waldron had previously gone to Planning & Zoning and had a positive
112 recommendation to the council. He wanted to place a tree in front of his business.
113 Mr. Waldron said they're the same trees that are already along Main Street.
114 Though placement, sidewalk safety and irrigation were discussed, it was then
115 determined by the Public Works Co-Directors that there was not a possibility to
116 plant a tree in that location due to the electrical placements under the sidewalk.
117 Mr. Waldron acknowledged that if there is conduit there, it is not possible.
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DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF WAIVING AUDITORIUM FEES FOR THE KID'S ART YARD ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND, DURING THE ARTS FESTIVAL.

Mayor Lenise Peterman explained that they would like to utilize the auditorium. Ashley Vincent will run the kid's art yard. She said she believes it would be a great use and will likely get a good turnout as it will be cooler indoors. They will be utilizing the lower part of the auditorium for the art yard. This is a free event to the children.

Council Member Damron moved to approve waiving auditorium fees for the art yard. Seconded by Council member Palacios. Motion carried, the council roll call 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>			

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF WAIVING RIO THEATER FEES FOR FILM, STORYTELLING, AND A PLAY DURING THE ARTS FESTIVAL, FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST THROUGH SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD.

The mayor said that they are building a great event at the Rio with a bunch of different performances. This is again free and open to the public. Liquor will not be available in that area. The hours for these Rio events will be in the evening.

Council Member Palacios moved to approve waiving the fees for the Rio for the event. 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>
<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>			

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF STARS ELITE CHEER RENTING
THE AUDITORIUM FOR 36 HOURS A MONTH FOR A RATE OF \$600.**

Isabelle Chavez said she is the proud owner and head coach of Stars Elite Cheer. She thanked the council, parents, and athletes that joined her in support. They are a local competitive program dedicated to providing a safe, positive environment where children can grow as athletes and individuals. They work with 4-year-olds all the way through high school to give the local youth an opportunity to stay active and be involved. Ms. Chavez said they want to encourage youth to develop friendships and reach their full potential. She wanted to ask the council to consider allowing the group to use the auditorium for practice from August 2026 through May 2027. She said having a consistent space would make a tremendous difference for her athletes and their parents. The Helper auditorium would provide a safe, centrally-located indoor space.

Ms. Chavez wanted to ensure the council that she understood the importance of taking care of the facility, including maintaining liability insurance, following scheduling requirements, and cleaning after practices. She also said they would work around anything already scheduled in the building. Ms. Chavez said they are proud to present the children with an active outlet. They are committed to being respectful tenants. The amount of the fee, working around schedules, and how many girls that are on the squad that live within Helper city were all discussed. Council member David Palacios and Council member Tyson Damron led the discussion on possibly also working with Ms. Chavez on hosting a cheer competition in Helper City. Council member Damron said approval could be based on scheduling, as well as working with Ms. Chavez to get an event in Helper. Council member Chavez abstained from motioning, as he is related to Ms. Chavez.

Council Member Palacios moved to approve Stars Elite using the auditorium with the approval based on working to get an event in Helper. 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>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> </u>
<u>Motion passed</u>			

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR
INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES.**

The mayor explained that Robert Oliver is the attorney over this, asking the council for any questions.

Council Member Chavez moved to accept the interlocal agreement. 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>
<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>			

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2026-12, A
RESOLUTION SETTING HANSEN WORK MEETINGS.**

Mayor Peterman explained that these are the work meetings for Planning and Zoning to work on updating the code with Mike Hansen, the consultant hired. The city is attempting to set up meetings and this is the day and time that seemed to fit for P&Z. These meetings will go through to the end of the year for the time being, and these are specifically for code re-write.

Council Member Palacios moved to approve Resolution 2026-12. 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>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>			

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF WAGE REDISTRIBUTION OF THE
DEPUTY RECORDER FOR LIBRARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF.**

The mayor said that she informed all that the Deputy Recorder left at the end of July. In talking with the admin staff, they felt as if they were willing to take on her primary role, Business Licensing and Planning and Zoning. They would like to take on additional responsibilities. Because her dollars were budgeted, the mayor was looking to council to consider the re-allocation of some of the previous Deputy Recorder's wages. The museum had previously been included in the request, but it was concluded that the museum would be its own agenda item. Community Administrator Cole Stapley explained that the amount of money left in the budget

is just over \$19,000. Taking on the roll was discussed in-house and all of the admin staff had stated that they were comfortable with it.

20 hours were lost per week of the extra help. The staff said they shouldn't run into any issues if vacation time is needed, or other time off. Council member Damron questioned the fairness of the Deputy Recorder wage being specified to two departments when a previous wage distribution had gone throughout the whole city staff. Different ways of distributing the wage was discussed. The mayor explained she was the one that proposed the wage distribution this way, knowing that admin was going to take on more than they had done before. She also wanted to include the part-time people as, oftentimes, they aren't included. She's open to discussion on it, as this money has already been budgeted. The council discussed tabling the item and crunching numbers more before a decision is made.

Council Member Palacios moved to table the consideration of wage distribution.

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>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>			

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF A MUSEUM STAFF WAGE INCREASE AT 15%.

Council member Ruth Lee wanted to start by giving a bit of background on where this is coming from. In May, council voted to approve admission fees at the museum. A large part of this was to fund wage increases for the employees. With that, discussions arose in the meeting in May that determined that months of data should be gathered in order to make that decision. Council member Lee then went over the data that was provided to her in regard to charges for admission. Council member Lee said she would be more comfortable getting more months of data collected before a wage increase decision was made. She felt basing a long-term financial obligation off of three months of financial data was not a responsible choice. She believed that the money would be earned to fund this, but as it is only estimations at this time, she wanted more concrete data gathered over time.

The issue of an elevator inspection at the museum that costs \$5,000 came up as well. Council member Lee also said that she personally did not want the city to be stuck scrambling at the end of the Fiscal Year to make the ends meet. The original

252 agreement was to wait 9 months to the end of the fiscal year before the raise was
253 approached. Council member Chavez said his concern is losing the staff. Council
254 member Damron asked if there's an educated guess to stay at the new number
255 coming in consistently, to which Museum Director Roman Vega said yes, he
256 believed it would be. Mr. Vega also clarified that the admission charge began back
257 in March, meaning that the data actually spanned 5 months rather than 3. Council
258 member Bob Olson said he believed that the numbers that Council member Lee had
259 gone over were inaccurate.

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261 Numbers continued to be crunched, with Mr. Vega saying that he wanted to show
262 that the admission fee method is working. He said the museum department would
263 like to be recognized for the work that they do. Council member Olson then read a
264 statement he had written out regarding his work with Mr. Vega, saying his
265 experience has always been positive and that Mr. Vega is a hard-working
266 individual. Council member Olson said that he works with numbers for a living and
267 believes that the raise could work. Council member Olson also stated that he
268 believed that the museum staff is very under-paid for all that they have done. He
269 expressed his support for the raise and said that the agenda item was his idea. Two
270 years ago, he had also supported a similar raise for the police department.

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272 Mayor Peterman said that all of Helper's employees are important, and she does not
273 believe anyone in the city is compensated correctly, but the city is restricted by
274 budget. She said that, in return, she would hope that everyone is just as supportive
275 when the city may have to raise taxes to manage. The mayor also acknowledged
276 that recently, the entire staff was given a 5% raise and that was hard to do. She
277 cautioned the council that if they are considering the raise, they need to consider
278 where they are going to cut in the budget. She does not believe in red budgets, and
279 she will not do it. Council member Lee wanted to make it clear she was not against
280 a raise whatsoever. She also said that she has a duty as a council member to
281 balance believing the raise is deserved and also asking where the cuts will come
282 from.

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284 Council member Lee was simply asking to not propose the raise right away, but to
285 come back later on and see the line-item difference. Council member Damron made
286 a proposal of a lower percentage of a raise for the time being to give the staff a
287 compensation, while also researching the data to see what is feasible. Discussion
288 continued regarding revenue, money raised, and the museum staff being
289 comfortable with the council taking a chance with a percentage of a raise.
290 Community Administrator Stapley talked about adjusting the museum budget to be
291 able to see the admission revenue versus the gift shop revenue. Ultimately, a raise
292 of 7 ½ was found as favorable between the council and Mr. Vega.

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294 Council Member Olson moved to approve a 7.5% wage increase for Helper Museum
295 staff. Council member Chavez seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call
296 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>			

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE PURCHASE OF A BRUSH CUTTER ATTACHMENT FOR THE MINI-EXCAVATOR FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT.

Co-Directors for Public Works, DJ Romero and Brittany Hansen, explained that they have been looking for a brush cutter for the mini-ex to take care of the streets. Street budget (Class C) would pay for this, and it could be leased to the water department to take care of the springs as well. Three different quotes had been provided. One from Century, who they are leasing the mini-ex from now. Mr. Romero stated that he would like to stay with Century as they know it works with the machine and there shouldn't be issues. Council member Palacios acknowledged that Century is a huge benefit as it is already compatible.

Council Member Chavez moved to approve the brush cutter quote from Century for \$14,900. 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>
<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>			

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF RENTING A SKID STEER FOR ONE WEEK UNDER THE STREET DEPARTMENT. – PUBLIC WORKS.

The Public Works Co-Directors explained that they are doing this because the brush cutter won't arrive for two to three weeks but the rental is needed to get the city ready for the upcoming Helper Arts Festival. The city is overgrown basically everywhere, and the work is needed throughout. Public Works will have a member of the fire department following them in case anything sparks off, and Mr. Stapley

also acknowledged that this upkeep helps with the Wildlands Fire Mitigation. This will also come from Class C funds.

Council Member Palacios moved to approve the rental of the skid steer from A1.
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>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>			

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN HELPER CITY AND PROMONTORY NRHS REGARDING THE
HELPER LOCOMOTIVE.**

Council member Olson said that, though the locomotive donation was accepted, it was pointed out by Council member Damron there is no agreement whatsoever in writing. Things can be wrong, there can be delays, or a party can back out. Council member Olson said that the agreement is binding upon the parties. A timeline, who is doing what, and expectations needed to be outlined. City Attorney Dominique Khiatipes said that what Council member Olson was describing sounded like a contract. Council member Damron said he would feel more comfortable with a contract, as it would have legal ramifications if anyone desires to back out. The city attorney said she would be willing to work with Council member Olson to get the contract written.

Council Member Chavez moved to approve the development of a contract between Helper City and Promontory NRHS. 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>
<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>			

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF SPENDING UP TO \$1,200 ON
CHROME BOOKS FOR CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING & ZONING USE.**

Mr. Stapley wished for this to be tabled as other options are being sought.

Council Member Palacios moved to table this item. 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>
<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>			

DISCUSSION OF POSSIBILITIES FOR OBTAINABLE HOUSING. – LIZA HART.

Mayor Peterman asked to also table this item.

Council Member Palacios moved to table this item. 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>
<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>			

REPORTS ONLY FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS.

Council Member Chavez moved to move into a closed session. 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>
<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>			

CLOSED MEETING – A CLOSED SESSION WAS HELD REGARDING LEGAL AND SECURITY MATTERS.

Council Member Chavez moved to move out of a closed session for legal and security.
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>
<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>			

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

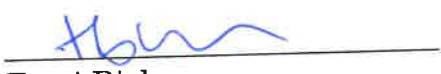
ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Council Member Palacios moved to adjourn. Council
member Lee seconded. Motion carried, the council roll call 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>			

I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Helper City Council meeting held on August 6, 2026.


Lenise Peterman
Mayor


Traci Bishop
City Recorder

Approved on September 3rd, 2026