

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, March 7, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Helper Auditorium

Council Chambers

19 South Main Street

Helper, Utah 84526

ATTENDANCE:

City Staff

Mayor Lenise Peterman

Council Members:

Donna Archuleta

Darren Cloward

Dave Dornan

Malarie Matsuda

Amanda Wheeler

City Recorder Jona Skerl

Public Works Director Gary Harwood

Chief Trent Anderson (Absent)

Attorney Jeremy Humes

Citizens: Scott Merrell, Jean Boyack, Micha Marrelli, Cindy Lund, Amy Anderson
Michele Goldsmith.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Peterman directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

The regular meeting of the Helper City Council was called to order by Mayor Peterman at 6:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES CORRECTED MINUTES OF February 7, 2019.

Council Member Dornan moved to approve the minutes of February 7, 2019. Council Member Cloward seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dornan, Matsuda, Wheeler, Cloward and Archuleta all voting yes.

SCOTT MERRILL DISCUSSION ON LUNATIC TRIATHLON EVENT.

Scott Merrill requested permission to once again have the Lunatic Triathlon event in Helper. Mr. Merrill stated last year the event was planned for 100 participants and 200 showed up the night of the event. Mr. Merrill is planning the kids 5 -11 race to begin at 8:00 P.M. and the adult race will begin at 9:00 P.M. on August 9, 2019.

Council Member Matsuda moved to approve Lunatic Triathlon on August 9, 2019.
Council Member Cloward seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dornan, Matsuda,
Wheeler, Cloward and Archuleta all voting yes.

PROCLAMATION FOR ARBOR DAY.

Mayor Peterman proclaimed April 26, 2019 Arbor Day and the tree committee will be planting a tree on this day.

DISCUSSION ON ELECTRIC RATES.

Mayor Peterman informed council the commercial electric rates are structured to reduce the cost of power the more power the customer uses. Mayor Peterman suggested increasing instead of decreasing to promote conservation. Council would like more information before changing the rates.

DISCUSSION ON LIGHT DUTY POLICY.

Mayor Peterman explained the only policy the city has is a return to work for Workers Compensation. If an employee is injured off the job there is no provision to light duty. Attorney Humes stated the current policy can be amended to reflect a non-Worker Compensation injury. Attorney Humes will prepare the Ordinance for the next agenda.

DISCUSSION ON WELCOME/EVENT BANNERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250 EACH.

Mayor Peterman was approached by Roberta Hardy to place a billboard or banner for the upcoming Rural Educators Conference. Mayor Peterman will investigate some funding options to bring back to council.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ON FREE POOL PASSES FOR RURAL EDUCATORS.

Mayor Peterman informed council there will be about 400 rural educators with their families coming to Carbon County for a three day conference July 10-12. Roberta Hardy inquired about getting pool passes for the conference attendees. Council agreed this could bring attendees to Helper.

Council Member Wheeler moved to approve 400 one day family passes for the Helper Pool to give to the Rural Educators. Council Member Matsuda seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dornan, Matsuda, Wheeler, Cloward and Archuleta all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ON ORDINANCE 2019-1 ADDING BARS AND TAVERNS TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE.

Planning and Zoning Commissioner Jean Boyack addressed the council on the request to add Bars and Taverns to General Commercial Zone. Commissioner Boyack explained Bars and Taverns are allowed in Central Commercial Zone as a conditional use, but not in the General Commercial Zone. The request came to the Planning and Zoning for a potential Tavern opening on North Main Street. Attorney Humes stated the letter of recommendation needed to state the reason and qualifications for the Ordinance change. Attorney Humes felt the change did qualify, but needed to be stated in the recommendation properly. This item will be on the next agenda.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL ON LOCAL CONSENT FOR LITA RILEY AND MALARIE MATSUDA FIRST FRIDAY EVENTS.

Lita Riley withdrew the request and was not in attendance.

DISCUSSION ON FEES FOR RIO THEATER.

Council Member Matsuda felt the Resolution on the Rio Theater rental prices needed some clarification for a better understanding of what to charge. Council Member Matsuda and Council Member Cloward will work together on the pricing for the rental of the Rio Theater.

**CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM RELATED TO A REQUEST FOR A LETTER OF MAP
REVISION TO THE FEMA NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM MAPS
SUBMITTED BY TOM LUND.**

Attorney Humes discouraged the council on acting on this matter until further information was gathered. Tom Lund's request for the revision is for the pavilion and bathrooms in the Castle Gate RV park on Spring Glen Rd. Attorney Humes research found in order for the council to sign an acknowledgement an engineer would need to examine the elevation of the pavilion. Mr. Lund stated his survey showed the fill dirt was higher than the flood plain for that building. Carbon County Emergency Management , Justin Needles stated if the city did sign the acknowledgement without the correct information FEMA could come back on the city if there was a flood. This item will be discussed at a later date when all the information needed can be obtained.

**APPROVAL ON INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CARBON COUNTY FOR
POLYGRAPH TRAINING.**

The agreement will be on the next agenda.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Members reported on various projects being worked on.

There being no further business Council Member Matsuda moved to adjourn. Council Member Archuleta seconded the motion. Motion Carried: Dornan, Matsuda, Wheeler, Cloward and Archuleta all voting yes. Meeting adjourned.

I hereby certify that the fore going represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Helper City Council meeting held on Thursday, March 7, 2019.

Lenise Peterman
Mayor



Jona Skerl
City Recorder

Approved on April 4, 2019