

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, September 5, 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 (Absent Excused)

Dave Dornan

Malarie Matsuda

Amanda Wheeler

City Recorder Jona Skerl

Public Works Director Gary Harwood

Officer Wiley Pope

Attorney Jeremy Humes

Citizens: Jean Boyack, John Axelsen, Michelle Goldsmith, Cindi Curry, Ruth Metzger, Vikki Ori, Delores Slavensky, Pam Felice and Traci Bishop.

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 FOR August 1 and 22, 2019.

Council Member Wheeler moved to approve the minutes of August 1 and 22, 2019. Council Member Archuleta seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dornan, Matsuda, Wheeler and Archuleta all voting yes.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CIB GRANT APPLICATION FOR GIS SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.

Council Member Dornan moved to open the public hearing at 6:01 PM to hear comments on applying for a CIB grant in the amount of \$40,000 for a GIS system. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dornan, Matsuda, Wheeler and Archuleta all voting yes.

There being no public comment. Council Member Matsuda moved to close the public hearing at 6:02 and approve applying for the CIB grant in the amount of \$40,000 for a GIS system. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dornan, Matsuda, Wheeler and Archuleta all voting yes.

JOHN AXELSEN DISCUSSION ON MEETING RULES.

Mr. Axelsen addressed council on Resolution 2018-2 meeting rule for no public comment. Mr. Axelsen felt Resolution 2018-2 should be amended to allow public comment at every meeting. Mr. Axelsen contacted five different cities council members each one stated there is a public comment on the agenda. Mayor Peterman explained the subject on the last two meetings was a very emotional one and could have turned into chaos quickly. Mayor Peterman stated to maintain an orderly and respectful meeting no public comment was allowed. Mayor Peterman told Mr. Axelsen any of the council members and herself can be reach at any time by phone or email. Attorney Humes quoted from the Officials Handbook on the definition of a public meeting vs. public hearing. Public meeting is when the public is invited to come and watch council deliberate on and decide matters. There is no right of any individual member of the public to actively participate in the meeting, although there is nothing wrong about allowing it to. In a public hearing the public has the right to participate by giving information or testimony about the topic of the hearing. Council Member Matsuda explained council members look at the agenda before the meeting so they can be prepared to discuss items. If there is a public comment section the council may not be prepared enough to respond. Council Member Wheeler stated looking over the agenda and being prepared is our responsibility. Council Member Archuleta would like to see a public comment place at the beginning of the agenda. Attorney Humes stated the Resolution can be changed or public comments may just be added to the agenda. Council Member Archuleta requested to have public comments on the next agenda.

CINDI CURRY PROPOSAL FOR BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB IN THE OLD CITY HALL BUILDING.

Ms. Curry will come to council after she has done some investigation on the subject.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ON A LOCAL CONSENT FOR FIRST FRIDAY OCTOBER EVENT.

No one was in attendance for this item.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ON RESOLUTION 2019-8 SETTING PLANNING AND ZONING FEES.

Council Member Dornan moved to adopt Resolution 2019-8 setting Planning and Zoning fees. Council Member Archuleta seconded the motion. Motion Carried. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Dornan, Matsuda, Wheeler and Archuleta in favor with no one in opposition Resolution 2019-8 unanimous roll call vote.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Members reported on various projects being worked on.

There being no further business Council Member Matsuda moved to adjourn. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion Carried: Dornan, Matsuda, Wheeler 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, September 6, 2019.


Lenise Peterman
Mayor

Jona Skerl
City Recorder

Approved on October 3, 2019