

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, February 6, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Helper Auditorium

Council Chambers

19 South Main Street

Helper, Utah 84526

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Lenise Peterman

City Staff

Council Members:

Donna Archuleta

Michelle Goldsmith

Gary Harwood

Malarie Matsuda (Absent Excused)

Amanda Wheeler

City Recorder Jona Skerl

Chief Trent Anderson (Absent Excused)

Attorney Jeremy Humes

Citizens: Harry Reddington, Roger Metzger, John Magnuson, Matt Montoya, Dominique Kiahtipes, Brandon Ratcliffe, Ruth Metzger, Tom Lund 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR January 9, 2020.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve the minutes of January 9, 2020. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Wheeler, Goldsmith and Archuleta all voting yes.

CLAMPERS PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO CITY.

Harry Reddington presented a plaque in appreciation of the city's support of the Clampers Sub-For- Santa project. Mr. Reddington stated the production of Scrooge generated half the funds needed to help 129 children and 5 adults. John Magnuson mentioned without the donation of the Rio Theater Sub-For-Santa would not have been such a success. Mayor Peterman and council thanked the Clampers for all they have done for the community.

POSSIBLE APPROVAL ON MOU BETWEEN HELPER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND BLM WILDLAND.

Fire Chief Montoya explained the MOU with the BLM Wildland was almost the exact same wording as last year. This contract has been reviewed by City Attorney Humes.

Council Member Wheeler moved to approve the MOU with the BLM. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Wheeler, Goldsmith and Archuleta all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ON HELPER POET LAUREATE PROGRAM.

Mayor Peterman stated the Utah Arts and Museums brought attention to the fact Helper could use more performing arts. A poet laureate program would do workshops and visit schools to help teach the art of poetry. There are several local poets who are interested in applying for this volunteer position. Council Member Harwood was concerned about the statement allowing the use of all city buildings. Mayor Peterman explained the buildings used would be scheduled and approved by office personnel. Attorney Humes pointed out the nominations paragraph regarding grant funds would need to be worded differently. City Recorder Skerl mentioned the applicant would not be able to administer grant funds. Mayor Peterman requested the grant funds be struck from the document.

Council Member Wheeler moved to approve the Poet Laureate Program with the removal of the grant funds statement. Council Member Archuleta seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Wheeler, Goldsmith and Archuleta all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ON A THREE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN AND COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY.

Council Member Wheeler explained the Library Board had approved both plans with the corrections requested by council.

Council Member Wheeler moved to approve the three year strategic plan and collection development policy. Council Member Archuleta seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Wheeler, Goldsmith and Archuleta all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ON APPOINTMENTS FOR 2020.

Mayor Peterman purposed the following appointments:

Fire Chief Matt Montoya and Police Chief Trent Anderson.

Council Member Archuleta: Outlaw Car Show, Planning & Zoning Liaison and Beautification.

Council Member Goldsmith: Dark Skies, Buildings, Parks/Grounds/ Pool and Beautification.

Council Member Matsuda: Western Mining Museum, Ordinance review and Beautification.

Council Member Harwood: Electric department, Board Member Uamps, Liaison for Light Parade and Arts Festival, Price Watershed District Liaison and Beautification

Council Member Wheeler: Library, Website, Liaison for Union Pacific and First Fridays, Mayor Pro-Tempore and Beautification.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve Mayor Peterman's appointments for 2020. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Wheeler, Goldsmith and Archuleta all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ON RESOLUTION 2020-1 WASTEWATER PLANNING PROGRAM.

Council Member Harwood explained the program is a yearly requirement and the Resolution is part of the wastewater program.

Council Member Harwood moved to adopt Resolution 2020-1 Wastewater Planning Program. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion Carried. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Harwood, Wheeler, Goldsmith and Archuleta in favor with no one in opposition Resolution 2020-1 unanimous roll call vote.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ASSIGNMENT OF LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT.

Attorney Humes announced his resignation effective after the council meeting. Attorney Humes will be confirmed as a District Judge on Friday. Attorney Humes introduced Attorney Dominique Kiahtipes whom is willing to accept the assignment of the current contract under the same terms and conditions. Mayor and Council thanked Attorney Humes for a job well done.

Council Member Wheeler moved to approve Attorney Dominique Kiahtipes as the new city attorney. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Wheeler, Goldsmith and Archuleta all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ON CONTRACT WITH TSJ CONSTRUCTION FOR PHASE 5 OF THE RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT.

Mayor Peterman explained TSJ Construction has done all of the River Restoration project.

The grant funds are already in place to cover the cost of Phase 5.

Council Member Goldsmith moved to approve the contract with TSJ Construction for Phase 5. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Wheeler, Goldsmith and Archuleta all voting yes.

POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF GIS SHARING INFORMATION.

Council Member Harwood reported Franson Engineering is working on a new affordable proposal.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Members reported on various projects being worked on.

There being no further business Council Member Wheeler moved to adjourn. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried: Harwood, Wheeler. Goldsmith 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, February 6, 2020

Lenise Peterman
Mayor



Jona Skerl
City Recorder

Approved on March 5, 2020