

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, May 7, 2020

5:00 p.m.

**Electronic meeting only broadcasted on YouTube
Helper, Utah 84526**

ATTENDANCE:

City Staff

Mayor Lenise Peterman

Council Members:

Donna Archuleta

Michelle Goldsmith

Gary Harwood

Malarie Matsuda

Amanda Wheeler

City Recorder Jona Skerl

Attorney Dominique Kiahtipes

Citizens: Officer Chris Gigliotti

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR April 6, 2020.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve the minutes of April 6, 2020. Council Member Archuleta seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Matsuda, Goldsmith and Archuleta all voting yes. Wheeler was not present for the vote.

MAYOR PETERMAN APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW POLICE CHIEF.

Mayor Peterman explained in Helper's history there has never been an interview panel in the hiring of a new police chief. The interview panel was given a list of questions composed with the help of Police Chief Sicilia of Price City. The interview panel had no decision making authority they just provided guidance and feedback. The panel was told not to deviate from the questions given to them. Mayor Peterman interviewed the remaining four candidates. Each candidate was asked to do a presentation on an emergency situation. Mayor Peterman asked a set of new questions from Syracuse Police Chief. Mayor Peterman stated after taking everything into consideration, her selection is Officer Chris Gigliotti. Mayor Peterman explained Officer Gigliotti is loyal to Helper and believes in the community. Council Member Goldsmith inquired about what training Officer Gigliotti obtained to be qualified for Chief. Officer Gigliotti stated he has thousands of hours of training in various areas. Council Member Archuleta began to ask Officer Gigliotti some personal questions and Attorney Kiahtipes interrupted and recommended a closed session.

Council Member Archuleta moved to a closed session. Council Member Matsuda seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Matsuda, Wheeler, Goldsmith and Archuleta all voting yes.

Mayor Peterman asked if the meeting could be reopened to finish the agenda and go back to a close session.

Council Member Harwood moved to an open session. Council Member Matsuda seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Matsuda, Wheeler, Goldsmith and Archuleta all voting yes.

This agenda item will be tabled until Mayor Peterman investigates some of Council Member Archuleta's allegations.

PROCLAMATION FOR ARBOR DAY.

Mayor Peterman proclaimed May 15, 2020 as Arbor Day in Helper. Mayor Peterman encourages citizens to plant a tree on this day.

Council Member Goldsmith moved to approve May 15, 2020 as Arbor Day. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Matsuda, Wheeler Goldsmith, and Archuleta all voting yes.

APPROVAL ON TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2020-2021.

Mayor Peterman explained the swimming pool will not be opened this season due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Council Member Goldsmith requested a meeting with City Recorder Skerl on the budget and agreed with Mayor Peterman in closing the pool. Council Member Harwood adjusted the pool budget to reflect chemicals needed to maintain the pool.

Council Member Matsuda moved to approve the Tentative Budget for 2020-2021. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Matsuda, Wheeler Goldsmith, and Archuleta all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ON COLTON WELL WATER EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH PRICE CITY.

Council Member Harwood explained the current agreement with Price City on the Colton Well. The Colton Well was purchased by Price City the agreement included the selling of water to Helper City at \$60 per acre foot. Price City has found the cost is \$100 per acre foot. The new agreement will raise the cost to Helper City from \$60 to \$100 per acre foot to cover cost to Price City. Attorney Kiahtipes has reviewed and approved the contract.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve the new agreement with Price City on the Colton Well water purchase. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Matsuda, Wheeler Goldsmith, and Archuleta all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ON CITY SANITATION CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR FIVE YEARS.

City Recorder Skerl explained the extension was built into the prior contract with an increase of 15 cents. The disposal fee will vary and is set by ECDC landfill. Council Member Goldsmith asked if the city had ever bid out the garbage contract. City Recorder Skerl informed the council there was one company from Provo who put in a bid once and the rates were very high. Attorney Kiahtipes stated the council could go out to bid on the contract, this is only an extension.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve the contract five year extension with City Sanitation. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Matsuda, Wheeler Goldsmith, and Archuleta all voting yes.

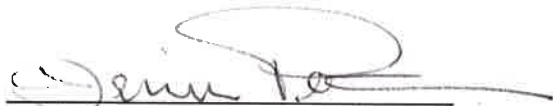
CLOSED SESSION PERSONNEL ISSUE.

Council Member Matsuda moved to a closed session. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Matsuda, Wheeler, Goldsmith and Archuleta all voting yes.

Council Member Matsuda moved to a open session. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Matsuda, Wheeler, Goldsmith and Archuleta all voting yes.

There being no further business Council Member Harwood moved to adjourn. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion Carried: Harwood, Matsuda, 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, May 7, 2020



Lenise Peterman
Mayor



Jona Skerl
City Recorder

Approved on June 4, 2020