MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, June 4, 2020
5:30 p.m.
Electronic meeting only broadcasted on YouTube
Helper, Utah 84526

ATTENDANCE:
Mayor Lenise Peterman

Council Members:
Donna Archuleta
Michelle Goldsmith
Gary Harwood
Malarie Matsuda
Amanda Wheeler

City Staff

City Recorder Jona Skerl

Attorney Dominique Kiahtipes

Citizens: Officer Chris Gigliotti

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Peterman stated two public comments in writing have been submitted. Jean Boyack stated the cemetery looked exceptionally nice this year and would like to thank Gary Harwood and his crew for all their hard work. I would also like to thank Chris Gigliotti for supporting Planning and Zoning by taking care of code violations. I put my full support in the appointment of Chris Gigliotti for Chief of Police. Mayor Peterman continued with the second public comment also in writing. One hundred and ten citizens signed a petition in support of Chris Gigliotti for Chief of Police. The letter attached was addressed to the Mayor and Council stating this is just a small sample of Helper resident's voices along with other individuals that have known Officer Gigliotti for many years. These voices are to elect Officer Gigliotti as Helper City Chief of Police. The community feels safe and secure knowing his pride, honor and outstanding professionalism and his willingness to go above and beyond to protect all citizens. So with all due respect from the community give Officer Chris Gigliotti a vote of approval. Signed the voices of the community.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR May 7, 2020.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve the minutes of May 7, 2020. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Matsuda, Goldsmith and Archuleta all voting yes. Wheeler was not present for the vote.

PUBLIC HEARING ON TRANSFERRING APPROXIMATELY 29.65% $350,000 FROM THE ELECTRIC ENTERPRISE FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE 2020-2021 BUDGET.

Council Member Harwood moved to open the public hearing at 5:42 p.m. to hear comments on transferring funds. Council Member Matsuda seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Matsuda, Wheeler, Goldsmith and Archuleta all voting yes.

There being no public comment. Council Member Goldsmith moved to close the public hearing at 5:42 p.m., and approve the transferring of $350,000 from the Electric Enterprise Fund to the General Fund. Council Member Matsuda seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Matsuda, Wheeler, Goldsmith and Archuleta all voting yes.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2020-3 FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2020-2021.

Council Member Harwood moved to open the public hearing at 5:44 p.m. to hear comments on adopting the budget for 2020-2021. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Matsuda, Wheeler, Goldsmith and Archuleta all voting yes.

There being no public comment. Council Member Matsuda moved to close the Public Hearing at 5:48 p.m., and adopt Resolution 2020-3 for the budget year 2020-2021. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion Carried. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Harwood, Matsuda, Wheeler, Goldsmith and Archuleta in favor with no one in opposition Resolution 2020-3 unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2020-4 FOR AMENDING THE BUDGET YEAR 2019-2020.

Council Member Wheeler moved to open the public hearing at 5:48 p.m. to hear comments on amending the budget for 2019-2020. Council Member Matsuda seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Matsuda, Wheeler, Goldsmith and Archuleta all voting yes.

There being no public comment. Council Member Goldsmith moved to close the Public Hearing at 5:49 p.m. and adopt Resolution 2020-4 for the amendment of the budget year 2019-2020. Council Member Matsuda seconded the motion. Motion Carried. The Council roll call vote is as follows: Harwood, Matsuda, Wheeler, Goldsmith and Archuleta in favor with no one in opposition Resolution 2020-4 unanimous roll call vote.

MAYOR PETERMAN APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW POLICE CHIEF.

Mayor Peterman presented Officer Chris Gigolitti to position of Police Chief.

Council Member Harwood moved to appoint Officer Chris Gigolitti to the position of Chief of Police. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Matsuda, Wheeler, Goldsmith all voting yes and Archuleta voting no.

APPROVAL FOR 2020 CERTIFIED TAX RATE OF APPROXIMATELY .0013440.

The certified rate came in at .002912 on June 10, 2020.

Council Member Wheeler moved to approve the certified tax rate for 2020. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, Matsuda, Wheeler Goldsmith and Archuleta all voting yes.

PAM JULIANO INFORMATION REGARDING CEMETERY AND SWIMMING POOL.

Pam Juliano addressed the council concerning access to the Helper Cemetery and the potential of limited or soft opening of the Helper Pool. Ms. Juliano complimented Council Member Harwood and his grounds crew for the great care of the cemetery. Ms. Juliano stated Memorial Day weekend her husband and herself provide cart service at the cemetery. Ms. Juliano would like to see the gates opened and access given to those with limited mobility. Council Member Harwood explained the gates are never opened on Memorial Day weekend due to one way traffic and the chance of cars running over headstones. During the week the gates are opened and if anyone needs access if they call ahead the city crew will open the gates for them. Ms. Juliano continued with grant possibilities to develop a project to connect the two sections of the cemetery with a concrete path or walkway meeting all ADA requirements. Ms. Juliano suggested trying to get sponsors or donors to help with the finical burden of opening the pool. Ms. Juliano stated she understood the COVID-19 restrictions and how business closures caused the budget shortfall. Council Member Wheeler suggested to find sponsors for employees, lifeguard suits or equipment. Council Member Matsuda suggested checking with the Health Department on how many people the pool can have at a time. Mayor Peterman stated the city never wanted to close the pool, with the budget shortfall and Covid-19 there was no choice. Mayor Peterman and Council Members Wheeler, Matsuda, Harwood and Goldsmith will all work together with Pam Juliano to find a way to open the pool.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Members reported on various projects being worked on.

There being no further business Council Member Harwood moved to adjourn. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion Carried: Harwood, Matsuda, Wheeler. Goldsmith all voting yes. Meeting adjourned. Council Member Archuleta left the meeting early and was not present for this vote

I hereby certify that the fore going represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Helper City Council meeting held on Thursday, June 4, 2020

Lenise Peterman
Mayor

Jona Skerl
City Recorder

Approved on July 2, 2020