

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, May 6, 2021

5:00 p.m.

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

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Lenise Peterman

Council Members:

Donna Archuleta – Absent

Michelle Goldsmith

Gary Harwood

Malarie Matsuda

Amanda Wheeler – Joined Late

City Staff

City Recorder: Zack Tonc

Chief: Chris Gigliotti

Attorney: Dominique Kiahtipes

Citizens: Jean Boyack, Barry Horsley, Traci Bishop, Chris Warnock, Jill Emerson, Kenny Driggs, Adam Long, Tom Lund, and Cindy Lund.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR APRIL 1, AND APRIL 8, 2021.

Council Member Matsuda moved to approve the minutes for April 1st, and April 8th, 2021. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, and Matsuda, all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF ALLOWING CAL RIPKEN'S PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS THE USE OF BORLA FIELD FOR DATES JULY 18-23 AND JULY 25-30, 2021.

Jill Emerson explained Cal Ripken's Pacific Southwest Regional Tournament is coming to the Carbon County area, and asked to book the Borla Field. Dates for the tournaments are July 18-23, 2021, and July 25-30, 2021. Jill Emerson asked that the city provide help with the garbage and maintaining the fields for that week, due to the

number of people the fields will have on the ball fields. Also, the Borla Field needs 2 inches of conditioner soil and foul poles need to be replaced to be compliant with Cal Ripken's requirements. Will have a BBQ on July 25, 2021, at Helper City Park and use Legion Field for a skills competition. The tournament will need garbage, maintenance, and a stage as MLB players will be in attendance and speaking with the kids.

Council Member Goldsmith moved to allow Cal Ripken's Pacific Southwest Regional Tournament the use of the Borla Field for Dates July 18-23 and July 25-30, 2021. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, and Matsuda all voting yes.

APPROVAL TO APPOINT CHRISTOPHER WARNOCK AS A MUSEUM BOARD MEMBER.

Council Member Matsuda stated the Museum Board has unanimously decided to have Christopher Warnock join the board. Christopher Warnock introduced himself to the council and brief history of how he has ended up being nominated to be an addition to the Museum Board.

Council Member Harwood moved to appoint Christopher Warnock as a Museum Board Member. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, and Matsuda all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF MUSEUM NAME CHANGE.

Council Member Matsuda read the press release from the Museum Board and explained the Museum Boards' reasoning for the name change. Council Member Matsuda also read comments from Facebook posts about the name change. The proposed name change is from Western Railroad and Mining Museum to Helper's Railroad and Mining Museum.

Council Member Goldsmith moved to approve the museum name change. Council Member Matsuda seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Matsuda, and Wheeler all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF GRAD NIGHT IN THE PARK ON MAY 28TH, 2021.

Kenny Driggs gave an explanation of what Grad Night in the Park will be and the proposed date of the event. Would need bathrooms, volunteer chaperons, guidance from the city on what permits, fees, and police or security will be needed. Mayor Peterman asked how Grads Speck would affect the event. Traci Bishop with ETV News gave information on when Grads Speck will be taking place. The agreed-upon date is May 28, 2021, from 8 pm to 12 am.

Council Member Matsuda moved to approve Grad Night in the Park on May 28, 2021. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Matsuda, and Wheeler all voting yes.

APPROVE DEED FROM HELPER CITY TO HELPER HOLDING 2.5 LLC THAT WILL CORRECT A MISTAKE MADE IN 1950.

Jean Boyack gave an explanation of the mistake, how to correct the mistake, and give Helper Holding 2.5 LLC a clear title to the property.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve deed from Helper City to Helper Holding 2.5 LLC that will correct a mistake made in 1950. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Matsuda, and Wheeler all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF LOCAL CONSENT TO SELL BEER FOR MUSEUM FUNDRAISER ON MAY 22, 2021.

Council Member Matsuda gave information on the museum fundraiser called Bluegrass Rambler. To entertain supporting members, and a \$10 suggested donation to non-supporting members. Would like to close Main Street to allow people a place to eat, gather, and attend a presentation from the Traveling Speaker. Two bands will be playing in the Rio Theater and will be streaming the performances outside the Rio Theater. Would like to sell alcohol to help with the fundraiser. There will be food trucks and will need to close Main Street in front of the Rio Theater. The event will take place on May 22, 2021, from 4 pm to 9 pm. Also, all museum employees will be taking the online alcohol certifications.

Council Member Matsuda moved to approve Local Consent to sell Beer and Wine for Museum Fundraiser on May 22, 2021. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Matsuda, and Wheeler all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO CLOSE MAIN STREET FOR MUSEUM FUNDRAISER ON MAY 22, 2021

Council Member Wheeler moved to approve closing Main Street for museum fundraiser on May 22nd, 2021. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Matsuda, and Wheeler all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF CITY ORDINANCE 2021-3 ADOPTING THE PROJECT AREA PLAN FOR THE CASTLE GATE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT PROJECT AREA PLAN.

Attorney Adam Long gave a short recap and explanation about the project area plan. Council Member Matsuda thanked Tom and Cindy Lund for bringing the RV park to life. Council Member Goldsmith voiced concerns about the amount of money that is being spent on the proposal. Council Member Matsuda stated the money being spent on the proposal is an investment. Also, this process of the Community Reinvestment Agency is being used by other municipalities in the area.

Council Member Matsuda moved to approve City Ordinance 2021-3 Adopting the Project Area Plan for The Castle Gate Community Reinvestment Project Area Plan. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Harwood, Matsuda, and Wheeler voting yes and Council Member Goldsmith voting no. Ordinance 2021-3 passes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2021-4 A RESOLUTION UPDATING THE BUSINESS LICENSE FEE SCHEDULE FOR HELPER CITY.

Jean Boyack informed the council that short-term rentals need to be added to the Business License Fee Schedule for Helper City to be compliant with the Utah code. Council Member Matsuda would like to take the time and update all fees and clarification to the language on the Business License Fee Schedule before passing the Resolution 2021-4. Attorney Dominique Kiahtipes suggested to table Resolution 2021-4, refine the fee schedule, and resubmit for approval.

Council Member Matsuda moved to table Resolution 2021-4 a Resolution Updating the Business License Fee Schedule for Helper City. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Matsuda, and Wheeler all voting yes.

DISCUSSION OF UPDATES ON THE PROGRESS AND OPERATIONS OF THE RIO THEATER.

Council Member Wheeler moved to table discussion of updates on the progress and operations of the Rio Theater. Council Member Matsuda seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Matsuda, and Wheeler all voting yes.

DISCUSSION OF CHANGES TO THE RIO THEATER FEES.

Council Member Wheeler moved to table discussion of changes to the Rio Theater Fees. Council Member Matsuda seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Matsuda, and Wheeler all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL ON THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2021-2022.

Mayor Peterman explained the process of approving the budget. Also, she discussed and explained the utility transfer, so the council will all be on the same page.

Mayor Peterman asked City Recorder Tonc if employee pay raises were budgeted. City Recorder Tonc responded he did budget a 3% pay increase.

Council Member Harwood inquired about roof repairs, City Recorder Tonc has the new roof funds in the building department.

Council Member Matsuda inquired about the increase in utility expenses. Mayor Peterman and City Recorder Tonc explained the utility expense increase is due to allocating the cost of watering the Museum Park, to improve allocating expenses between the parks and museum departments.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve The Tentative Budget for 2021-2021. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Matsuda, and Wheeler all voting yes.

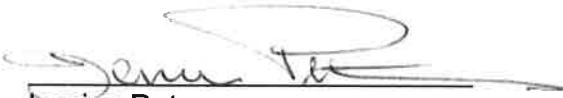
COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Members reported on various projects being worked on.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business Council Member Harwood moved to adjourn. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Matsuda, and Wheeler all voting yes.

I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Helper City Council meeting held on Thursday, May 6, 2021


Lenise Peterman
Mayor


Zack Tonic
City Recorder

Approved on June 3rd, 2021