

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, June 3, 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

City Staff

City Recorder: Zack Tonc

Chief: Chris Gigliotti

Attorney: Dominique Kiahtipes – Absent

Citizens: Jean Boyack, Barry Horsley, Traci Bishop, Cassie Younger, Dixie Cowan, and Jeana Brugess.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR MAY 6TH, 2021.

Council Member Goldsmith would like the record to show she wanted the museum board to contact Francis Cunningham about the museum name change.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve the minutes for April 1st, and April 8th, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING ON TRANSFERRING APPROXIMATELY 29.65% \$350,000 FROM THE ELECTRIC ENTERPRISE FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE 2021-2022 BUDGET.

Council Member Harwood moved to open a public hearing on transferring approximately 29.65% \$350,000 from the Electric Enterprise Fund to the General Fund for the 2021-2022 budget. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Matsuda, and Wheeler all voting yes.

Mayor Peterman asked the public if there is anyone who wishes to speak on the transfer. There was no response. She then asked the council if there was anything they would like to discuss. Council Member Harwood stated this transfer happens every year and is something we have to do every year.

Council Member Wheeler moved close the public hearing and approve transferring approximately 29.65% \$350,000 from the Electric Enterprise Fund to the General Fund for the 2021-2022 budget. Council Member Matsuda seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Matsuda, and Wheeler all voting yes, Transfer approved.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2021-5 FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2021-2022.

Council Member Harwood moved to open a public hearing on the adoption of Resolution 2021-5 for the budget year 2021-2022. Council Member Matsuda seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Matsuda, and Wheeler all voting yes.

City Recorder Tonc asked if anyone had questions about the budget, no questions were asked.

Council Member Matsuda moved to close and approve Resolution 2021-5 for the budget year 2021-2022. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried at 5:05 pm, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Matsuda, and Wheeler all voting yes, Resolution 2021-5 passed.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2021-6 FOR AMENDING THE BUDGET YEAR 2020-2021.

Council Member Goldsmith moved to open public hearing on adoption of Resolution 2021-6 amending the budget year 2020-2021. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Matsuda, and Wheeler all voting yes.

Mayor Peterman asked City Recorder Tonc if this is to finalize the current budget to get ready for the audit, City Recorder Tonc responded yes.

Council Member Harwood moved to close and approve Resolution 2021-6 amending the budget year 2020-2021. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried at 5:08 pm, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Matsuda, and Wheeler all voting yes. Resolution 2021-6 passed.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL FOR 2021 CERTIFIED TAX RATE.

City Recorder Tonc let the council know that the tax rate had not yet been determined by Carbon County at the time of the meeting, but should be close to last year's tax rate. Mayor Peterman asked if the tax rate will be for the upcoming fiscal year, City Recorder Tonc answered yes. Council Member Goldsmith asked which type of tax is the tax rate for. City Recorder responded the tax rate is for property tax collected by the county. The Certified Tax Rate from Carbon County is .002651 for 2021.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve the 2021 Certified Tax Rate. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Matsuda, and Wheeler all voting yes. 2021 Certified Tax Rate of .002651 approved.

DISCUSSION ON ENFORCEMENT OF LEASH LAWS WITH DIXIE COWAN.

Dixie Cowan expressed concerns and asked questions about vicious dogs and unleashed dogs in city limits. She also gave accounts of what has been happening. A family member of Dixie Cowan's family went for a walk and was bitten by an aggressive dog, which resulted in stitches at the ER. A neighbor who had pets and animals killed by aggressive dogs in their yard. Dixie Cowan asked why the owner's names have not been released so the victims can seek restitution through the court system. What is the consequence of violating the leash laws, and what is happening to the vicious dogs?

Police Chief Chris Gigliotti stated, for a vicious dog the Carbon County Animal Control is called. If the dog is caught a violation is issued to the owners and the Carbon County Animal Control determines if the dog can be allowed back into city limits. Police Chief Chris Gigliotti said the police department will be keeping a closer eye on unleashed dogs, and will issue more citations if needed.

Mayor Peterman asked if people could call dispatch to report the unleashed dogs on the River Walkway. Police Chief Chris Gigliotti stated that would be the best thing. Mayor

Peterman asked Council Member Wheeler to use Helper City's social media page to address this issue and let people know leash laws will be enforced.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO APPOINT TYLER NELSON TO THE TREE BOARD.

Tyler Nelson has been nominated to fill a vacancy left by Anna Praza. Tyler Nelson works for the BLM and was recommended by Jeff Jewkes.

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO ADD AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT TO THE LIMITED INDUSTRIAL ZONE USE TABLE.

Jean Boyack, gave details about Planning and Zoning Board's dealings with Cassie Younger who is the liaison from Maverick. She is working on bringing a Maverick station to Helper. Cassie Younger is helping to facilitate purchasing property to build a Maverick station however, only 90% to 95% of the property is in the GC-1 zone where automotive services are allowed. The 10% to 5% of the property is in the Limited Industry Zone where automotive services are not allowed. A public hearing was held and there were no public comments, the board unanimously recommended adding automotive services to the Limited Industrial Zone use table.

Council Member Matsuda asked Cassie Younger if a community board can be placed at the Maverick to let people passing through know what is going on in Helper. Cassie Younger agreed to work on a community board.

Council Member Goldsmith moved to approve adding automotive services establishment to the Limited Industrial Zone use table. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Matsuda, and Wheeler all voting yes. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF LOCAL CONSENT FOR THE HELPER ARTS FESTIVAL AUGUST 20-22, 2021.

Mayor Peterman let the council know she is mentoring Jacqueline Ruiz who is the new director for the Arts Festival and she was unable to make the meeting. Mayor Peterman asked the council if they had any questions. No questions were asked.

Council Member Matsuda moved to approve Local Consent for the Helper Arts Festival August 20-22, 2021. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Matsuda, and Wheeler all voting yes. Motion Passed

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF PURCHASING BALL FIELD CONDITIONER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1500.

Council Member Harwood informed the council one ton of conditioner is \$515. With two fields needing conditioner, he would suggest purchasing 2 tons of conditioner first and see where the fields are at after the two tons.

Council Member Goldsmith moved to approve purchasing ball field conditioner in the amount of \$1000. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Matsuda, and Wheeler all voting yes. Motion Passed

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF FUNDRAISER TO REPLACE SCOREBOARD AT GARDINER FIELD.

Council Member Harwood, explained the scoreboard at Gardiner Field quits working around the 5th or 6th inning. The vendor recommends upgrading the scoreboard to a new version before troubleshooting the problem. The cost of the upgrade will be around \$1500.

Council Member Harwood stated Jeff Cisneros believes he could hold a fundraiser to pay for all if not most of the cost to upgrade the scoreboard.

Council Member Matsuda moved to approve the purchase of scoreboard upgrade in the amount of \$1500 with Jeff Cisneros replenishing the purchasing funds via fundraisers. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Matsuda, and Wheeler all voting yes. Motion Passed

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO MOVE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT.

Council Member Harwood informed the council of outdated or un-working assets needing to be disposed of by selling them on the Public Sale Website. These items have been gathered during some annual cleaning.

Council Member Goldsmith inquired about bookcases that could be used for the Helper City Library Outreach Pilot Program in East Carbon. Council Member Harwood responded no bookshelves yet, but will keep an eye out for some.

Council Member Wheeler moved to move surplus equipment to be disposed of properly. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Matsuda, and Wheeler all voting yes. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF GIVING POOL EMPLOYEES A .25 CENT RAISE PENDING FUNDING BY AN OUTSIDE RESOURCE.

Mayor Peterman informed the council City Attorney Kiahtipes has expressed legal concerns and was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Peterman sought to table this item until legal counsel can be obtained.

Council Member Goldsmith stated the returning pool employees have had a raise in the last three years. However, she did not know the rest of the seasonal employees have not had a raise in the last three years. She would like to sit down with Council Members Harwood and Wheeler and come up with a seasonal employee pay scale before the July meeting.

Council Member Goldsmith moved to table discussion and possible approval of giving pool employees a .25 cent raise pending funding by an outside resource. 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 UPDATES ON HELPER SATURDAY VIBES.

Kimberly Kuehn did not make the meeting, Mayor Peterman asked for a motion to table.

Council Member Matsuda moved to table discussion and updates on Helper Saturday Vibes. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Matsuda, and Wheeler all voting yes.

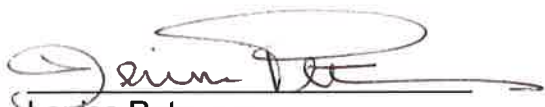
COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Members reported on various projects being worked on.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Helper City Council meeting held on Thursday, June 3, 2021.



Lenise Peterman
Mayor



Zack Tonc
City Recorder

Approved on July 1st, 2021