

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, March 3, 2022

5:00 p.m.

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

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Lenise Peterman

Council Members:

David Dornan
Michelle Goldsmith
Gary Harwood
Malarie DeVincent
Amanda Wheeler

City Staff

Deputy Recorder: Joan Burgess
Chief: Chris Gigliotti
Attorney: Dominique Kiahtipes

Citizens: Barry Horsley, Traci Bishop, Ashley Hardy, Pam Juliano, Allie Farnham, Kimberly Kuehn, James McCourt, Kristi Mingus

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments submitted.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 3, 17, & 22, 2022.

Council Member Harwood moved to approve the minutes from February 3, 17, & 22, 2022. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Wheeler, Dornan, and DeVincent, all voting yes.

UPDATE ON RIO GRAND HOTEL.

James McCourt representing Tony Basso updated the council on the progress of the hotel. Plans are in the final stages of getting building layout, General Contractor has been selected and EIS is doing engineering. Plans should be finalized next 2-3 weeks and then building permit will be applied for. An addition will be added to the back for a night club/event center. Council Member Goldsmith asked if the liquor permit, James McCourt stated because of electrical issues in the building the liquor license can't be moved yet, it is still being kept in Price with the Tuscan. After repairs are made the license will be moved to the Rio Grand Hotel. James McCourt told the council he will keep Helper City updated with how the plans are moving forward.

UPDATE FOR KRISTI MINGUS OF GREEN TEAM EVENT MARCH 22 ON THE HELPER RIVER WALKWAY.

Kristi Mingus stated she is a member of the Carbon County Green team and they will be hosting --- on the River Pavilion for World Water Day on March 22, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. The event will be a fun educational and supplies will be available for anyone that might want to do river cleanup after the event. Mayor Peterman stated posters will be coming out and would like to encourage people and children to come engage the river event. Chance to get educated and have the opportunity to help the city cleanup the area around the river. Council Member Harwood informed Kristi Mingus that the bathrooms will not be available.

DISCUSSION FOR ASHLEY HARDY ON HELPER FIRST FRIDAYS.

Ashley Hardy stated First Fridays will start April and go until November, asking if the city can close down Main Street. There will not be a First Fridays in September because of the annual Car Show. Council Member DeVincent asked Ashley Hardy if she completed the event permit, Ashley stated she was unaware there was a permit, she would get it submitted.

Council Member Goldsmith moved to approve to close Main Street from April to November excluding September from 5:00-9:00 p.m. for First Fridays. Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Dornan, DeVincent, and Wheeler all voting yes.

DISCUSSION JEFF CISNEROS ON AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL SEASON.

Jeff Cisneros was unable to join the electronic meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RENTING 69 S MAIN STREET.

Council Member Dornan stated there were 2 candidates that applied to rent 69 S Main Street. Mayor Peterman thanked the applicants for their interest in the building

Council Member Dornan moved to approve renting 69 S Main Street to Pam Juliano Consulting for a 2 year period. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion

carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Dornan, DeVincent, and Wheeler all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RENTING 73 S. MAIN STREET.

Mayor Peterman stated Helper Vibes was the only application received for 73 S. Main Street. Kimberly Kuehn stated the application was submitted for 2 years. Council Member DeVincent explained the council discussed the time period and it was decided to have 1 year agreement.

Council Member DeVincent moved to approve renting 73 S. Main Street to Helper Saturday Vibes for a period of 1 year. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Dornan, DeVincent, and Wheeler all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ON BUSINESS LICENSE FEES.

Mayor Peterman explained there was prior discussions on the agenda item. Council Member DeVincent discussed what the reason for a business license is and the fee's associated with it. Council Member DeVincent is concerned about the fee the city is charging for Short Term Rental, RV Parks and motels. This type of business has a standard fee + a \$30 per unit fee. Council Member DeVincent is concerned it is singling out certain types of business and requiring them to pay a higher rate. Mayor Peterman stated Recorder Tonc has been doing research he wanted bring to council, he is in training so was not in attendance. Council Member Goldsmith said she called the State of Utah and they are extremely reluctant to interfere with business license fees, it is up to the city on the fees they charge. Council Member Dornan wants to look at what the development is in the city and maybe review the business license fees accordingly. Deputy Recorder Burgess asked the council to review the business license list and decide if more categories should be added that would describe the nature of Helper businesses.

Council Member DeVincent moved to table the discussion for further review. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Dornan, DeVincent, and Wheeler all voting yes.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Members reported on various projects being worked on.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business Council Member Dornan moved to adjourn. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, Wheeler, Dornan, and DeVincent 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, March 3, 2022



Lenise Peterman
Mayor



Joan Burgess
Deputy Recorder

Approved on April 7, 2022