

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, April 21, 2022
at 6:00 p.m.
in the Council Chambers
19 South Main Street
Helper, Utah 84526

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Lenise Peterman

Council Members:

David Dornan
Michelle Goldsmith
Gary Harwood
Malarie DeVincent – Absent Excused
Amanda Wheeler – Absent

City Staff

City Recorder: Zack Tonc
Chief: Chris Gigliotti – Absent
Attorney: Dominique Kiahtipes

Citizens: Traci Bishop, Darin Olsen, Bryan Bromberek, Taci Tapia, and Gloria Slovensky.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION OF MAY FIRST FRIDAY HOSTED BY HELPER CITY AND CINDY CURRY.

Mayor Peterman gave information on May 6, 2022, First Friday. USU Eastern student Alex Cartwright will give a presentation on bees and plantings that will attract bees. Cindy Curry will be accepting flower donations for Main Street pots at Balance Rock. Helper City and Cindy Curry are hosting May First Friday and will be holding a community potluck. The city will be providing hamburgers and hamburger buns, Cindy Curry will be providing hotdogs and hotdog buns, Coca Cola will provide drinks. They asked the community to bring deserts, chips, plates, and condiments to help participate in the event.

DISCUSSION ON JOE SACCO'S DIVERSION DAM.

Darin Olsen the last connection on the Gay Ditch, addressed the council concerning the diversion dam. The diversion rocks have all moved down river and now the diversion is in the same position as last fall. Without the diversion dam, the water level in the river is too low for the ditch to draw in water.

Council Member Goldsmith asked if spring runoff was responsible for moving the rocks. Darin Olson and Council Member Harwood both agreed the event that moved the rocks happened last fall after irrigation had closed for the winter.

Mayor Peterman offered to speak with Eric McCully the project manager on the river restoration project. Also, she would like the members of the Gay Ditch to be aware she is looking into a long-term solution. The river restoration team is looking for grant funding to overhaul the diversion in order to reconfigure the diversion for best long-term use.

Darin Olson asked for a time frame so the ditch users can begin watering while high water is still in use. Council Member Harwood stated the city's equipment is not able to put a temporary fix on the diversion. Mayor Peterman said she will get in touch with Eric McCully the following day to see what can be done.

Council Member Harwood suggested a long-term solution would be getting the ditch piped by tying into the Spring Glen Canal, so this diversion is not needed. Darin Olsen said he is in favor of anything for consistent water flow.

Council Member Donan asked Darin Olson how many users are on the ditch, Darin Olson responded three users and he is not sure about the number of owners.

DISCUSSION WITH RYAN BROMBEREK FOR A SKATE PARK IN HELPER.

Ryan Bromberek would like for the skate park to be named after Tom Williams. The skate park will be around \$55 per square foot to build on undeveloped land. With the existing 3600 square foot concrete slab existing, the developers will use cut-in elements. Where the developer will cut and remove pieces of the existing concrete and install the elements, which will save money. Also, he has spoken to some developers that have offered to donate the use of machinery in kind.

Council Member Dornan asked how well attended is the skate park in Price. Ryan Bromberek stated the skatepark in Price was not designed properly, and the flow is difficult to use. Council Member Goldsmith stated, that she attended a conference where Terry Whilis spoke about flow. You start and your momentum moves you through the elements to where you began. Ryan Bromberek responded yes, in a well-designed park you will not need to push or pedal, the transition from elements and your body weight should sustain your momentum.

Council Member Goldsmith asked about how to address injuries. Byan Broberek responded the Journal of Troma determined there are fewer injuries at a skate park than at a basketball court.

Council Members Dornan, Harwood, and Goldsmith would like to move forward with the skate park.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF TACI TAPIA AS POOL MANAGER.

Council Member Goldsmith recommended Taci Tapia as Pool Manager. Council Member Goldsmith explained that Tacie Tapia has been working for the pool for several years.

Taci Tapia asked if the city would commission Rudy Castro to paint the play structure at the pool in his street art style. Council Member Harwood expressed concern about the type of paint that would be used. The paint needs to be accepted by the state, and health department, and resistant to the pool chemicals.

Mayor Peterman asked Taci Tapia if she is a certified lifeguard, and she responded yes. Council Member Harwood asked Taci Tapia if she is a certified pool operator, and she replied no. Council Member Harwood stated he would get her signed up for the class to become certified.

Council Member Goldsmith moved to approve Taci Tapia as Pool Manager. Council Member Dornan seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, and Dornan 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 Dornan seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith, Harwood, and Dornan 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, April 21st, 2022



Lenise Peterman
Mayor

Zack Tunc
City Recorder

Approved on June 2, 2022