

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, September 15, 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 – Absent Excused
Malarie DeVincent
Amanda Wheeler – Absent Excused

City Staff:

City Recorder: Zack Tonic
Attorney: Dominique Kiahtipes
Public Works Director: Michael Mastin
Police Chief: Chris Gigliotti

Citizens: Hollie Stapley, Karen Bosone, Jyl Bosone, Mike O'Shea, DG Fletcher, Allie Farnham.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Eric Allred – letter, Exhibit A.

Discussion and possible approval of local consent for beer permit for the St. Anthony Carnival.

Council member Dornan asked if there will be any changes from the previous years. Hollie Stapley responded this year it will be the full carnival, instead of the partial one due to COVID.

Council Member Dornan moved to approve local area consent for St. Anthony Carnival. Council Member DeVincent seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Dornan, Goldsmith, and DeVincent all voted yes.

Discussion and possible approval of street closure on October 7th for First Friday.

Mayor Peterman stated this First Friday will be Harry Potter themed for October and would like to have the street closed for safety. The street closure they are asking for will be from 5 pm to 8 pm.

Council Member DeVincent moved to approve street closure for First Friday on October 7th from 5 to 8 pm. Council Member Dornan seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Dornan, Goldsmith, and DeVincent all voted yes.

Discussion and possible approval of street closure for Trunk or Treat on Oct. 29, 2022, from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Mayor Peterman stated Jake Gray and his father are sponsoring this event and would like to close Main Street for Trunk or Treat.

Council Member DeVincent moved to approve street closure for Trunk or Treat on October 29th from 10 am to 2 pm. Council Member Dornan seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Dornan, Goldsmith, and DeVincent all voted yes.

Discussion and possible approval of blocking 4 parking spaces for monster truck promotion in front of Aunt Nell's and Driggs Mortgage on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, from 3 pm to 9 pm.

Mayor Peterman explained the Driggs are promoting the monster truck show. Council Member DeVincent added the promotion is for the monster truck rally on October 1st.

Council Member DeVincent moved to approve blocking 4 parking places in front of Aunt Nell's and Driggs Mortgage on September 28 from 3 to 9 pm. Council Member Dornan seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Dornan, Goldsmith, and DeVincent all voted yes.

Discussion and possible approval of upright headstone in section two.

Council Member Goldsmith stated from the conversations she has had with members of the community, it seems that upright headstones are something the community would like.

Council Member DeVincent stated she met with Public Works Director Mastin at the cemetery to work out the logistical problem. They talked about purchasing a smaller excavator. The issue is not driving over the headstones in order to prepare for the grave. We can rent smaller equipment that would allow us to have upright headstones. She suggests giving the family the option to pay the cost of renting equipment in order to prepare the grave.

Council Member Dornan asked Public Works Director Mastin for his recommendation in this situation because we have a small excavator. Public Works Director Mastin responded we would need to get a smaller piece of equipment or something completely different.

Mayor Peterman asked if the rental cost would be transferred to the party who is burring someone. Council Member DeVincent stated that is what she is proposing. Mayor Peterman asked if this is something we need to address in an ordinance. City Attorney Kitihepes advised changing the ordinance.

Discussion and consideration of adding an Auditorium fee for local team sports under the age of 18 of \$25 per use.

Mayor Peterman explained we have recently updated our auditorium fees and would like to add a special fee for local team sports under the age of 18 to a \$25 fee.

Council Member Goldsmith worked hard to keep the fees at a point where we break even. We are looking at a dollar per person, and she does not feel that is an onerous cost.

Discussion and possible approval of Request for Proposal for derelict property clean up.

Mayor Peterman stated this goes hand in hand with the Planning and Zoning weed ordinance cleanup. We will need to have the ability to call in and have someone come in and clean up the property.

Council Member Dornan explained the process of the letters.

Mayor Peterman stated that in order to start the process we need to have all parts ready to go.

There was a discussion by the council, chief of police, and city attorney about what the city can do when a resident is in violation.

Council Member Goldsmith moved to approve request for a proposal for derelict property cleanup. Council Member DeVinent seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Dornan, Goldsmith, and DeVinent all voted yes.

Discussion and possible approval of Career Ladder.

Item skipped.

Discussion and possible approval of the location of the new park.

Council Member Goldsmith stated this will not be a new park, we are placing new all-access playground equipment at an existing park. We had over one hundred people vote for where to place the new equipment. The City Park was the number one pick and Locust St. Park was the second. She has concerns about both parks. The City Park could have some issues with annual events. Locust St. Park does not have bathrooms but could use some updating.

Council Member DeVinent stated she agrees with Council Member Goldsmith. She thinks it would be great to update the Locust St. Park. This will help utilize the park and will help activate the park.

Council Member Dornan stated he is in favor of the City Park, due to the shade and restrooms that are already there.

Council Member Goldsmith stated there has been some confusion about who is purchasing the equipment. Friends of the Helper Area are purchasing the equipment, not Helper City. When the time comes to install the equipment, Friends of the Helper Area will reach out for volunteers to help install the equipment. Currently, the equipment is half off and we should take advantage of the sale.

Council Member Dornan moved to approve City Park for the location of the all-access playground equipment. There was no second, the motion dies.

Council Member Goldsmith moved to approve Locust St. for the location of the all-access playground equipment. Council Member DeVincent seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Goldsmith and DeVincent all voted yes, and Dornan voted no, motion does not pass.

Agenda item tabled.

Discussion and possible approval of appointing the Board of Appeals.

Mayor Peterman explained the Board of Appeals will deal with variances and building issues. It consists of 3 Helper City employees or appointed staff and 2 Council Members. She would like to appoint City Recorder Tonc, Public Works Director Mastin, Tom Hatt, and Council Members Harwood and Wheeler.

Council Member DeVincent asked about appointing someone safety-wise. She would suggest the Police Chief or the Fire Chief. City Attorney stated that the board members are allowed to consult with the chiefs.

Council Member Dornan moved to approve the five people the mayor recommended to the Board of Appeals. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Dornan, Goldsmith, and DeVincent all voted yes.

CLOSED MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPERTY AND PERSONNEL ISSUES.

Council Member Dornan moved to close the meeting to discuss property and personnel issues. Council Member DeVincent seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Dornan, Goldsmith, and DeVincent all voted yes.

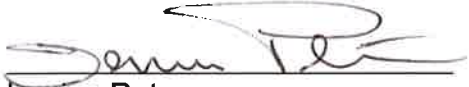
Council Member DeVincent moved to reopen the meeting. Council Member Dornan seconded the motion. Motion carried, the council roll call vote is as follows: Dornan, Goldsmith, and DeVincent all voted yes.

ADJOURNMENT:

The adjournment motion happened before the recorder could be turned back on.

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

I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Helper City Council meeting held on Thursday, September 15, 2022.


Lenise Peterman
Mayor


Zack Tonic
City Recorder

Approved on October 20, 2022

Exhibit A

Mayor and Council

As you go to Vote on something that will impact the town of Helper for years to come. I want to bring up a few things to think about:

1. Beer Garden anywhere you go with a Beer Garden, it usually is blocked off or enclosed. Take Lagoon Amusement Park for example. Enclosed with a fence with only one out and one way in. The Concern with citizens walking up and down Main with Alcohol is the underage Children and Teens that are around. We already have issues with the children in this community as it is.
2. Here is a Scenario. It was said there are issued a lot of DUI's after an event. A Senior Citizen or a Child is walking home

and gets run over by someone under the influence. With the world how it is People become sue happy. You cannot sue Saturday Vibes due to the fact they are a Non Profit Organization and you cannot sue Non Profit. The Person wanting to sue will look to go after the city for letting an event like this continue.

3. With holding Vibes as often as you have let them, there is less turn outs for other well known events in the community. Some of the events that are held in the community depend heavily on good turn outs. Arts Festival was at one of its lowest turn outs. I feel if you want to keep Saturday Vibes it needs to be reduced to once a month instead of every other month.

I hope you all can talk and come up with a
fair decision that will make everyone happy.
Thank you,

A concerned Citizen

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Eric P. Alhred". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the text "A concerned Citizen".