

MINUTES OF THE HELPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, April 6, 2023

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

Amanda Wheeler

City Staff:

Deputy Recorder: Joan Burgess

City Attorney: Dominique Kiahtipes

Public Works Director: Michael Mastin

Police Officer: Sean Draper/Laura Olson

Citizens: Dave Babcock, Gaye Babcock, Cheryl Lupo, Joe Sacco, James Walker, David Hinkins, Scott McKee, Ryan Madsen, Jake Hardy, Tom Mathews, Jeanann Zmerzlikar, Terrie Saccomano, Dale Stapley, Jennifer (Goldie) Derosé, Connie Cowan, Mitchell Graham, Raelynne Graham, Joelle Amaya, Bob Williams, Pamela Juliano, Jeff Cisneros, Dakota Cisneros, Morgan Lund and Jordan Newman and Jean Boyack.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Exhibit A

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR MARCH 2, 2023.

Council Member Goldsmith moved to approve the minutes of March 2, 2023. Council Member Dornan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, DeVincent, Goldsmith, Wheeler and Dornan all voting yes.

GOOD SAMARITAN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

Mayor Peterman on the behalf of the Police Department and Mayors office presented Mitch Graham with a Good Samaritan award for an event on February 5, 2023. Mitch Graham assisted Officer Laura Olson in detaining a party that refused to heed her direction. Mitch Graham's quick action in assisting Officer Olson was critical to the officer's safety as well as the community.

AMERICAN LEGION – JEFF CISNEROS.

Jeff Cisneros stated he has been a part of the American Legion baseball for 35 years. His son Dakota Cisneros has been running the program for the past 4-5 years and has invested over 15 years in Helper American Legion. Jeff Cisneros stated they would like to use the field again for the season. Jeff Cisneros informed the council of the tournaments that were scheduled, CJ Smuin Memorial Tournament June 7-10 and American Legion AA State tournament July 21-26. Jeff Cisneros would like to have city support around the outside of the field, it will require a lot of maintenance. Jeff and Dakota Cisneros thanked Helper City for the support they give and hope to keep American Legion tradition alive.

ARBON DAY PROCLAMATION.

Mayor Peterman stated the proclamation is a critical component to remain being a Tree City. Proclamation for Arbor Day will be April 28, 2023.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ACCESS MANAGEMENT FOR US-6 COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.

Council Member DeVincent addressed Senator Hinkins asking if there was something that could be done currently to reduce speed limits to help with the issues on Hwy 6. Senator Hinkins stated he would talk with Carlos and would get more involved with the issue. There might be monies in the B&C funds that would help in the future. Mayor Peterman stated she would like to see item tabled for edits to the existing document some of the wording but support being partners in the project.

Council Member Matsuda moved to table discussion for further review and make edits to cooperative agreement. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, DeVincent, Goldsmith, Wheeler and Dornan all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF PURCHASING 800 MHZ RADIOS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR APPROXIMATELY \$11,000.

Mayor Peterman gave a short summary of the agreement with the Mayors and Carbon County from 5 years ago to agree to radio strategy. Helper City wrote a USDA grant to upgrade the radios to be in compliance, Price City did not come into compliance with the agreement. Mayor Peterman stated Carbon County is basically mandating that everyone upgrade to 800 MHZ radios, UCA has come up with funding to help with the purchase of the radios. Sergeant Draper explained why now the best opportunity to purchase the new radios. There is a possible discount of 65% with L3 Harris and Utah and a then a contract with UCA to offer another 80% discount on top of it. Purchasing the radios now will save the city approximately \$140,000. Council Member Goldsmith asked if we were required to purchase the new radios. Council Member Harwood stated no we did not have to but it is important to be on the same radio frequency for safety reasons. Council Member DeVincent asked if the old radios could be sold on surplus to recoup some of the money, Council Member Harwood stated yes. Council Member Wheeler asked if the Fire Department would also be included. Council Member Harwood commented Carbon County Fire Chief's Association will be buying all of the fire departments radios. Sergeant Draper said the \$11,000 will cover 6 cars and 6 patrol people and 1 extra radio.

Council Member Dornan moved to approve the purchase of 800 MHZ radios in the amount of \$11,000. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, DeVincent, Goldsmith, Wheeler and Dornan all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF SUBMITTING A GRANT FOR NEW POLICE VEHICLES.

Sergeant Draper explained why it was necessary to purchase another patrol vehicle. The previous vehicle asked for last year was not received because of balance with manufacturing. The vehicle being requested for now is actually a better deal from Young Automotive. Sergeant Draper explained they are having problems with F150, it is costing too much money to maintain. They will be selling the Ford Taurus also and hope to get around \$10,000. Purchase of new vehicle will be approximately \$46,000 and estimate around \$19,000 for equipment. With the USDA grant and the selling of the Ford Taurus, the cost will be approximately \$16,000. Officer Draper stated he is asking to move forward with applying for the grant, he has the grant ready to be submitted. Council Member Goldsmith questioned if police vehicles were properly maintained. Sergeant Draper confirmed yes and at times he does the maintenance himself to save money. Council Member Dornan asked if it was only one vehicle being purchased, the agenda item had police vehicles, Officer Draper confirmed only one vehicle being purchased.

Council Member DeVincent moved to approve moving forward with submitting a grant for new police vehicle. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, DeVincent, Goldsmith, Wheeler and Dornan all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF UPDATING THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT.

Mayor Peterman stated she would like to delay the discussion on the Special Event Permit. She received feedback from Helper Saturday Vibes that was not incorporated into the document.

Council Member DeVincent moved to table the discussion for further review of the Special Event Permit. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, DeVincent, Goldsmith, Wheeler and Dornan all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF PURCHASING FERTILIZER FOR PARKS NOT TO EXCEED \$2,900.

Public Work Director Mastin stated it was that time of year to fertilize the parks and cemetery. He is requesting to purchase Stage 1 fertilizer not to exceed \$2,900.

Council Member Dornan moved to approve the purchase of fertilizer. Council Member Goldsmith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, DeVincent, Goldsmith, Wheeler and Dornan all voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF PURCHASING A NEW PARK PUMP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,620.

Public Works Director Mastin stated he talked with Council Member Harwood and told him it would cost \$2,848.00 to repair the current pump. Public Works Director Mastin stated he will put a new pump in the budget next year for \$11,169.00. Council Member Dornan asked if the city could save on freight charges by picking it up ourselves.

Council Member Goldsmith moved to approve repairing the pump for \$2,848. Council Member Harwood seconded the motion. Motion carried. Harwood, DeVincent, Goldsmith, Wheeler and Dornan all voting yes.

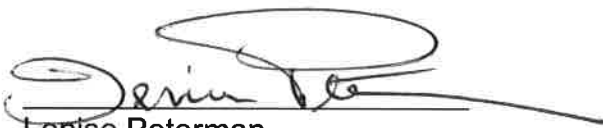
COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Members reported on various projects being worked on.

Exhibit A

There being no further business Council Member DeVincent moved to adjourn. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion Carried: Harwood, DeVincent, Goldsmith, Wheeler and Dornan all voting yes. Meeting adjourned.

I hereby certify that the fore going represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Helper City Council meeting held on Thursday, April 6, 2023



Lenise Peterman
Mayor



Joan Burgess
Deputy Recorder

Approved on May 4, 2023