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**CITY OF HELEN
CALLED COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 28, 2023
10:00 A.M.
AGENDA**

Commissioners:

Jeff Ash
Steve Fowler
Fred Garmon
Cliff Hood
Cinnamon Sullivan

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR JEFF ASH
2. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK MARILYN CHASTAIN
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF SETTING THE 2023 MILLAGE RATE
6. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL
7. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS
8. ADJOURNMENT

City Manager:

Darrell Westmoreland

City Clerk/ :

Clerk of Court

Marilyn M. Chastain

Finance Director:

Mona Wood

Chief of Police:

Aletha Barrett

**Building and Zoning
Administrator:**

Jonah Casper

Public Works

Director:

Jack Morgan

Fire Department

Chief:

Jody Prickett

**THIS AGENDA WAS POSTED JULY 19, 2023 @10:00 A.M.
THE MEETING AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND IS NOT FINAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE
CITY OF HELEN COMMISSION AT THE COMMISSION MEETING STATED HEREIN.**

**CITY OF HELEN
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MINUTES**

The Helen City Commission met on Friday July 28, 2023. With Mayor Jeff Ash calling the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Attending were Commissioner Fred Garmon, Commissioner Cinnamon Sullivan, Mayor Jeff Ash, Commissioner Cliff Hood. Absent was Commissioner Steve Fowler.

Also attending were City Manager Darrell Westmoreland, City Attorney Carl Free, City Clerk Marilyn Chastain and Police Officer Poteat.

The pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Approval of Agenda; Motion to approve made by Commissioner Fred Garmon, 2nd by Commissioner Cliff Hood. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of those present.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF SETTING THE 2023 MILLAGE RATE; Mayor Jeff Ash explained the increase in evaluations. Motion to approve setting the Millage rate at 4.224 made by Commissioner Fred Garmon, 2nd by Commissioner Cliff Hood. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of those attending.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL; Motion to go into the Executive Session at 10:06n a.m. made by Commissioner Cliff Hood, 2nd by Commissioner Cinnamon Sullivan. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of those attending.

Motion to resume the meeting at 10:40 a.m. made by Commissioner Fred Garmon, 2nd by Commissioner Cinnamon Sullivan. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

There were no motions made as a result of the Executive Session.

CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT; Motion to adjourn at 10:42 a.m. made by Commissioner Fred Garmon, 2nd by Commissioner Cliff Hood. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

RESPECTFULLY PREPARED BY CITY CLERK MARILYN CHASTAIN



**AFFIDAVIT FOR CLOSED MEETING OF
THE CITY OF HELEN, GEORGIA
PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. §50-14-4(b)**

Personally appeared before the undersigned officer duly authorized by law to administer oaths, Jeff Ash, who after being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1. That the undersigned presided over a meeting closed to the public pursuant to the laws of the State of Georgia.
2. That said meetings was conducted on the 28 day of July, 2023
3. at 10:00 o'clock a.m. at Helen City Hall, City of Helen, Georgia.
4. That the specific relevant exception(s) are checked below:

- A. To discuss the future acquisition of real estate; O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(4).
- B. To discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee; O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(6).
- C. To consult or meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the City or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved; O.C.G.A. §50-14-2 and O.C.G.A. §50-18-72(e).
- D. Staff meeting held for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law; §50-14-3(1).

5. That this affidavit is made pursuant to O.C.G.A. §50-14-4(B) and is intended to comply with the provisions of said statute,

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th of July 2023

[Signature]
Notary Public
My Commission Expires 7-18-26

[Signature]
Affiant
Title: Mayor
Presiding