



**City of Helen
Georgia's Alpine
Village**

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**CITY OF HELEN
COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2026
10:00 A.M.
AGENDA**

Commissioners:

Lee Landress
Steve Fowler
Mervin Barbree
Cliff Hood
Helen Wilkins

City Manager:

Darrell Westmoreland

City Clerk:

Marilyn M. Chastain

Finance Director:

Mona Wood

Chief of Police:

Aletha Barrett

Clerk of Court:

Jaclyn Burke

Building and Zoning

Administrator:

Jonah Casper

Public Works

Director:

Jack Morgan

Fire Department

Chief:

Jody Prickett

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR LEE LANDRESS
2. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK MARILYN CHASTAIN
3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 21, 2026 AND SPECIAL CALLED MEETING ON AUGUST 4, 2026
6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
7. ALPINE HELEN/WHITE COUNTY C.V.B. MONTHLY REPORT
8. HELEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MONTHLY REPORT
9. ADMINISTRATIVE
 - A. CITY MANAGER UPDATE
 - B. DAVID MURPHY WITH WHITE COUNTY EMA TO DISCUSS THE EMERGENCY SIRENS
 - C. FINANCIAL REPORT
10. POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT
11. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT
12. PUBLIC WORKS, WATER AND WASTE WATER MONTHLY REPORT
13. BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT
14. PURCHASES AND BIDS
15. ORDINANCES
16. RESOLUTIONS

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING/POTENTIAL LITIGATION

18. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS

19. ADJOURNMENT

THIS AGENDA WAS POSTED AUGUST 13, 2026 @ 11:00 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.



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**CITY OF HELEN
COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 26, 2026
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Commissioners:

Lee Landress
Steve Fowler
Mervin Barbree
Cliff Hood
Helen Wilkins

City Manager:

Darrell Westmoreland

City Clerk:

Marilyn M. Chastain

Finance Director:

Mona Wood

Chief of Police:

Aletha Barrett

Clerk of Court:

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**Building and Zoning
Administrator:**

Jonah Casper

Public Works

Director:

Jack Morgan

Fire Department

Chief:

Jody Prickett

The Helen City Commission met on Tuesday, July 26, 2026, in the commission chambers at Helen City Hall. Mayor Lee Landress called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. City Clerk Marilyn Chastain called the roll. The following commissioners were present: Commissioner Mervin Barbree, Mayor Lee Landress, and Commissioner Steve Fowler. Commissioner Helen Wilkins and Commissioner Cliff Hood were absent.

Also, in attendance were Finance Director Mona Wood, City Clerk Marilyn Chastain, Police Chief Aletha Barrett, Fireman Will Lapree, Attorney Chris Thompson, and Building & Zoning Director Jonah Casper. Public Works Director Jack Morgan was absent as was City Manager Darrell Westmoreland and Fire Chief Jody Prickett.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 16, 2026 AND SPECIAL CALLED MEETING JUNE 25, 2026; Motion to approve the June 16, 2026 Minutes made by Commissioner Steve Fowler, 2nd by Commissioner Mervin Barbree. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

Motion to approve the Minutes from the Special Called Meeting on June 25, 2026 made by Commissioner Steve Fowler, 2nd by Commissioner Mervin Barbree. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

There were no Petitions and Communications from the Public

ALPINE HELEN/WHITE COUNTY C.V.B. MONTHLY REPORT; Report included as an integral part of the Minutes. Director Jerry Brown was present and gave a verbal report as well.

HELEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MONTHLY REPORT; Judy Holloway was present and gave a verbal report stating there are only 50 days remaining until Oktoberfest starts and that work is continuing on the Festhall remodeling.

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF ALCOHOL LICENSE FOR EDWARD R. GRAUCH AND CARLA A. GRAUCH OF DOG GONE COFFEE, LLC D/B/A DOG GONE COFFEE, LLC LOCATED AT 8808 N MAIN STREET FOR BEER ON PREMISES, WINE ON PREMISES AND SUNDAY SALES; Motion to approve made by Commissioner Mervin Barbree, 2nd by Commissioner Steve Fowler. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

**CITY OF HELEN
COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 21, 2026
MINUTES OF MEETING
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CITY MANAGER UPDATE; Report from Engineering Firm EMI included as an integral part of the Minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORT; Report included as an integral part of the Minutes. Finance Director Mona Wood was present and gave a verbal report. She stated that lodging taxes were up. Motion to approve the Financial Report made by Commissioner Steve Fowler, 2nd made by Commissioner Mervin Barbree. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT; Report included as an integral part of the Minutes. Police Chief Aletha Barrett was present for questions about the report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT; Report included as an integral part of the Minutes.

PUBLIC WORKS, WATER AND WASTE WATER MONTHLY REPORT; Report included as an integral part of the Minutes.

BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT; Report included as an integral part of the Minutes. Building and Zoning Director Jonah Casper was present for any questions.

PURCHASES AND BIDS; None

ORDINANCES; None

RESOLUTIONS; None

CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS; None

ADJOURNMENT; Motion to adjourn at 10:19 a.m. made by Commissioner Mervin Barbree, 2nd by Commissioner Steve Fowler. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

RESPECTFULLY PREPARED BY CITY CLERK MARILYN CHASTAIN





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**CITY OF HELEN
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2026
9:00 A.M.
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Commissioners:

Lee Landress
Steve Fowler
Mervin Barbree
Cliff Hood
Helen Wilkins

City Manager:

Darrell Westmoreland

City Clerk:

Marilyn M. Chastain

Finance Director:

Mona Wood

Chief of Police:

Aletha Barrett

Clerk of Court:

Jaclyn Burke

**Building and Zoning
Administrator:**

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Public Works

Director:

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The Helen City Commission met on Tuesday, July 26, 2026, in the commission chambers at Helen City Hall. Mayor Pro Tem Mervin Barbree called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. City Clerk Marilyn Chastain called the roll. The following commissioners were present: Commissioner Mervin Barbree, Commissioner Helen Wilkins, Commissioner Cliff Hood, and Commissioner Steve Fowler. Mayor Lee Landress was absent.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF AGENDA; Motion to approve the Agenda made by Commissioner Cliff Hood, 2nd by Commissioner Steve Fowler. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING/POTENTIAL LITIGATION; Motion to go into Executive Session @ 9:03 a.m. made by Commissioner Clidd Hood, 2nd by Commissioner Helen Wilkins. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:14 a.m. made by Commissioner Cliff Hood, 2nd by Commissioner Helen Wilkins. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present

There was no action taken as a result of the Executive Session.

CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT; Motion to adjourn at 9:15 a.m. , made by Commissioner Steve Fowler, 2nd by Commissioner Cliff Hood. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

RESPECTFULLY PREPARED BY CITY CLERK MARILYN CHASTAIN



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CVB Report July, 2026

ADVERTISEMENTS:

- LRC Media social media and Public Relations campaign.
- Advance Travel & Tourism digital campaign throughout the S.E.
- Blue Ridge Country Magazine.
- Yodeler – CVB Quarterly Report.
- South Carolina Living Magazine.
- Georgia EMC Magazine.
- American Road Magazine.
- Atlanta Magazine.
- Blue Ridge Digest.
- James Magazine.
- The Travel Pulse.com – Coolest places in the U.S. for Christmas in July – Helen. 251,000 Impressions, with an estimated value of \$10,000.
- Savannah Morning News, Augusta Chronicle, Athens Banner Herald and AOL.Com – Looking for Waterfalls in Georgia? 11 locations to visit this summer – Raven Cliff and Anna Ruby Falls – Helen. 34.5 million Impressions, with an estimated value of \$ 22,500.00.
- USA Today – Most beautiful places in Georgia? Southern Living lists top 18 spots – Helen, GA. 54.6 million Impressions, with an estimated value of \$ 32,000.00.
- Atlanta News First.com – German Soccer fan goes viral for documenting World Cup trip to Georgia – Helen. 6.2 million Impressions, with an estimated value of \$9,000.00.
- World Atlas.com – 9 most hospitable towns in the Southern U.S. – 7.4 million impressions, with an estimated value of \$22,500.
- Travel Mag.com – This Georgia Spa Resort has an adult only pool and beautiful Suites – Valhalla Resort Spa and Golf Club – Helen – 111,396. Impressions, with an estimated value of \$2,100.
- Tuscan Lifestyles.com – Getaways to Love – Helen, GAQ – 4,714. Impressions, with an estimated value of \$1,050.
- Decorhint.com – 8 Scenic drives with stops you'll actually want to make – Richard Russell Parkway – Helen, GA. 126,367. Impressions, with an estimated value of \$2,800.
- World Atlas – 6 Fairy tale small towns in Georgia – Helen.
- 7.4 million impressions, with an estimated value of \$22,500.
- Decorhint.com – 10 Georgia Getaways that make the perfect late summer escape in August – Helen. 126,367. Impressions, with an estimated value of \$2,800.
- Elevated Magazine – A seasonal guide to Helen, Georgia and the surrounding valley's – 14,123. Impressions, with an estimated value of \$1,200.



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WELCOME CENTER:

- 3,409. (396 less) Visitors stopped by the Welcome Center in July.
- Helen Travel Guides delivered over 337 cases of the new guides. Mailed out an additional 700 Travel Guides by request in July. We had 123 Travel Guide downloads from the website.
- Website visits for the month of July 131,000 (13,000. more) with 126,000. Unique/new visitors. 4.06 page visits with over 603,594. page views with duration of 3.53 minutes per view. Bounce rate @ 48.28%.

TRAVEL SHOWS/MEETINGS:

- July 6th – Executive Director Brown met with Laura Wood with N.W. Georgia Living Magazine to discuss possible partnerships.
- July 7th – Executive Director Brown and Josh Luke worked the North Georgia booth for the FIFA World Cup Activation at the Georgia World Congress Center.
- July 8th – Executive Director Brown conducted the monthly Travel Association Board and Membership meeting at North Georgia Tech Clarksville campus.
- July 9th – Executive Director Brown met with ACG to discuss Ring Central – the phone company that ACG is now partnering with.
- July 10th – Executive Director Brown compiled the quarterly Yodeler report for the County Commissioners and delivered.
- July 10th – Executive Director Brown met Advance Travel and Tourism to go over the June reporting.
- July 13th – Executive Director Brown met with James Magazine Editor to complete a story on Helen for the fall issue.
- Executive Director Brown worked the North Georgia booth for the FIFA World Cup Activation at the Georgia World Congress Center.
- July 21st – Executive Director Brown attended and gave monthly CVB report at the City Commission Meeting.
- July 30th – Executive Director Brown met with the AJC to discuss the Fall campaign.

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Water/Wastewater - Infrastructure Projects Update - City of Helen**Groundwater Development:**

The hydrogeologist retained by the City has identified four potential sites for groundwater exploration. EMI and the City has submitted an ARC grant application to support future groundwater well projects.

Well No. 11 (Lenzen Property):

Well and water line design is underway; well design is almost complete. Water line design is dependent upon development behind the Lenzen well property. EMI has completed our initial review of the submitted plans for water and sewer infrastructure and have provided correspondence to the City, still awaiting resubmittal of plans. EMI has also provided requested information to the developers engineer for potential GDOT permit for sewer line.

Land Application System (LAS) Improvements:

Solids removal from the large pond has been delayed. Design work for Spray Fields 4 and 5 is completed with plans and bid documents submitted to the City and contractor. City has been coordinating work schedule with the contractor.

LAS Vegetation Plan

Project is on hold and scheduled to be rebid at a later date.

Telescopic Valve/Gypsum Feed System:

Finalizing electrical and structural plans with submittal to EPD for permitting by the end of the month. Projected to bid project within the next two months.

Zone Meters:

Five zones have been surveyed/designed, easements will need to be obtained, easement drawings have been submitted to the City Attorney. Project can be placed out to bid within three weeks contingent upon easements. Working with city staff on replacing current well and booster pump meters.

LAS Monitoring Well:

LAS monitoring well has recently been drilled, purging of the well is currently in process. Sampling is scheduled for this week.

GEFA WIPP Grant

Working with the City on applying for a grant through the GEFA WIPP program.



CITY OF HELEN
FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY
ONE MONTH ENDED JULY 2026
TAX REVENUES SUMMARY COMPARISON

TAX REVENUES

HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND

<u>One Month Ended 7/31/26</u>			
Jul-25	Jul-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
277,861	314,979	37,118	13.36%
	0		
	314,979		

SALES TAX

<u>One Month Ended 7/31/26</u>			
Jul-25	Jul-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
144,310	151,988	7,678	5.32%

BEER/WINE/LIQUOR EXCISE TAX

<u>One Month Ended 7/31/26</u>			
Jul-25	Jul-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
15,334	14,235	-1,099	-7.17%

MIXED DRINK TAX

<u>One Month Ended 7/31/26</u>			
Jul-25	Jul-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
10,922	10,449	-473	-4.33%

2020 SPLOST

<u>One Month Ended 7/31/26</u>			
Jul-25	Jul-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
142,882	150,485	7,603	5.32%

Fiscal YTD Comparison - One Month Ended 7/31/26

Budget	Actual	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
1,734,000	150,485	-1,583,515	-91.32%

Cumulative #68	Estimated 2020	Difference	% of Estimate
8,699,700	5,600,000	-3,099,700	155.35%



City of Helen Debt Service as of July 31, 2026

Lender	Collateral	Loan Amount	Rate	Pmt. Amount	Due	Balance	Matures
BB&T	HME Ahrens Fire Truck	406,802	3.060	46,304	January*	46,304	Jan-27
GEFA CWSRF 14-018	Willow Pond Sewer Rehab	281,000	0.500	2,401	Monthly	7,198	Oct-26
GEFA DWSRG 13-012	Hamby St Bridge Crossing	309,041	0.660	2,662	Monthly	21,243	Mar-27
				<u>51,367</u>		<u>74,745</u>	
Debt Service 2021 Construction Bond (Principal + Interest)		\$ 7,325,248		changes	Semi-Annual	4,910,500	Aug-36
February 2026 Interest Only		\$ 73,200					
August 2026 Principal + Interest		\$ 418,200					



**CITY OF HELEN AVAILABLE 2020 SPLOST FUNDS
AS OF JULY 31, 2026**

Unaudited Draft

<u>2020 SPLOST (20%)</u>	<u>ROADS, STREETS, BRIDGES, SIDEWALKS (23.21%)</u>	<u>WATER/WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS (33.93%)</u>	<u>PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (37.5%)</u>	<u>ADMIN EQUIP, FACILITIES & VEHICLES (5.36%)</u>	<u>2020 SPLOST REVENUE</u>
TOTALS FOR					
<u>6 YEAR PERIOD</u>	1,300,000.00	1,900,000.00	2,100,000.00	300,000.00	5,600,000.00
<u>CURRENT ESTIMATE</u>					
REVENUE					
ACTUAL RECEIVED	2,019,223.91	2,951,842.62	3,262,425.53	466,309.36	8,699,801.42
INTEREST EARNED	132,926.10	194,320.67	214,766.43	30,697.28	572,710.48
EXPENSES					
PRIOR YEARS TOTALS	1,385,592.58	731,827.97	2,457,190.24	132,307.52	4,706,918.31
CURRENT YEAR TOTALS	105,833.00	0.00	19,000.00	0.00	124,833.00
BANK FEES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2020 SPLOST AVAILABLE	660,724.43	2,414,335.32	1,001,001.72	364,699.12	4,440,760.59



Unaudited Draft

2021 Construction Fund

Account Summary

Date Range: 08/01/2021 - 7/31/2026

	Original Budget	To Date 7/31/26	Available @ 7/31/26 After Budget Reallocation
HEX STRASSE WELL (Complete)	250,000	80,471	0
LENZEN PROPERTY WELL #11	495,000	216,432	282,362
MAIN LIFT STATION (Complete)	1,450,000	1,295,230	0
SSES IMPROVEMENTS	1,500,000	1,090,277	125,063
CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER SEWER LINE (Complete)	375,000	239,360	0
GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT	25,000	37,569	106,052
METER REPLACEMENT (Complete)	595,000	409,286	0
WWTF SOLIDS REMOVAL (Complete)	425,000	558,379	0
LAS IMPROVEMENTS	875,000	1,758,653	-209,134
	<u>5,990,000</u>	<u>5,685,657</u>	<u>304,343</u>



Helen Police Department

Monthly Report

July 2026

<u>July 2026</u> <u>Arrests - 8</u> Felony - 0 Misdemeanor - 4 FVA - 1 VGCSA - 3	<u>July 2025</u> <u>Arrests - 13</u> Felony - 3 Misdemeanor - 9 FVA - 0 VGCSA - 1	<u>July 2026</u> <u>Citations</u> 228	<u>July 2025</u> <u>Citations</u> 226
<u>July 2026</u> <u>Security Checks</u> 195	<u>July 2025</u> <u>Security Checks</u> Not Available	<u>July 2026</u> <u>Calls for Service</u> 767	<u>July 2025</u> <u>Calls for Service</u> 789
<u>July 2026</u> <u>Criminal Trespass</u> 0	<u>July 2025</u> <u>Criminal Trespass</u> 1	<u>July 2026</u> <u>Accident Reports</u> 12	<u>July 2025</u> <u>Accident Reports</u> 10
<u>2026 Totals</u> Arrests – 72 Security Checks – 1,739 Criminal Trespass – 7 Citations – 1,316 Calls for Service – 5,220 Accidents – 58		<u>2025 Totals</u> Arrests – 133 Security Checks – 11,184 Criminal Trespass – 33 Citations – 3,451 Calls for Service – 10,048 Accidents – 77	

911 Accidental / Open Line / Hang	41	Fight	3	Road Block	
Abandoned Vehicle	2	Fire Calls	6	Road Rage	
Active Shooter		Flag Down	3	Security / Business Check	153
Alarm Calls	7	Follow up Report	5	Sexual Assault Reported	
Amber / Levi / Matties Call / Alert		Foot Patrol	42	Shots Fired	2
Animal Call	6	For Your Information		Special Detail	15
Apparent Death	1	Forgery		Speeding Vehicle	
Armed Robbery		Fraud		Stalking	
Assault		Harassment		Subject Screaming	
Assist Fire / LEO	1	Hit & Run	2	Suicide (attempt or threat)	1
Assist Motorist	9	Hostage Situation		Suspicious Person or Vehicle	28
Assistance Needed		Improperly Parked Vehicle	14	Taking Report	4
Attempting to Stop		In the Area	2	Temporary Protection Order	
BOLO		Intoxicated Driver / Ped.	8	Test Call	
Bomb Threat		Indecent Exposure		Theft Report	2
Bond	2	Juvenile Problem	2	Threats	
Burglary		Kidnapping		Traffic Accident	12
Call by Phone	2	Lines Down	2	Traffic Hazard	
Car Jacking		Loitering		Traffic Stop	248
Chase in Progress		Lost / Found Item or Person	14	Tree Down / Across Roadway	1
Child Abuse / DFCS		Mechanical Breakdown	6	Trespassing	
City / County Ordinance Violation	9	Medical Calls	29	Vandalism	
Court Detail	1	Meet in Person	11	Vehicle Lock Out	1
Criminal Trespass		Mental Subject		Vehicle Registration Info.	1
Damage to Property	3	Misc	1	Vehicle Taken without Permission	
Debris in Roadway		Missing Person		Vin Verification	
Deliver Message		Noise Complaint	3	Walk Thru	4
Direct Traffic		Not Otherwise Specified	8	Wanted Person / Warrant	1
Dispute	5	Open Door	2	Wanted / Stolen Indicated	
Disturbance	2	Overdue Motorist	3	Weather	
Domestic	7	Pandering		Welfare Check	7
Driver / Criminal History Requested		Pick up Prisoner / Subject		School Crossing / Traffic	
Driver's License Information		Possible Dam Failure		Subject in Custody	
Drug Suspect		Prowler		Wrecker needed	
Emergency Road Repair		Public Assist		Civil Process	1
Entering Auto		Reckless Driving	2	Illegal Dumping	
Escort	7	Refusing to Leave	2	Unknown Problem	1
Extra Patrol	3	River Patrol	1	Calls for Water Dept Problems	1
				Walk In Report	5

Total calls for service: 767

City of Helen Fire & Rescue

Monthly Report for July 2026

Total "911 Responses" = 101 / Year to Date = 490

Major Incident Type(s) Breakdown

Major Incident Type	# Of Incidents Current Month	% Of Total Current Month
Fire (Structure, Wildland, Outside, Transportation, Special)	4	3.96%
Medical (Injury, Illness, Other)	58	57.43%
Hazardous Situation (Non-Chemical, HazMat, Overpressure, Investigation)	3	2.97%
Rescue (Outside, Structure, Transportation, Water)	0	0%
Public Service (Assistance, Non-Medical Alarms, Weather, Other)	18	17.82%
No Emergency (Cancelled, False Alarm, Good Intent)	18	17.82%
Assisting Law Enforcement	0	0%
TOTAL	101	

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TTL
2025	65	50	47	52	79	87	102	77	67	77	66	75	844
2026	55	47	69	72	58	88	101						490
Difference	-10	-3	+22	+20	-21	+1	-1						

Count of Aid Given and Received for Incidents for Date Range			# Of Incidents by Day of the Week for Date Range						
AID TYPE	TOTAL	% Of TOTAL	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Aid Given	34	33.66%	9	13	14	13	15	19	18
Aid Received	8	7.92%	Busiest Hours for Date Range						
None	59	58.42%	1200-1759 / 41.58%						

Average Response Time for Non-Aid Incidents for Date Range		
AGENCY	AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME (Dispatched to Arrival)	NUMBER OF INCIDENTS
City of Helen Fire & Rescue	4:48	44

Apparatus Responses: This chart identifies our busiest apparatus for the Month

Apparatus Call Sign	Type of Vehicle	Number of Responses for Apparatus
Engine 31	2017 HME "Ahrens Fox"	18
Engine 32	1997 Ferrara "Spartan"	9
Truck 31	2025 Spartan "Gladiator"	6
Rescue 31	2000 Ford "F-650"	9
Utility 31	2016 Ford "F-150"	64
301	2025 Ford "F-150"	17
ATV 31	2016 Polaris "Ranger"	2

Training

Fire Department completed a total of **43 hours** of classroom and practical training.



Incident Types by Month Breakdown

Incident Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	%
Building fire	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.82
Cooking fire, confined to container	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.2
Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.2
Passenger vehicle fire	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.2
Forest, woods or wildland fire	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.2
Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.41
Special outside fire, other	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.41
Rescue, EMS Incident, other	0	1	0	0	3	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	17	3.47
Emergency medical service incident, other	13	16	29	24	24	37	26	0	0	0	0	0	169	34.49
EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	9	5	8	8	8	14	18	0	0	0	0	0	70	14.29
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1	1	2	0	4	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	16	3.27
Extrication, rescue, other	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.41
Confined space rescue	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.2
Gas Leak (natural gas or LPG)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.61
Power line down	2	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	1.22
Accident, potential accident, other	3	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	9	1.84
Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.2
Service Call, other	10	8	12	14	5	13	18	0	0	0	0	0	80	16.33
Person in distress, other	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.61
Cover assignment, general cleanup	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.2
Severe weather or natural disaster, other	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1.02
Dispatched & Cancelled enroute	5	3	7	8	3	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	34	6.94
No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	0	1	3	2	3	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	21	4.29
Authorized controlled burning	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.41
Vicinity alarm (incident in other location)	5	3	1	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	3.27
Smoke scare, odor of smoke	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.2
HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.2
Malicious, mischievous false call, other	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.2
System malfunction, other	0	0	2	2	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	1.84
Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	0	1	1	2	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	10	2.04
Total Runs by Month	55	47	69	72	58	88	101	0	0	0	0	0	490	100

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

JUL 2026

- Cut out road in Innsbrook for the paving crew.
- Clean up and chip all fallen trees from the storm.
- Reface the Pavilion fixing the damage from the woodpecker.
- Worked in spray field cutting trees and fix lines from storm.
- Worked on five main water leaks .
- Normal routine: clean restrooms, trash route, roadside trash, read water meters, put chlorine and salt in wells, water samples on weekends, Cut grass throughout town and the water tanks and wells.
- 811 locates.
- Spray sidewalks and curb sides.
- Painted river street restroom.
- Help PD with cameras.
- Move water line and meter in the Wilkins field.
- Put out parking signs.
- Started working on the Christmas Decorations.
- Cut back right aways .
- Fixed back Chattahoochee street rest room from vandalism.

**Group Summary**

Group	Issued	Completed	Voided	New
1ST AVAILABLE	52	50	1	0
CHIPPING	4	1	0	1
TRASH	3	3	0	0
WATER	7	5	2	0
Grand Totals	66	59	3	1

Staff Summary

Staff	Issued	Completed	Voided	New
1ST AVAILABLE	14	13	1	0
CHRIS ESTES	4	4	0	0
EDWARD SALWAY	35	34	1	0
JACOB WESTMORELAND	2	2	0	0
JARED TURNER	2	2	0	0
PW TEAM	5	1	0	1
SUSIE SANDERS	3	2	1	0
TYLER MORGAN	1	1	0	0
Grand Totals	66	59	3	1

Job Code Summary

Job Code	Issued	Completed	Voided	New
CHIPPING - CHIPPING	4	1	0	1
CONNECT - CONNECT	5	5	0	0
DELIVER CAN - DELIVER CAN	3	3	0	0
DISCONNECT & READ - DISCONNECT & READ	6	4	2	0
END SUSP - END SUSPEND	1	0	1	0
LEAK CK - LEAK CHECK	1	1	0	0
LOCK NON PAYMENT - LOCK NON PAYMENT	6	6	0	0
MISC - MISC	4	3	0	0
PICK UP CAN - PICK UP CAN	1	1	0	0
PICK UP CAN- TERM - PICK UP CAN - TERMINATE SERVI	2	2	0	0
PICK UP TRASH - PICK UP TRASH	3	3	0	0
PULL DATA - PULL METER DATA	5	5	0	0
READ - READ	3	3	0	0
READ TO TRANSFER - READ TO TRANSFER	10	10	0	0
REINSTATE - REINSTATE	5	5	0	0
RE-READ IN BILLING - RE-READ IN BILLING	3	3	0	0
TURN OFF & LOCK - TURN OFF & LOCK	1	1	0	0
TURN OFF/ON- REPAIRS - TURN OFF/ON - REPAIRS	1	1	0	0
UNLOCK - UNLOCK	2	2	0	0
Grand Totals	66	59	3	1

Action Summary

Action	Issued	Completed	Voided	New
Connect	5	5	0	0
Disconnect	6	4	2	0
Re-Read	3	3	0	0
Occupant Change	10	10	0	0
Miscellaneous	24	20	0	1
Cutoff	6	6	0	0
Reinstate	5	5	0	0
Service Action	5	5	0	0
Begin Suspend	1	1	0	0

Action Summary

Action	Issued	Completed	Voided	New
End Suspend	1	0	1	0
Grand Totals	66	59	3	1

Issued by User

User	Issued
Katie	15
Mirinda	3
Susie	48
Grand Totals	66

Completed by User

User	Completed
esalway	39
ksutton	5
ssanders	15
Grand Totals	59



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Jody Prickett

Public Works

Director:

Jack Morgan

BUILDING AND ZONING MONTHLY REPORT

July 2026

PERMITS

Building: 1
Electrical: 1
Mechanical: 0
Plumbing: 0
Demo: 0
Sign: 4
Special Event: 1

INSPECTIONS

Permitted: 23
Builder and Architect consultations: 7

CERTIFICATES ISSUED

Residential: 1
Commercial: 0