

**CITY OF HELEN
COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 16, 2013
3:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR LYNN WHITENER
2. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK MARILYN CHASTAIN
3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 2, 2013
6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
7. ALPINE HELEN/WHITE COUNTY CVB MONTHLY REPORT
8. ADMINISTRATIVE
 - A. FINANCIAL REPORT
 - B. DISCUSSION TO CONSIDER INTEREST IN THE POSSIBILITY OF CONSOLIDATION OF FIRE SERVICES WITH WHITE COUNTY
9. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT
10. POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT
11. PUBLIC WORKS, WATER AND WASTE WATER MONTHLY REPORT
12. BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT
13. ORDINANCES
14. RESOLUTIONS
15. PURCHASES AND BIDS
16. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS
17. ADJOURNMENT

**THIS AGENDA WAS POSTED APRIL 9, 2013 AT 3:25 P.M.
THIS AGENDA WAS AMENDED AND POSTED APRIL 15, 2013 AT 11:45 A.M.**

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The Helen City Commission met on Tuesday April 16, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at Helen City Hall.

Mayor Lynn Whitener called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. City Clerk Marilyn Chastain called the roll and the following were present: Commissioner Judy Holloway, Commissioner Helen Wilkins, Mayor Lynn Whitener, and Commissioner Dona K Burke. Absent was Commissioner Jeff Ash. Also present were City Manager Jerry Elkins, Finance Officer Debbie Gerchman, City Attorney Carl Free, Police Chief Jim Couch, Building and Zoning Administrator Randy DeShon, Public Works Director Ross Hewell, Fireman Lee Potete, and City Clerk Marilyn Chastain.

Approval of Agenda. City Manager Jerry Elkins reminded the Commissioners that the Agenda had been amended prior to the meeting to include as item 8. B Discussion to consider interest in the possibility of consolidation of fire services with White County. Motion to approve the Agenda made by Commissioner Dona K Burke, 2nd by Commissioner Helen Wilkins. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

Approval of Minutes from April 2, 2013. Motion to approve the Minutes from April 2, 2013 made by Commissioner Judy Holloway, 2nd by Commissioner Helen Wilkins. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

Petitions and Communications from the Public. None

Alpine Helen/White County CVB monthly report. Report included as an integral part of the minutes.

Financial Report. Commissioner Judy Holloway asked about the increase in expenditures. Finance Officer Debbie Gerchman explained that the increase was due to the River Street restrooms and from the expense for the changes made to the new waterfall. Motion to approve the Financial report made by Commissioner Judy Holloway, 2nd by Commissioner Helen Wilkins. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

Discussion to consider the Consolidation of Fire Services with White County. Copy of the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement for Fire Protection included as an integral part of the minutes. City Manager Jerry Elkins explained to the Commission the Intergovernmental agreement that White County is proposing. After much discussion on the advantages and disadvantages, Commissioner Judy Holloway made a motion to keep the current Fire Department as is, 2nd by Commissioner Dona K Burke. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

Fire Department monthly report included as an integral part of the minutes. Fireman Lee Potete told the Commission that the Fire Department is beginning to get busy with more calls.

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Police Department monthly report included as an integral part of the minutes. Police Chief Jim Couch told the Commission that all went well with the 5K Run during the last weekend, and that his officers had stopped several people making left hand turns from Chattahoochee Street. Commissioner Judy Holloway stated she had counted 42 vehicles make a left turn from Chattahoochee Street over the weekend after the lettering had been placed on the street. Police Chief Jim Couch stated he had re-configured his monthly reports to be more concise, and that Investigator Gunter had been working very hard on the Credit Card frauds that have taken place in Helen, and has issued warrants.

Public Works, Water and Waste Water monthly report included as an integral part of the minutes. Public Works Director Ross Hewell asked the Commission if they were happy with the current Centennial Banner so that he could place the order. After discussion, it was decided to add Alpine Helen in white letters to the banner.

Building and Zoning Department monthly report included as an integral part of the minutes.

Ordinances: None

Resolutions: None

Purchases and Bids: None

City Commission Comments: None

Motion to adjourn at 3:51 p.m. made by Commissioner Helen Wilkins, 2nd by Commissioner Judy Holloway.

Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

Respectfully Submitted,

City Clerk Marilyn Chastain