

**CITY OF HELEN
COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 9, 2019
10:00 A.M.
AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR
2. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK MARILYN CHASTAIN
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 11, 2019 & JUNE 25, 2019 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
7. HELEN/WHITE COUNTY CVB MONTHLY REPORT
8. HELEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MONTHLY REPORT
9. ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS
 - A. UPDATE FROM CITY MANAGER ON CURRENT PROJECTS
 - B. DISCUSSION OF DATE TO SET 2019 MILLAGE RATE
 - C. FINANCIAL REPORT
 - D. CONSIDERATION OF ALCOHOL LICENSE FOR LISA M CHAMBERLIN D/B/A BRICKHOUSE BURGERS PIZZA & PASTA LOCATED AT 8759 NORTH MAIN STREET FOR BEER ON PREMISES, WINE ON PREMISES & SUNDAY SALES
 - E. CONSIDERATION OF ALCOHOL LICENSE FOR DAN TERLIZZI OF TTT HELEN, LLC D/B/A/ TWO TIRE TAVERN LOCATED AT 8735 NORTH MAIN STREET, HELEN, GA 30545 FOR BEER ON PREMISES, WINE ON PREMISES, LIQUOR POURING, & SUNADAY SALES
10. POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

11. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT
12. PUBLIC WORKS, WATER AND WASTE WATER MONTHLY REPORT
13. BUILDING AND ZONING MONTHLY REPORT
14. PURCHASES AND BIDS
15. ORDINANCES
16. RESOLUTIONS
17. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS
18. ADJOURNMENT

**THIS AGENDA WAS POSTED JULY 5, 2019 @ 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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The Helen City Commission met on Tuesday July 9, 2019 in the Commission Chambers at Helen City Hall with Mayor Cinnamon Spurlock calling the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK MARILYN CHASTAIN; Present were Commissioner Geneva Elwell, Mayor Cinnamon Spurlock, Commissioner Lee Landress, Commissioner Jeff Ash and Commissioner Steve Fowler.

Also attending were City Manager Jerry Elkins, City Attorney Carl Free, City Clerk Marilyn Chastain, Finance Officer Mona Wood, Police Chief Brian Stephens, Fire Chief Jody Prickett, Building & Zoning Director Darrell Westmoreland. Absent was Public Works Director Ross Hewell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF AGENDA; Motion to delete item D under Administrative Operations and approve Agenda made by Commissioner Jeff Ash, 2nd by Commissioner Geneva Elwell. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 11, 2019 & JUNE 25, 2019 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING; Motion to approve the June 11, 2019 Minutes made by Commissioner Jeff Ash, 2nd by Commissioner Lee Landress. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Motion to approve the June 25, 2019 Minutes made by Commissioner Jeff Ash, 2nd by Commissioner Geneva Elwell. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC; Joel Cauldwell stood and informed the Commission of his new venture the train rides and asked the Commission to consider allowing him to drive on Main Street on the same route that the horse carriages currently run and allow him to park in the loading zone beside 2 Tire Tavern. Commissioner Jeff Ash made the Motion to authorize City Manager Jerry Elkins to consider and decide upon approval after he and Police Chief Brian Stephens have an opportunity to study, 2nd by Commissioner Lee Landress. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Josh Garrison Helen resident and business owner of Alpine Dispensary and Alpine Dispensary Express asked the Commission to stop the delivery trucks delivering to Dollar General from parking in front of his business at the Alpine Village Shops, he stated they are blocking his business, the handi-cap ramps and also blocking traffic from going thru. He stated he had spoken to the Police Chief and Fire Chief and property owner previously and there had not been anything done. He presented pictures of trucks parked in front of

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his business. Police Chief Brian Stephens stated that due to the property being privately owned and not City property or City Streets he could not issue citations for being parked on private property and suggested talking with the property owner to see if he could have the deliveries made at the loading dock on the back of the property. Helen Wilkins spoke up and stated she received a text from her husband David Wilkins and that he had talked with Dollar General management and they have agreed to have the deliveries made at the loading dock in the back of the store but that it may take several days to inform all of the delivery trucks.

Paul Barney was present to ask the Commission to approve his car show for next March 16th thru the 20th, 2020. He stated the last show had been a good event and he had worked with the police department on making sure they had ample force for the event. Commissioner Steve Fowler stated he is not in favor of having the event again because of the added risk to the Police Department and City that it is a safety risk. Commissioner Lee Landress agreed that it is not the place for this type event and that 90% of visitors do not want to be around it. Commissioner Geneva Elwell stated she opposes because of the noise and could not get out of her driveway due to the added traffic on her street. Mayor Cinnamon Spurlock stated it was an impact on the City and during the planning there was help requested from the County and GSP and that the location was not ideal and a lot of tickets had been issued but personally did not get negative feed back about the event and does not see why the event should not be allowed. Commissioner Steve Fowler stated to Paul that he had done what he said he would do. Commissioner Jeff Ash asked Police Chief Brian Stephens how many additional officers worked during the event, Chief Stephens stated that there were 24 scheduled for each shift but with other occurrences in the county there were short staffed during times. Commissioner Jeff Ash stated that Helen is a noise sensitive area and thinks it must be weighed if it is beneficial for the town, or if the stress and overwork of the Police Department and City Staff should not be considered before the event is approved again.

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

HELEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MONTHLY REPORT; Report included as an integral part of the Minutes. Director Renee Green was present and gave a verbal report.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

UPDATE FROM CITY MANAGER ON CURRENT PROJECTS; City Manager Jerry Elkins stated the new well is pumping about 50 gallons per minute but that additional testing is being done before final approval, that the City is getting bids on a new liner for the concrete water tank, and that replacing the main lift station is being engineered due to

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it's age and should be something to consider in the near future.

- A. DISCUSSION OF DATE TO SET 2019 MILLAGE RATE; Motion to set the date to July 25, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. made by Commissioner Jeff Ash, 2nd by Commissioner Geneva Elwell. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.
- B. FINANCIAL REPORT; Motion to approve the report made by Commissioner Jeff Ash, 2nd by Commissioner Steve Fowler. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.
- C. CONSIDERATION OF ALCOHOL LICENSE FOR LISA M CHAMBERLIN D/B/A BRICKHOUSE BURGERS PIZZA & PASTA LOCATED AT 8759 NORTH MAIN STREET FOR BEER ON PREMISES, WINE ON PREMISES & SUNDAY SALES; Request withdrawn and removed from Agenda.
- D. CONSIDERATION OF ALCOHOL LICENSE FOR DAN TERLIZZI OF TTT HELEN, LLC D/B/A/ TWO TIRE TAVERN LOCATED AT 8735 NORTH MAIN STREET, HELEN, GA 30545 FOR BEER ON PREMISES, WINE ON PREMISES, LIQUOR POURING, & SUNADAY SALES; Motion to approve made by Commissioner Steve Fowler, 2nd by Commissioner Geneva Elwell. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT; Report included as an integral part of the Minutes. Police Chief Brian Stephens was present and gave a verbal report and thanked the Fire Chief for his recent help with an issue in the River.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT; Report added at meeting and included as an integral part of the Minutes. Fire Chief Jody Pricket was present and Mayor Cinnamon Spurlock thanked him for his recent help with the propane tank problem at her business.

PUBLIC WORKS, WATER AND WASTE WATER MONTHLY REPORT; Report included as an integral part of the Minutes. City Manager Jerry Elkins congratulated the public works department and other departments on their work during the 4th of July and on how fast the town was cleaned up after the fireworks.

BUILDING AND ZONING MONTHLY REPORT; Report included as an integral part of the Minutes. Building and Zoning Director Darrell Westmoreland was present and gave a

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verbal report. He also mentioned that the burned house on Hamby is scheduled to be torn down August 1st if there are no asbestos issues and that the house across from Circle K is also being looked at for possible tear down. There was discussion of the pavilion on Lesia Long's property being a safety concern.

PURCHASES AND BIDS; None

ORDINANCES; None

RESOLUTIONS; None

CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS; Commissioner Jeff Ash stated that the City Employees are doing a great job and wants to look at widening and repairing City sidewalks. Geneva Elwell also wants to look at fixing the sidewalks. Commissioner Steve Fowler stated he wants to commend the City employees and that they did an excellent job during the 4th. Commissioner Lee Landress no comment. Mayor Cinnamon Spurlock stated the employees are doing a fabulous job and likes to see the departments working together, that she wants to look at the sidewalks and discuss automated cross walks

ADJOURNMENT; Motion to adjourn at 11:32 a.m. made by Commissioner Steve Fowler, 2nd by Commissioner Lee Landress. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

RESPECTFULLY PREPARED BY CITY CLERK MARILYN CHASTAIN