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Village**

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**CITY OF HELEN
COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 17, 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 FEBRUARY 17, 2026
6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
 - A. PAIGE HULSEY TO PRESENT FERRIS WHEEL PROPOSAL FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT BAVARIAN MINI GOLF
7. ALPINE HELEN/WHITE COUNTY C.V.B. MONTHLY REPORT
8. HELEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MONTHLY REPORT
9. CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF ALCOHOL LICENSE FOR TRENT D JACKSON OF DOTTIES KITCHEN LOCATED AT 8265 S. MAIN STREET FOR BEER ON PREMISES, WINE ON PREMISES AND SUNDAY SALES
10. CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF ALCOHOL LICENSE FOR GUY SLABBAERT OF PERFORM HOTEL HELEN LLC D/B/A HOME 2 SUITES HELEN, FOR BEER ON PREMISES, WINE ON PREMISES, LIQUOR POURING, AND SUNDAY SALES
11. ADMINISTRATIVE
 - A. CITY MANAGER UPDATE
 - B. FINANCIAL REPORT
12. POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT
13. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT
14. PUBLIC WORKS, WATER AND WASTE WATER MONTHLY REPORT

15. BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

16. PURCHASES AND BIDS

17. ORDINANCES

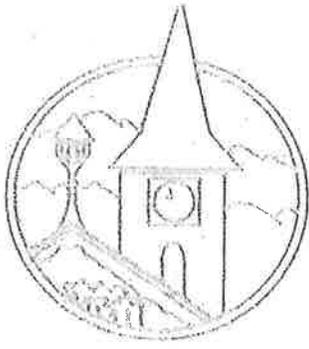
18. RESOLUTIONS; RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WHITE COUNTY JOINT
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

19. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS

20. ADJOURNMENT

THIS AGENDA WAS POSTED MARCH 11, 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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FEBRUARY 17, 2026
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Commissioners:

Lee Landress
Steve Fowler
Mervin Barbree
Cliff Hood
Helen Wilkins

The Helen City Commission met on Tuesday, February 17, 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, Commissioner Helen Wilkins, Mayor Lee Landress, and Commissioner Steve Fowler. Commissioner Cliff Hood was absent.

City Manager:

Darrell Westmoreland

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

City Clerk:

Marilyn M. Chastain

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Finance Director:

Mona Wood

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

Chief of Police:

Aletha Barrett

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 20, 2026; Motion to approve made by Commissioner Helen Wilkins, 2nd by Commissioner Mervin Barbree. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

Clerk of Court:

Jaclyn Burke

**Building and Zoning
Administrator:**

Jonah Casper

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A. BRYAN PAYNE WHITE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX ASSESSOR; Not present.

**Public Works
Director:**

Jack Morgan

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.

**Fire Department
Chief:**

Jody Prickett

HELEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MONTHLY REPORT; Chamber member Janine Marthai stated that the Fashing event went well at the Festhall and that the Castle had over 3500 visitors the weekend of their event.

ADMINISTRATIVE;

CITY MANAGER UPDATE; City Manager Darrell Westmoreland went over the EMI report of current projects. Report included as an integral part of the Minutes. He also stated he anticipates a lot of visitors to Helen during the World Soccer Championship, also that there were parts of a movie/ tv show being filmed in town on April 21st but does not see it as causing any problems

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COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2026
MINUTES OF MEETING
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B. FINANCIAL REPORT; Report included as an integral part of the Minutes. Finance Director Mona Wood gave a verbal report. Motion to approve the Financial report made by Commissioner Steve Fowler, 2nd by Commissioner Mervin Barbree. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT; Revised report included as an integral part of the Minutes. Police Chief Aletha Barrett was present and gave a verbal report as well.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT; Report included as an integral part of the Minutes. Fire Chief Jody Prickett was not present.

PUBLIC WORKS, WATER AND WASTE WATER MONTHLY REPORT; Report included as an integral part of the Minutes. Public Works Director Jack Morgan was not present.

BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT; Report included as an integral part of the Minutes. Building & Zoning Director Jonah Casper was present and gave a verbal report.

PURCHASES AND BIDS; City Manager Darrell Westmoreland stated that the new City Trucks had been purchased. He added there are problems with the current chippers and thinks the Commission should consider looking at replacements and selling the older ones at Auction but that he had not gotten any pricing together yet for the Commission to look at.

ORDINANCES; None

RESOLUTIONS; None

CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS; Commissioner Steve Fowler stated he wanted to thank the department heads and employees for the clean-up effort during the recent storms. Mayor Lee Landress stated he is thankful to the businesses and Restaurants that remained open during the recent storms.

ADJOURNMENT; Motion to adjourn at 10:34 a.m. made by Commissioner Mervin Barbree, 2nd by Commissioner Helen Wilkins. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

RESPECTFULLY PREPARED BY CITY CLERK MARILYN CHASTAIN





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CVB Report February, 2026

ADVERTISEMENTS:

- South Carolina Living Magazine.
- Blue Ridge County Annual Almanac Magazine.
- Explore Georgia Travel Guide.
- Georgia EMC Magazine.
- American Road Magazine.
- Atlanta Magazine.
- LRC Inc. Blogs and Social Media Campaigns.
- Georgia Design Magazine – Co-Op w/ RTA.
- Nashville Lifestyles Magazine.
- Wandertrivia.com – 10 U.S. cities that transport you to past centuries – Helen. 4.2 million impressions, with an estimated value of \$21,236.
- Myfamilytravels.com – A Georgia Mountain Road trip stop that's small & scenic – Helen. 91,556. Impressions, with an estimated value of \$1,700.

WELCOME CENTER:

- 1,556. (15 less than last year) Visitors stopped by the Welcome Center in February.
- Helen Travel Guides delivered over 205 cases of the new guides. Mailed out an additional 745 Travel Guides by request in February. We had 241 Travel Guide downloads.
- Website visits for the month of February 83,000. (1,000 more last year) with 78,000. Unique/ new visitors 2.88 page visits with over 243,440 page views with duration of 2.58 minutes per view. Bounce rate of 48.44%.



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TRAVEL SHOWS/MEETINGS:

- February 4th - Director Brown attended the Songwriters committee planning meeting for the 8th annual Festival April 24-26.
- February 6th – Director Brown completed the January monthly CVB report.
- February 11th – Director Brown conducted the monthly Travel Association Board meeting and rack card stuffing party in Gainesville.
- February 13th – Director Brown met with Advance Travel & Tourism to review the monthly report. All sectors are still performing well.
- February 17th – Director Brown presented the CVB monthly report at the City Commission meeting.
- February 18th - Director Brown attended a site visit of Lake Lanier Islands Resort for the 2027 Winter Chatauqua Conference.
- February 19th – Director Brown attended a IPW meeting the State Tourism Office.
- February 20th – Director Brown met with the AJC to complete plans for the spring campaign.
- February 24th – Director Brown met with Adam Zappia with Zartico to discuss a new program they offer.

Water/Wastewater - Infrastructure Projects Update - City of Helen

Groundwater Development:

The hydrogeologist retained by the City has identified four potential sites for groundwater exploration. The City has elected to proceed with development at the Lenzen Property site. Additional locations will be evaluated and recommended following initial development activities. It appears there is an additional site near the Lenzen well property. Concurrently, EMI is preparing 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 approximately 80%. Water line design is dependent upon development behind the Lenzen well property. EMI has completed our review of the submitted plans for water and sewer infrastructure and have provided correspondence to the City.

Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey (SSES):

All scheduled sanitary sewer point repairs, manhole sealing, and CIPP (cured-in-place pipe) work have been completed.

Land Application System (LAS) Improvements:

Solids removal from the large pond has begun. Design work for Spray Fields 4 and 5 is completed with plans and bid documents submitted to the City and contractor. Contractor is providing cost to the City for fields 4 and 5.

LAS Vegetation Plan

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

Telescopic Valve/Gypsum Feed System:

Preliminary engineering has been finalized, the survey has been completed, and the design is nearing 75% completion. A decision must be made regarding the demolition of the existing old laboratory building to construct a new Gypsum feed system building.

Zone Meters:

Preliminary engineering of water system zoning has been completed; design is currently underway.

LAS Monitoring Well:

The plans and engineering letter report for the LAS groundwater monitoring well have been approved by the EPD. The project is now out for bidding, with the bid opening date set for April 16th.

City Retreat: EMI has submitted a draft agenda for the upcoming retreat for the City to review.



**CITY OF HELEN
FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY
EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2026
TAX REVENUES SUMMARY COMPARISON**

TAX REVENUES

HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND

| <u>Monthly Comparison</u> | | | |
|---------------------------|---------|------------|------------|
| Feb-25 | Feb-26 | Difference | % Inc(Dec) |
| 138,327 | 143,633 | 5,306 | 3.84% |
| | 125,776 | | |
| | 269,409 | | |

| <u>Fiscal YTD Comparison - Eight Months Ended 2/28/26</u> | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Feb-25 | Feb-26 | Difference | % Inc(Dec) |
| 2,158,480 | 2,314,742 | 156,262 | 7.24% |
| | 256,864 * <i>Prior Periods Adjs</i> | | |
| | 2,571,606 | | |

SALES TAX

| <u>Monthly Comparison</u> | | | |
|---------------------------|---------|------------|------------|
| Feb-25 | Feb-26 | Difference | % Inc(Dec) |
| 129,102 | 121,727 | -7,375 | -5.71% |

| <u>Fiscal YTD Comparison - Eight Months Ended 2/28/26</u> | | | |
|---|-----------|------------|------------|
| Feb-25 | Feb-26 | Difference | % Inc(Dec) |
| 1,133,693 | 1,177,871 | 44,178 | 3.90% |

BEER/WINE/LIQUOR EXCISE TAX

| <u>Monthly Comparison</u> | | | |
|---------------------------|--------|------------|------------|
| Feb-25 | Feb-26 | Difference | % Inc(Dec) |
| 3,040 | 6,595 | 3,555 | 116.94% |

| <u>Fiscal YTD Comparison - Eight Months Ended 2/28/26</u> | | | |
|---|---------|------------|------------|
| Feb-25 | Feb-26 | Difference | % Inc(Dec) |
| 117,220 | 112,660 | -4,560 | -3.89% |

MIXED DRINK TAX

| <u>Monthly Comparison</u> | | | |
|---------------------------|--------|------------|------------|
| Feb-25 | Feb-26 | Difference | % Inc(Dec) |
| 4,885 | 4,587 | -298 | -6.10% |

| <u>Fiscal YTD Comparison - Eight Months Ended 2/28/26</u> | | | |
|---|--------|------------|------------|
| Feb-25 | Feb-26 | Difference | % Inc(Dec) |
| 82,902 | 84,284 | 1,382 | 1.67% |

2020 SPLOST

| <u>Monthly Comparison</u> | | | |
|---------------------------|---------|------------|------------|
| Feb-25 | Feb-26 | Difference | % Inc(Dec) |
| 127,812 | 120,523 | -7,289 | -5.70% |

| <u>Fiscal YTD Comparison - Eight Months Ended 2/28/26</u> | | | |
|---|-----------|------------|------------|
| Feb-25 | Feb-26 | Difference | % Inc(Dec) |
| 1,122,377 | 1,166,142 | 43,765 | 3.90% |

Fiscal YTD Comparison - Eight Months Ended 2/28/26

| Budget | Actual | % Inc(Dec) |
|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 1,700,000 | 1,166,142 | 68.60% |

| Cumulative #63 | Estimated 2020 | Difference | % of Estimate |
|----------------|----------------|------------|---------------|
| 8,029,672 | 5,600,000 | -2,429,672 | 143.39% |



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2021 Construction Fund

Account Summary

Date Range: 08/01/2021 - 2/28/26

| | Original Budget | To Date 2/28/26 | Available @ 2/28/26 After Budget Reallocation |
|---|------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| HEX STRASSE WELL (Complete) | 250,000 | 80,471 | 0 |
| LENZEN PROPERTY WELL #11 | 495,000 | 187,617 | 311,177 |
| MAIN LIFT STATION (Complete) | 1,450,000 | 1,295,230 | 0 |
| SSES IMPROVEMENTS | 1,500,000 | 1,077,492 | 137,848 |
| 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 | 1,328,908 | 220,611 |
| | 5,990,000 | 5,214,312 | 775,688 |



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**CITY OF HELEN AVAILABLE 2020 SPLOST FUNDS
AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

| <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 6 YEAR PERIOD CURRENT ESTIMATE | 1,300,000.00 | 1,900,000.00 | 2,100,000.00 | 300,000.00 | 5,600,000.00 |
| REVENUE | | | | | |
| ACTUAL RECEIVED | 1,863,710.49 | 2,724,502.24 | 3,011,165.16 | 430,395.87 | 8,029,773.76 |
| INTEREST EARNED | 119,978.72 | 175,393.28 | 193,847.57 | 27,707.28 | 516,926.85 |
| EXPENSES | | | | | |
| PRIOR YEARS TOTALS | 1,282,147.58 | 618,508.97 | 1,149,203.87 | 132,307.52 | 3,182,167.94 |
| CURRENT YEAR TOTALS | 103,445.00 | 60,015.00 | 1,188,915.05 | 0.00 | 1,352,375.05 |
| BANK FEES | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2020 SPLOST AVAILABLE | 598,096.63 | 2,221,371.55 | 866,893.81 | 325,795.63 | 4,012,157.62 |



City of Helen Debt Service as of February 28, 2026

| Lender | Collateral | Loan Amount | Rate | Pmt. Amount | Due | Balance | Matures |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------|---------------|----------|---------------|---------|
| BB&T | HME Ahrens Fire Truck | 406,802 | 3.060 | 47,721 | January* | 46,304 | Jan-27 |
| GEFA CWSRF 14-018 | Willow Pond Sewer Rehab | 281,000 | 0.500 | 2,401 | Monthly | 19,174 | Oct-26 |
| GEFA DWSRG 13-012 | Hamby St Bridge Crossing | 309,041 | 0.660 | 2,662 | Monthly | 34,472 | Mar-27 |
| | | | | <u>52,784</u> | | <u>99,950</u> | |

Debt Service 2021 Construction Bond (Principal + Interest) \$ 7,325,248 Semi-Annual Aug-36
 February 2026 Interest Only \$ 73,200
 August 2026 Principal + Interest \$ 418,200

changes

5,401,900



Helen Police Department

Monthly Report

February 2026

| | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| <u>Feb. 2026</u> Arrests - 15 Felony - 1 Misdemeanor - 12 FVA - 0 VGCSA - 2 | <u>Feb. 2025</u> Arrests - 16 Felony - 3 Misdemeanor - 10 FVA - 1 VGCSA - 2 | <u>Feb. 2026</u> Citations 158 | <u>Feb. 2025</u> Citations 324 |
| <u>Feb. 2026</u> Security Checks 343 | <u>Feb. 2025</u> Security Checks 1,958 *Downtown businesses 71 (6,532) | <u>Feb. 2026</u> Calls for Service 724 | <u>Feb. 2025</u> Calls for Service 616 |
| <u>Feb. 2026</u> Criminal Trespass 1 | <u>Feb. 2025</u> Criminal Trespass 3 | <u>Feb. 2026</u> Accident Reports 2 | <u>Feb. 2025</u> Accident Reports 2 |
| <u>2026 Totals</u> | | <u>2025 Totals</u> | |
| Arrests – 26 Security Checks – 982 Criminal Trespass – 3 Citations – 314 Calls for Service – 1744 Accidents – 9 | | Arrests – 133 Security Checks – 11,184 Criminal Trespass – 33 Citations – 3,451 Calls for Service – 10,048 Accidents – 77 | |

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----|-----------------------------|----|----------------------------------|-----|
| 911 Accidental / Open Line / Hang | 13 | Fight | 3 | Road Block | |
| Abandoned Vehicle | | Fire Calls | 9 | Road Rage | |
| Active Shooter | | Flag Down | 1 | Security / Business Check | 343 |
| Alarm Calls | 10 | Follow up Report | 12 | Sexual Assault Reported | 1 |
| Amber / Levi / Matties Call / Alert | | Foot Patrol | 28 | Shots Fired | |
| Animal Call | 1 | For Your Information | | Special Detail | 3 |
| Apparent Death | | Forgery | | Speeding Vehicle | |
| Armed Robbery | | Fraud | 1 | Stalking | |
| Assault | | Harassment | | Subject Screaming | |
| Assist LEO | 2 | Hit & Run | 2 | Suicide (attempt or threat) | 2 |
| Assist Motorist | 7 | Hostage Situation | | Suspicious Person or Vehicle | 19 |
| Assistance Needed | | Improperly Parked Vehicle | | Taking Report | |
| Attempting to Stop | | In the Area | | Temporary Protection Order | 1 |
| BOLO | 1 | Intoxicated Driver / Ped. | 1 | Test Call | 1 |
| Bomb Threat | | Indecent Exposure | | Theft Report | |
| Bond | 7 | Juvenile Problem | | Threats | |
| Burglary | | Kidnapping | | Traffic Accident | 2 |
| Call by Phone | 1 | Lines Down | 1 | Traffic Hazard | |
| Car Jacking | | Loitering | | Traffic Stop | 179 |
| Chase in Progress | | Lost / Found Item or Person | 8 | Tree Down / Across Roadway | 1 |
| Child Abuse / DFCS | | Mechanical Breakdown | 1 | Trespassing | |
| City / County Ordinance Violation | 3 | Medical Calls | 16 | Vandalism | |
| Court Detail | | Meet in Person | 2 | Vehicle Lock Out | |
| Criminal Trespass | 1 | Mental Subject | | Vehicle Registration Info. | 1 |
| Damage to Property | 2 | Misc | 5 | Vehicle Taken without Permission | |
| Debris in Roadway | | Missing Person | | Vin Verification | |
| Deliver Message | | Noise Complaint | 3 | Walk Thru | |
| Direct Traffic | | Not Otherwise Specified | 3 | Wanted Person / Warrant | 3 |
| Dispute | | Open Door | | Wanted / Stolen Indicated | |
| Disturbance | 2 | Overdue Motorist | | Weather | |
| Domestic | 2 | Pandering | | Welfare Check | 4 |
| Driver / Criminal History Requested | | Pick up Prisoner / Subject | 3 | School Crossing / Traffic | |
| Driver's License Information | | Possible Dam Failure | | Subject in Custody | |
| Drug Suspect | 2 | Prowler | | Wrecker needed | |
| Emergency Road Repair | | Public Assist | 1 | Civil Process | |
| Entering Auto | | Reckless Driving | 1 | Illegal Dumping | |
| Escort | 1 | Refusing to Leave | 3 | Unknown Problem | 2 |
| Extra Patrol | 3 | River Patrol | | Calls for Water Dept Problems | |
| | | | | Walk In Report | |

Total calls for service: 724

City of Helen Fire & Rescue

Monthly Report for February 2026

Total "911 Responses" = 47 / Year to Date = 102

Major Incident Type(s) Breakdown

| Major Incident Type | # Of Incidents Current Month | % Of Total Current Month |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Fire (Structure, Wildland, Outside, Transportation, Special) | 3 | 6.38% |
| Medical (Injury, Illness, Other) | 23 | 48.94% |
| Hazardous Situation (Non-Chemical, HazMat, Overpressure, Investigation) | 3 | 6.38% |
| Rescue (Outside, Structure, Transportation, Water) | 0 | 0% |
| Public Service (Assistance, Non-Medical Alarms, Weather, Other) | 11 | 23.40% |
| No Emergency (Cancelled, False Alarm, Good Intent) | 7 | 14.89% |
| Assisting Law Enforcement | 0 | 0% |
| TOTAL | 47 | |

| | 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 | | | | | | | | | | | 102 |
| Difference | -10 | -3 | | | | | | | | | | | |

| 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 | 11 | 23.40% | 6 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 10 | 4 |
| Aid Received | 6 | 12.77% | Busiest Hours for Date Range | | | | | | |
| None | 30 | 63.83% | 1200-1759 | | | | | | |

| 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 | 3:40 | 22 |

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" | 24 |
| Engine 32 | 1997 Ferrara "Spartan" | 3 |
| Truck 31 | 2002 Ferrara "Igniter Series" | 2 |
| Rescue 31 | 2000 Ford "F-650" | 1 |
| Utility 31 | 2016 Ford "F-150" | 16 |
| 301 | 2025 Ford "F-150" | 19 |
| ATV 31 | 2016 Polaris "Ranger" | 0 |

Training

Fire Department completed a total of **210 hours** of classroom and practical training.

| Current Employee's | Position/Rank | Years with Helen |
|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Jody Prickett | Fire Chief/EMT-I | 10 Years, 4 Months |
| Will Lapree | (F/T) A Shift Lt./FR | 9 Years, 6 Months |
| Jason Reed | (F/T) B Shift Lt./FR | 7 Years, 5 Months |
| Tyler Keyes | (F/T) C Shift Lt./FR | 8 Years, 7 Months |
| Hudson Anderson | (P/T) FF/EMT-A | 0 Years, 7 Months |
| Will Roper | (P/T) FF/EMT-A | 0 Years, 2 Months |
| Steve Hopper | (P/T) FF/FR | 10 Years, 0 Months |
| Steven Seabolt | (P/T) FF/EMT-B | 4 Years, 6 Months |
| Terry Stewart | (P/T) FF/EMT-B | 1 Years, 3 Months |
| Wayne Canterbury | (P/T) FF/FR | 4 Years, 5 Months |
| Martin Godfrey | (Vol.) FF/FR | 6 Years, 8 Months |
| Cameron Lively | (Vol.) FF/FR | 1 Years, 0 Months |

Incident Types by Month Breakdown

| Incident Name | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total | % |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|
| Fire-Structure | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1.96 |
| Fire-Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.98 |
| Fire-Special outside fire, other | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.98 |
| Medical-Rescue, EMS Incident, other | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.98 |
| Medical-Emergency medical service incident, other | 13 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 28.43 |
| Medical-EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury | 9 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 13.73 |
| Medical-Motor vehicle accident with injuries | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1.96 |
| Medical-Extrication, rescue, other | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.98 |
| Hazardous-Gas Leak (natural gas or LPG) | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2.94 |
| Hazardous-Power line down | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1.96 |
| Hazardous-Accident, potential accident, other | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2.94 |
| Hazardous-Vehicle accident, general cleanup | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.98 |
| Public Service-Service Call, other | 10 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 17.65 |
| Public Service-Severe weather or natural disaster, other | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3.92 |
| No Emergency-Dispatched & Cancelled enroute | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 7.84 |
| No Emergency-No incident found on arrival at dispatch address | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.98 |
| No Emergency-Authorized controlled burning | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.98 |
| No Emergency-Vicinity alarm (incident in other location) | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 7.84 |
| No Emergency-HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.98 |
| No Emergency-Unintentional transmission of alarm, other | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.98 |
| *Total Runs by Month* | 55 | 47 | 0 | 102 | 100 |

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

FEB 2026

- Cleaned up shops .
- Started taking down the Christmas fixtures.
- Cleaned up road sides.
- Chipped throughout town after storm.
- Worked on main water leaks.
- Normal routine: clean restrooms, trash route, roadside trash, read water meters, put chlorine and salt in wells, and water samples on weekends.
- 811 locates .
- Cut all leaning trees on road side.
- Put up new fence at Wendy's.
- Put up directional signs.
- We taken all the Christmas lights out of the trees.
- We put up fishing banners.
- Put up the Christmas sprays.



Group Summary

| Group | Issued | Completed | Voided | New |
|---------------|--------|-----------|--------|-----|
| 1ST AVAILABLE | 61 | 53 | 6 | 2 |
| WATER | 6 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Grand Totals | 67 | 56 | 8 | 2 |

Staff Summary

| Staff | Issued | Completed | Voided | New |
|--------------------|--------|-----------|--------|-----|
| 1ST AVAILABLE | 11 | 7 | 3 | 1 |
| CHRIS ESTES | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| DANIEL MORGAN | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| EDWARD SALWAY | 40 | 35 | 3 | 1 |
| JACK MORGAN | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| JACOB WESTMORELAND | 8 | 7 | 1 | 0 |
| PW TEAM | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| SUSIE SANDERS | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Grand Totals | 67 | 56 | 8 | 2 |

Job Code Summary

| Job Code | Issued | Completed | Voided | New |
|---|--------|-----------|--------|-----|
| CONNECT - CONNECT | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| DELIVER CAN - DELIVER CAN | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| DISCONNECT & READ - DISCONNECT & READ | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| END SUSP - END SUSPEND | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| LEAK CK - LEAK CHECK | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| LOCK NON PAYMENT - LOCK NON PAYMENT | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| LOW PRESSURE - LOW PRESSURE | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| MISC - MISC | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| PICK UP CAN- TERM - PICK UP CAN - TERMINATE SERVI | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| PULL DATA - PULL METER DATA | 14 | 13 | 1 | 0 |
| PULL METER - PULL METER | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| READ - READ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| READ TO TRANSFER - READ TO TRANSFER | 11 | 10 | 1 | 0 |
| REINSTATE - REINSTATE | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| RE-READ IN BILLING - RE-READ IN BILLING | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| SET METER - SET METER | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| TURN OFF/ON- REPAIRS - TURN OFF/ON - REPAIRS | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| UNLOCK - UNLOCK | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| UNLOCK & READ - UNLOCK & READ | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Grand Totals | 67 | 56 | 8 | 2 |

Action Summary

| Action | Issued | Completed | Voided | New |
|-----------------|--------|-----------|--------|-----|
| Connect | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Disconnect | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Re-Read | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Occupant Change | 11 | 10 | 1 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous | 26 | 23 | 1 | 1 |
| Cutoff | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Reinstate | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Service Action | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| End Suspend | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Grand Totals | 67 | 56 | 8 | 2 |



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**BUILDING AND ZONING MONTHLY REPORT
February 2026**

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Mona Wood

Chief of Police:

Aletha Barrett

Building and Zoning

Director:

Jonah Casper

Fire Chief:

Jody Prickett

Public Works

Director:

Jack Morgan

PERMITS

Building: 7
Electrical: 4
Mechanical: 2
Plumbing: 2
Demo: 0
Sign: 0
Special Event: 0

INSPECTIONS

Permitted: 11
Builder and Architect consultations: 5

CERTIFICATES ISSUED

Residential: 3
Commercial: 0

**RESOLUTION
ADOPTING THE WHITE COUNTY JOINT
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS; White County and the Cities of Cleveland and Helen have prepared a comprehensive plan update, and said plan has been approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs as having met the minimum planning standards of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989; and

WHEREAS; White County and the Cities of Cleveland and Helen Council recognize the value of having a coordinated overview of the problems, needs and opportunities growth and change will create. The City Council further recognizes that the Comprehensive Plan is not a final and absolute answer to all of the many matters of policies, programs, and facilities contained therein. Constant community change, further identification of needs, more detailed planning, limitations of resources, and other changing conditions undoubtedly will require periodic review of the Plan's objectives. Therefore, it is essential that the plan be systematically re-evaluated and updated at regular intervals to reflect major changes that have a bearing on the city's development objectives;

Now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, and IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the White County and the Cities of Cleveland and Helen Council, that the White County Joint Comprehensive Plan 2026 is hereby adopted, along with accompanying, maps, policies, goals, objectives, strategies and programs, as a general guide for the future growth, change and development in White County, Cleveland, and Helen.

Adopted this _____ day of February 2026.

_____, Mayor

City Clerk

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