

**CITY OF HELEN
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 25, 2019
10:30 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. AMENDMENT TO APPROVE FINAL CHANGES IN THE FY 2018/2019 BUDGET
6. ORDINANCE 19-06-01 SECOND READING; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HELEN GEORGIA, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR
7. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF WATER/SEWER RATES
8. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF LOW BID FOR RESTROOM SUPPLIES
9. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE WHITE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
10. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS
11. ADJOURNMENT

**THIS AGENDA WAS POSTED JUNE 21, 2018 @ 2:30 P.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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MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Helen City Commission met on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 in the Commission Chambers at Helen City Hall with Mayor Cinnamon Spurlock calling the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL BY DEPUTY CLERK MIRINDA DISPAIN: 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, Deputy Clerk Mirinda Dispain, Finance Officer Mona Wood, Police Captain Phillip Wood, Fire Chief Jody Prickett, Public Works Director Ross Hewell, and Building Zoning Director Darrell Westmoreland.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

AMENDMENT TO APPROVE FINAL CHANGES IN THE FY 2018/2019 BUDGET: Mr. Elkins explained that due to an inadvertent mistake in budgeting and two raises for the Police Department, the salary for the department needed to be amended to the current budget. Also, adjustments were needed to the Housing & Development salary budget. The total adjustments to the FY 2018-19 budget were \$56,694.00. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Jeff Ash; 2nd by Commissioner Lee Landress. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

ORDINANCE 19-06-01 SECOND READING; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HELEN GEORGIA, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR: Mr. Elkins said all changes discussed in the June 11, 2019 Commission Meeting were made to the budget. An extra Police Department officer was added. White County Sheriffs Office has increased the housing of inmates from \$25 to \$35 per day. (The rate has not increased since 1991.) These changes were also reflected in the Police Department's budget. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Jeff Ash; 2nd by Commissioner Geneva Elwell. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF WATER/SEWER RATES: Mr. Elkins informed the Commission that waterline repairs have greatly increased the expenses of the Water/Sewer Budget last year, along with an increase in the contract with the White County Water Authority for water. He explained that it was necessary to increase water and sewer rates. He requested that both the base rate and the usage rate be increased. Motion made by Commissioner Steve Fowler to increase the Residential Equivalent Unit rate for water from \$8.00 per unit to \$9.00 per unit inside the city limits and from \$15.50

per unit to \$16.50 per unit outside the city limits. Motion included an increase of 20¢ per 1000 gallons to water rates and 30¢ per 1000 gallons to sewer rates; 2nd by Commissioner Jeff Ash. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF LOW BID FOR RESTROOM SUPPLIES: Mr. Elkins told the Commission Gainesville Janitorial Supply was by far the lowest bid for the restroom supply bid. Motion made by Commissioner Jeff Ash to approve Gainesville Janitorial Supply bid for the 2019-20 restroom supplies; 2nd by Commissioner Lee Landress. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE WHITE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY: Commissioner Fowler explained Mully Ash had been on the Board of Directors of the White County Water Authority for 10-12 years and would like to be replaced if possible. Motion made by Commissioner Steve Fowler to appoint Fred Garmon to represent the City of Helen for the Board of Directors of the White County Water Authority; 2nd by Commissioner Lee Landress. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

In consideration for approval of the new contract with White County Sheriff's Office to house City of Helen inmates at the White County Jail, Mr. Elkins again noted the price had increased from \$25 to \$35 per day. Motion made by Commissioner Lee Landress to approve the contract from the White County Sheriff's Office for fiscal year 2019-20; 2nd was made by Commissioner Steve Fowler. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS: Mr. Elkins noted that Senator Steve Gooch said he believes he can resolve the storm drainage issues in front of the Chevron Station and at a location near Paul's Restaurant.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Commissioner Jeff Ash to adjourn at 10:53 a.m.; 2nd was made by Commissioner Steve Fowler. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.