

**CITY OF HELEN
COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2018
10:00 A.M.
AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR JEFF ASH
2. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK MARILYN CHASTAIN
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 16, 2018
6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
7. ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS
 - A. COUNTY COMMISSIONER CRAIG BRYAN AND COUNTY MANAGER MIKE MELTON TO DISCUSS ROADWAY ON DANDY LANE
 - B. CONSIDERATION OF ALLOWING NAME CHANGE WITHOUT ADDITIONAL FEES FOR THE HAYLOFT TO THE LOFT TAVERN & GRILL
8. CITY MANAGER JERRY ELKINS TO GIVE UPDATES ON CITY PROJECTS
9. POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS
10. FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS
11. PUBLIC WORKS, WATER AND WASTE WATER OPERATIONS
12. BUILDING AND ZONING OPERATIONS
13. PURCHASES AND BIDS; NONE
14. ORDINANCES; NONE
15. RESOLUTIONS; NONE
16. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS
17. ADJOURNMENT

**THIS AGENDA WAS POSTED FEBRUARY 1, 2018 @ 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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MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Helen City Commission met on Tuesday February 6, 2018 in the Commission Chambers at Helen City Hall with Mayor Jeff Ash calling the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA; Motion to approve made by Commissioner Cinnamon Spurlock, 2nd by Commissioner Geneva Elwell. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 16, 2018; Motion to approve made by Commissioner Steve Fowler, 2nd by Commissioner Lee Landress. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC; Addressing the Commission was Richard Miley from Catch 22 Restaurant, he requested the Commission consider allowing an address change from being listed as South Main Street to Edelweiss Strasse for Catch 22, Dollar General, La Cabana and Chattahoochee Dog Haus. Mayor Jeff Ash asked City Clerk Marilyn Chastain to check into what would be required to make the changes. Richard Miley also asked the Commission to consider allowing patrons to purchase 32 oz beer mugs and allow them to walk from one establishment to another in town that he thinks that other Cities that do it have had success and that it would help bring in tourist. Commissioner Cinnamon Spurlock stated there may be a law preventing crossing the state highway. City Manager Jerry Elkins stated that Helen wants to be considered a family friendly town and does not think this is a good idea. Police Chief Brian Stephens stated that it is not against the law to cross a state road but it would take additional officers to patrol and put a burden on the department and feels it is not a good idea to allow because of putting others at risk and this is a tourist town, not a party town. Commissioner Lee Landress stated it is allowed in other towns such as Memphis and they seem able to control the open containers. Mayor Jeff Ash stated 32oz is a lot of beer for a person to consume and thinks that is too much. Commissioner Steve Fowler and Commissioner Geneva Elwell also stated they are not in favor of allowing open containers. Mayor Jeff Ash stated the City Clerk would find out about the addresses and be in contact with him, but the Commission does not think allowing the beer mugs on the public streets is a good idea.

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ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

A. COUNTY COMMISSIONER CRAIG BRYAN AND COUNTY MANAGER MIKE MELTON TO DISCUSS ROADWAY ON DANDY LANE; Mayor Jeff Ash stated Dandy Lane is a County road and gave a brief history of the Development on Waldhiem, and stated the City has requirements that must be met as does the state and county. County Commissioner Craig Bryan addressed the Commission and thanked the City for participating with them in the past on other projects and is here to ask the City to consider participating financially on this project as well. He stated that the county had already set funding for the year and may not have the funds to pave the entire road up to Waldhiem. He presented an estimated cost to pave the section above where the hotel developer would end and the county take over to the entrance of the City's public works building. He stated there would be a need to move power poles which the County would bear this cost if the City will consider half of the paving cost and estimated that cost to be \$18,432.89. City Manager Jerry Elkins asked if the county would consider paving the remainder from Blumen Weg up to Waldhiem and Commissioner Craig Bryan stated yes if the cost to relocate the power poles left enough money to do so, if not this year then possibly the next.

Motion to approve contributing \$9,216.00 for paving up to the entrance of the Public Works building made by Commissioner Steve Fowler, 2nd by Commissioner Lee Landress. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

B. CONSIDERATION OF ALLOWING NAME CHANGE WITHOUT ADDITIONAL FEES FOR THE HAYLOFT TO THE LOFT TAVERN & GRILL; Owner of the Hayloft Chris Brooks told the Commission that they have been working on changing the previous image of the Hayloft and thinks changing the name may help accomplish this. Motion to approve without additional cost made by Commissioner Lee Landress, 2nd by Commissioner Geneva Elwell. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

CITY MANAGER JERRY ELKINS TO GIVE UPDATES ON CITY PROJECTS; City Manager Jerry Elkins began his report by stating the pedestrian bridge project is moving along and the actual bridge should be delivered on the first to middle of March, that planning is still on going for the new water line project that will run from the Red Roof Inn on Main Street down to the Baptist Church and then tie back into the main existing line making a full loop. Project would also include drilling a new well at the water tank on Hex Strasse. To do the project there will need to be easements obtained from 3 property owners. He then reported that the Veterans park is moving along well but are having to wait on dry weather before back filling can be done, and there has been additional landscaping done by the City at the front of the Helen to Hardman trail entrance.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS; Police Chief Brian Stephens reported that all is going good, that the vehicle maintenance was done along with replacement of some of the worn out equipment.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS; Fire Chief Jody Prickett reported all is well and that the trucks are all in good shape.

Mayor Jeff Ash asked if would be possible to have the Police and Fire Departments monthly written reports turned in by the first meeting of the month instead of the second which would free them from coming to the second meeting unless needed to go over pending items. Both Chiefs stated they could possibly do that.

PUBLIC WORKS, WATER AND WASTE WATER OPERATIONS; Director Ross Hewell stated things are going good and asked if the Commission wanted to go ahead and remove the remainder of the Christmas lights or to wait until after Valentine's day, all agreed to go ahead.

BUILDING AND ZONING OPERATIONS; Director Darrell Westmoreland reported that Wendy's restaurant had completed their remodel and opened on Monday, that the Troll Tavern liked a couple more weeks to being completed and that the Fairfield Hotel is moving along with their construction. He stated that there is a lot of restaurants and businesses that are doing remodeling projects and is glad to see this.

PURCHASES AND BIDS; NONE

ORDINANCES; NONE

RESOLUTIONS; NONE

CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT; Motion to adjourn at 11:05 a.m. made by Commissioner Cinnamon Spurlock, 2nd by Commissioner Steve Fowler. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

RESPECTFULLY PREPARED BY CITY CLERK MARILYN CHASTAIN