

**CITY OF HELEN
COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2018
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 JULY 10, 2018 AND JULY 31, 2018
6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
7. ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS
 - A. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE TUBING ORDINANCE
 - B. DISCUSSION CONCERNING 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS
 - C. UPDATE FROM COMMISSIONER SPURLOCK ON FALL AND CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS
 - D. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MOVING AHEAD WITH NEGOTIATIONS WITH NGN (NORTH GEORGIA NETWORK) ON CONTRACT CONCERNING WIRELESS BROADBAND, FRANCHISE FEES, SERVICE AGREEMENT, LOCATIONS, TERM AND ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY BE NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE AGREEMENT, AND ALLOWING CITY MANAGER JERRY ELKINS AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND SIGN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.
 - E. CITY MANAGER UPDATE OF PROJECTS
 1. DISCUSSION OF ADDING BRICK PAVERS TO THE FRONT OF CITY HALL FOR THE DRAINAGE PROJECT
8. ALPINE HELEN/WHITE COUNTY CVB MONTHLY REPORT
9. HELEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MONTHLY REPORT
10. POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS
 - A. DISCUSSION OF PARK SIGNAGE
11. FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS
12. PUBLIC WORKS, WATER AND WASTE WATER OPERATIONS

13. BUILDING AND ZONING OPERATIONS
 - A. SIGN VARIANCE REQUEST FOR TERRY SIMS - ALPINE COASTER TRACK SIGN
14. PURCHASES AND BIDS
15. ORDINANCE; 18-08-01 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF HELEN, GEORGIA TO ALLOW FOR EXTENDED HOURS OF SUNDAY SALES OF MALT BEVERAGES, WINE AND DISTILLED SPIRITS FOR CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISES; TO AUTHORIZE A REFERENDUM FOR SAME; TO PROVIDE FOR AND ADOPTION AND EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.
16. RESOLUTIONS
17. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS
18. ADJOURNMENT

**THIS AGENDA WAS POSTED AUGUST 10, 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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The Helen City Commission met on Tuesday, August 14, 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 DEPUTY CLERK MIRINDA DISPAIN: Present were Commissioner Steve Fowler, Commissioner Geneva Elwell, Mayor Jeff Ash, Commissioner Cinnamon Spurlock, Commissioner Lee Landress.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda made by Commissioner Lee Landress with the addition of Discussion of Adding Brick Pavers to the Front of City Hall for the Drainage Project under #7(E) and Discussion of Park Signage under #10, 2nd by Commissioner Cinnamon Spurlock. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 10, 2018 AND JULY 31, 2018: Motion to approve minutes from July 10, 2018 made by Commissioner Geneva Elwell, 2nd by Commissioner Lee Landress. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission. Motion to approve minutes from July 31, 2018 by Commissioner Cinnamon Spurlock, 2nd by Commissioner Geneva Elwell. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: There were none.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

A. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE TUBING ORDINANCE: Teri Sims with Cool River Tubing brought a number of items to show the Commissioners which she would like them to consider approving for use on the Chattahoochee River. Items included metal drink containers, waterproof pouches and hooks to attached items to the tubes. She believed these items would limit the trash in the river, but accommodate the needs of the City's visitors. Because of the amount of options, Mayor Jeff Ash asked that a committee be formed to evaluate the choices and return to the Commission with recommendations, he also suggested Commissioner Steve Fowler be chairman, Commissioner Cinnamon Spurlock be on the Committee, Building Director Darrell Westmoreland also be on the committee

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along with a representative from each of the tubing companies. Motion to approve the creation of a committee to discuss ordinance changes to the current Tubing Ordinance made by Commissioner Steve Fowler, 2nd by Commissioner Geneva Elwell. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

B. DISCUSSION CONCERNING 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS: The Police, Fire and Public Works Departments agreed there were no public safety concerns around the Fourth of July fireworks show. The Commission determined to continue the 4th of July firework celebration, but to limit the contract with the pyrotechnics to one year with a release clause in the event the launching property becomes unavailable.

C. UPDATE FROM COMMISSIONER SPURLOCK ON FALL AND CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS. Commissioner Cinnamon Spurlock presented the Commission with the beginning and completion dates for the seasonal decorations. There was a request for the decorations to remain up through January. The Holiday Outdoor Lighting Ordinance would be reviewed.

D. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MOVING AHEAD WITH NEGOTIATIONS WITH NGN (NORTH GEORGIA NETWORK) ON CONTRACT CONCERNING WIRELESS BROADBAND, FRANCHISE FEES, SERVICE AGREEMENT, LOCATIONS, TERM AND ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY BE NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE AGREEMENT, AND ALLOWING CITY MANAGER JERRY ELKINS AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND SIGN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY: Commissioner Cinnamon Spurlock made a motion to authorize City Manager Jerry Elkins to negotiate and sign agreement with NGN on behalf of the City, 2nd by Commissioner Lee Landress. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

E. CITY MANAGER UPDATE OF PROJECTS: City Manager Jerry Elkins gave an update on the Well Project, the Hardman to Helen Trail, and the City Hall Drainage Project. Commissioner Lee Landress made the motion to allow brick pavers to replace pavement destroyed during Drainage Project in front of City Hall, and to permit City Manager Jerry Elkins to obtain proposals and accept the best value for pavers, 2nd by Commissioner Cinnamon Spurlock. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

ALPINE 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.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS: Report included as an integral part of the Minutes. Police Chief Brian Stephens gave a verbal report.

A. DISCUSSION OF PARK SIGNAGE: Commissioner Geneva Elwell made the motion to authorize Commissioner Cinnamon Spurlock to work with City Manager Jerry Elkins in the production of new signage for the Riverside Park, to include the designing, purchasing and installing of the signs, 2nd by Commissioner Lee Landress. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS: Report included as an integral part of the Minutes. Fire Chief Jody Prickett gave a verbal report.

PUBLIC WORKS, WATER AND WASTE WATER OPERATIONS: Report included as an integral part of the Minutes. Director Ross Hewell gave a verbal report.

BUILDING AND ZONING OPERATIONS: Report included as an integral part of the Minutes. Zoning and Building Director Darrell Westmoreland gave a verbal report.

A. SIGN VARIANCE REQUEST FOR TERRY SIMS - ALPINE COASTER TRACK SIGN: Terry Sims of Alpine Coaster Track requested a variance to allow him to put a piece of the track and of the coaster up as a part of the business sign. Motion to approve the sign variance request as submitted for Alpine Coaster Track made by Commissioner Lee Landress, 2nd by Commissioner Steve Fowler. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

PURCHASES AND BIDS: There were none.

ORDINANCE; 18-08-01 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF HELEN, GEORGIA TO ALLOW FOR EXTENDED HOURS OF SUNDAY SALES OF MALT BEVERAGES, WINE AND DISTILLED SPIRITS FOR CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISES; TO AUTHORIZE A REFERENDUM FOR SAME; TO PROVIDE FOR AND ADOPTION AND EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES: The referendum would allow citizens to vote to change the time restaurants could begin serving alcohol on Sundays to 11:00 a.m. instead of the current 12:30 p.m. If the citizens endorsed the new time the ordinance change would become effective November 7, 2018.

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Commissioner Steve Fowler made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 18-08-01, 2nd by Commissioner Cinnamon Spurlock. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

RESOLUTIONS: There were none.

CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. made by Commissioner Lee Landress, 2nd by Commissioner Cinnamon Spurlock. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

RESPECTFULLY PREPARED BY DEPUTY CLERK MIRINDA DISPAIN