

**CITY OF HELEN  
PUBLIC HEARING  
SPECIAL CALLED COMMISSION MEETING  
JULY 31, 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. ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS
  - A. DISCUSSION OF, AND SETTING OF THE 2018 MILLAGE RATE
  - B. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE 2018 CONTRACT WITH THE HELEN CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU
  - C. ASH PATEL TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE VARIANCE TO NEW HOTEL ORDINANCE FOR 2 GUEST AT AMERICA'S BEST VALUE, AND 1 GUEST AT THE JAMESON INN THAT HAVE BEEN LONG TERM GUEST AT THOSE LOCATIONS
6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
7. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS
8. ADJOURNMENT

**THIS AGENDA WAS POSTED JULY 27, 2018 @ 11:30 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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JULY 31, 2018  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Helen City Commission met on Tuesday July 31, 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, Commissioner Cinnamon Spurlock, and Mayor Jeff Ash. Commissioner Lee Landress was absent.

Also attending were City Manager Jerry Elkins, City Attorney Carl Free, City Clerk Marilyn Chastain, Police Chief Brian Stephens, Building & Zoning Director Darrell Westmoreland.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

A. DISCUSSION OF, AND SETTING OF THE 2018 MILLAGE RATE; City Clerk Marilyn explained that due to real property values increasing the total dollar amount collected was higher so that not to increase taxes the Millage rate would need to be reduced from the current amount of 6.564 to 6.118 the allowed amount to avoid a tax increase, or if decided to raise the amount above 6.118 there would need to be 3 public hearings, advertisement, then setting the higher rate at the 3rd meeting. Motion to set the Millage rate at the Rollback amount of 6.118 made by Commissioner Steve Fowler, 2nd by Commissioner Geneva Elwell. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission members present.

B. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE 2018 CONTRACT WITH THE HELEN CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU; Motion to approve the 2018/2019 contract with the Helen Convention and Visitors Bureau made by Commissioner Cinnamon Spurlock, 2nd by Commissioner Steve Fowler. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

C. ASH PATEL TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE VARIANCE TO NEW HOTEL ORDINANCE FOR 2 GUEST AT AMERICA'S BEST VALUE, AND 1 GUEST AT THE JAMESON INN THAT HAVE BEEN LONG TERM GUEST AT THOSE LOCATIONS; Manager Craig Meaders was present for the meeting and explained to the Commission of their present long term guest which he had provided names of the following; Jeffery Brooks at America's Best Value Inn, William Perce at the Jameson Inn, and Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Lee Taylor at America's Best Value Inn and asked to be granted a variance to the new Ordinance to allow them to remain. Motion to grant a variance for the names submitted at the listed Hotel's made by Commissioner Steve Fowler, 2nd by Commissioner Cinnamon Spurlock. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

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D. DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLY MAKING CHANGES TO THE RIVER TUBING ORDINANCE; Commissioner Steve Fowler explained problems he as seen on the river and would like to discuss at the next Commission meeting possible changes to the current Tubing Ordinance.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT; Motion to adjourn at 10:24 a.m. made by Commissioner Steve Fowler, 2nd by Commissioner Geneva Elwell. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY CITY CLERK MARILYN CHASTAIN**