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**CITY OF HELEN  
COMMISSION MEETING  
CALLED MEETING  
FEBRUARY 10, 2023  
10:00 A.M.**

**AGENDA**

**Commissioners:**

Jeff Ash  
Steve Fowler  
Fred Garmon  
Cliff Hood  
Cinnamon Ruston

**City Manager:**

Darrell Westmoreland

**City Clerk/ :**

**Clerk of Court**  
Marilyn M. Chastain

**Finance Officer:**

Mona Wood

**Chief of Police:**

Aletha Barrett

**Building and Zoning**

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Jack Morgan

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**Chief:**

Jody Prickett

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR ~~FRED GARMON~~ *Jeff Ash*
2. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK MARILYN CHASTAIN
3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG
4. PRESENTATION BY SMART WAVE
5. CONSIDERATION OF ADDING GAIL GREEAR TO THE WHITE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF HELEN ON LIBRARY BOARD
6. APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTION BY THE CITY MANAGER OF DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HELEN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT WITH ALLERGAN, TEVA, CVS, WALGREENS, WALMART SETTLEMENT REFERENCE NUMBER – CL-394303

**THIS AGENDA WAS POSTED FEBRUARY 8, 2023 @ 11:00 A.M.**



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The Helen City Commission met on Friday February 10, 2023 in the Commission Chambers at Helen City Hall. Mayor Jeff Ash called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. City Clerk Marilyn Chastain called the roll and the following were present; Mayor Jeff Ash, Commissioner Cliff Hood, and Commissioner Steve Fowler. Commissioner Cinnamon Sullivan arrived after the roll call.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA; Motion to approve with moving the presentation by Smart Wave to the last item made by Commissioner Steve Fowler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Cliff Hood. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

CONSIDERATION OF ADDING GAIL GREEAR TO THE WHITE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF HELEN ON LIBRARY BOARD; Linda Erbely of the Library Board explained this appointment would replace the open position when John Roche resigned. Motion to approve the appointment of Gail Greear to the White County Library Board to represent the City of Helen made by Commissioner Cliff Hood, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Cinnamon Sullivan. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTION BY THE CITY MANAGER OF DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HELEN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT WITH ALLERGAN, TEVA, CVS, WALGREENS, WALMART SETTLEMENT REFERENCE NUMBER – CL-394303; Motion to approve made by Commissioner Steve Fowler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Cliff Hood. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

Commissioner Fred Garmon arrived at 10:50 a.m.

PRESENTATION BY SMART WAVE; Representatives of Smart Wave were present and explained how additional equipment could be beneficial to the cell and wi-fi reception in Helen for residents, businesses and visitors and explained the cost. They also discussed the other locations across the country that they service and the success they have had.

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They gave a video slide presentation showing a coverage map, and explained the support that would be available if there were problems with the equipment. They gave a total cost of \$446,953 for equipment and installation, fiber construction, included 5 years of support, advertisement for 5 years, and internet service for 5 years. Discussed was the permitting requirement to install on poles not owned by the City. Motion to discuss at an early March workshop to gather more information made by Commissioner Cliff Hood, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Cinnamon Sullivan. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

ADJOURN; Motion to adjourn at 11:32 a.m. made by Commissioner Steve Fowler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Cinnamon Sullivan. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

**RESPECTFULLY PREPARED BY CITY CLERK MARILYN CHASTAIN**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marilyn Chastain".