

**CITY OF HELEN
CALLED
COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 30, 2015 /10:00 A.M.
AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR DONA K BURKE
2. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK MARILYN CHASTAIN
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
6. ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS
 - A. DISCUSSION OF, AND SETTING OF THE 2015 MILLAGE RATE
7. RESOLUTIONS
 - A. 15-07-01; RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2015/2016 CITY BUDGET
8. DISCUSSION OF RIVERSIDE PARK REGULATIONS
9. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS
10. ADJOURNMENT

THE CURRENT 2015 TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY, AND NOTICE OF CALLED COMMISSION MEETING, APPEARED IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER ON JULY 16, 2015.

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The Helen City Commission had a Called Meeting on July 30, 2015 in the Helen Commission chambers. Mayor Dona K Burke called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. City Clerk Marilyn Chastain called the roll and the following were present; Commissioner Fred Garmon, Commissioner Judy Holloway, Commissioner Jeff Ash, Commissioner Helen Wilkins, and Mayor Dona K Burke.

Also attending the meeting was City Manager Jerry Elkins, City Attorney Carl Free and City Clerk Marilyn Chastain.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Petitions and Communications from the Public; None

Approval of Agenda; Motion to approve made by Commissioner Helen Wilkins, 2nd by Commissioner Fred Garmon. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Administrative Operations;

A. Discussion of, and Setting of the 2015 Millage Rate. Motion to set the millage rate at 6.575 made by Commissioner , 2nd by Commissioner . Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

Resolutions;

A. 15-07-01 A Resolution of the City of Helen, Georgia Authorizing a Comprehensive adjustment to Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budgetary Appropriations. City Manager Jerry Elkins read Resolution 15-07-01. Motion to approve Resolution 15-07-01 made by Commissioner , 2nd by Commissioner . Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

Discussion of Riverside Park Regulations; Mayor Dona K Burke stated she would like to see 3 picnic tables put back for people not reserving the Pavilion to have a place to sit and eat, Commissioner Fred Garmon stated they were looking at benches to purchase for the park and would like to see them put near the sidewalks.

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Commissioner Helen Wilkins stated she would like to see additional swings and benches put in the Park, Commissioner Jeff Ash stated he would go along with putting 3 tables back, but in the Pavilion area for use there but no grills and to install a walkway. There was discussion of putting steps to the river to keep traffic off the banks and City Manager Jerry Elkins informed the Commission of the legal issues that could arise if someone was hurt on them. Missy Whitlock stated she would like to see chairs allowed to be brought in by the public, and she thinks the Park should be patrolled more, and also that the petition she had turned in should have some input. Cinnamon Spurlock stated the signatures she had turned in were some citizens and some customers. Chris Barke stated he does a lot of fishing in the River and had noticed a large amount of trash, and agrees that 3 additional tables would be good. Others from the audience spoke, but did not state their name for the record. No Motions were made.

City Commission Comments;

Adjournment; Motion to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. made by Commissioner Fred Garmon , 2nd by Commissioner Jeff Ash. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

RESPECTFULLY PREPARED BY CITY CLERK MARILYN CHASTAIN