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Georgia's Alpine
Village**

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**CITY OF HELEN
COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 21, 2026
10:00 A.M.
AGENDA**

Commissioners:

Lee Landress
Steve Fowler
Mervin Barbree
Cliff Hood
Helen Wilkins

City Manager:

Darrell Westmoreland

City Clerk:

Marilyn M. Chastain

Finance Director:

Mona Wood

Chief of Police:

Aletha Barrett

Clerk of Court:

Jaclyn Burke

**Building and Zoning
Administrator:**

Jonah Casper

**Public Works
Director:**

Jack Morgan

**Fire Department
Chief:**

Jody Prickett

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR LEE LANDRESS
2. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK MARILYN CHASTAIN
3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 16, 2026 AND SPECIAL CALLED MEETING JUNE 25, 2026
6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
7. ALPINE HELEN/WHITE COUNTY C.V.B. MONTHLY REPORT
8. HELEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MONTHLY REPORT
9. CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF ALCOHOL LICENSE FOR EDWARD R. GRAUCH AND CARLA A. GRAUCH OF DOG GONE COFFEE, LLC D/B/A DOG GONE COFFEE, LLC LOCATED AT 8808 N MAIN STREET FOR BEER ON PREMISES, WINE ON PREMISES AND SUNDAY SALES
10. ADMINISTRATIVE
 - A. CITY MANAGER UPDATE
 - B. FINANCIAL REPORT
11. POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT
12. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT
13. PUBLIC WORKS, WATER AND WASTE WATER MONTHLY REPORT
14. BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT
15. PURCHASES AND BIDS
16. ORDINANCES

17. RESOLUTIONS

18. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS

19. ADJOURNMENT

THIS AGENDA WAS POSTED JULY 16, 2026 @ 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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JUNE 16, 2026
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Commissioners:

Lee Landress
Steve Fowler
Mervin Barbree
Cliff Hood
Helen Wilkins

The Helen City Commission met on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 in the commission chambers at Helen City Hall. Mayor Lee Landress called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. City Clerk Marilyn Chastain called the roll. The following commissioners were present: Commissioner Mervin Barbree, Commissioner Helen Wilkins, Mayor Lee Landress, and Commissioner Steve Fowler. Commissioner Cliff Hood was absent.

City Manager:

Darrell Westmoreland

Also, in attendance were Finance Director Mona Wood, City Manager Darrell Westmoreland, City Attorney Carl Free, City Clerk Marilyn Chastain, Police Sergeant Chris Barrett, Fire Chief Jody Prickett. Building & Zoning Director Jonah Casper and Public Works Director Jack Morgan, and Police Chief Aletha Barrett were absent.

City Clerk:

Marilyn M. Chastain

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Finance Director:

Mona Wood

APPROVAL OF AGENDA; Motion to amend the agenda with the addition of 11-A discussion of overnight parking on Tannen Weg and to approve the amended agenda made by Commissioner Mervin Barbree, 2nd by Commissioner Steve Fowler. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

Chief of Police:

Aletha Barrett

Clerk of Court:

Jaclyn Burke

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 19, 2026; Motion to approve made by Commissioner Helen Wilkins, 2nd by Commissioner Mervin Barbree. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

**Building and Zoning
Administrator:**

Jonah Casper

RETIREMENT PRESENTATION FOR OFFICER WILLIAM "RIC" POTEAT; Sergeant Chris Barrett presented Officer William "Ric" Poteat with a plaque honoring him on his Retirement and thanked him for his years of service to the City of Helen.

Public Works

Director:

Jack Morgan

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC; Sharon Hartis asked the Commission to consider hosting some type event for the Mayor and visitors from Fussen Germany our sister city during their visit for Oktoberfest. City Manager Darrell Westmoreland was asked by Randy & Pam Summers to speak on their behalf for the Commission to look at the t-shirt design for the Keg Tapping fund raiser for their approval, and to also consider donating again the same amount as last year of \$2,000 to help purchase the t-shirts for resale. Motion to approve the design and donation of \$2,000 made by Commissioner Mervin Barbree, 2nd by Commissioner Steve Fowler. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

**Fire Department
Chief:**

Jody Prickett

ALPINE HELEN/WHITE COUNTY C.V.B. MONTHLY REPORT; Report included as an integral part of the Minutes. Director Jerry Brown was present and gave a verbal report.

HELEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MONTHLY REPORT; No Report

Tree City U.S.A. since 2002

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DISCUSSION OF GOLF CART ORDINANCE; Discussion of Golf Carts being allowed to cross over Main Street. City Manager Darrell Westmoreland stated the state has agreed to allow Golf Carts to cross over Main Street to reach their designation on the other side but not allow crossing over the bridge. Signs are to be installed. Commissioner Mervin Barbree made a motion to approve by marking locations with proper Golf cart crossing signs, 2nd by Commissioner Steve Fowler. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

DISCUSSION OF SIDEWALK AT TUSCANY VILLAS; Owner of sidewalk from Tuscan Villas has approached the City wanting to donate the property the sidewalk is on to the City. Attorney Carl Free stated that if the City owns it may be possible in the future to receive a grant to make improvements. Commissioner Mervin Barbree made a motion to accept with a quick claim deed for the sidewalk from Spring Street to now business known as Alpine Pizza from the owner and that the owner pay for the survey, 2nd by Commissioner Helen Wilkins. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

11-A. DISCUSSION OF OVERNIGHT PARKING ON CITY PARKING SPACES ON TANNEN WEG. Commissioner Mervin Barbree commented that at the last meeting it had been decided that there would be no overnight parking on any City owned parking, and that he had observed this morning cars being parked on Tannen Weg and would like to see it enforced that there be no overnight parking. Commissioner Helen Wilkins also stated that there is a 2 hour limit on these spaces and on the ones at Pete's Park. Motion to enforce no overnight parking made by Commissioner Mervin Barbree, 2nd by Commissioner Helen Wilkins. Motion to approve with a majority vote of the Commission present. Mayor Lee Landress did not vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE

CITY MANAGER UPDATE; City Manager Darrell Westmoreland stated that the City had recently signed a 2 year lease agreement with the Wilkins property across the river from the City Park in order to have a place for overflow parking and hosting events such as the Ballons and other events, he also reported that the City storage building on Dandy Lane has gotten into bad shape and needs re-roofing, a porch to protect the doors, insulation and some type anchor system to stabilize the building. He has received 2 bids for the needed repairs with the lowest being \$49,000 from Jack Morgans brother that is a contractor and has a construction company, the other bid was for \$62,000 received from a Contractor in Habersham County. Motion to proceed with the lowest estimate made by

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Commissioner Steve Fowler, 2nd by Commissioner Mervin Barbree if all needed repairs are included in the estimate. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

Motion to amend the Agenda to include the Budget Hearing as Advertised made by Commissioner Mervin Barbree, 2nd by Commissioner Steve Fowler. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

B. FINANCIAL REPORT; Report included as an integral part of the Minutes. Finance Director Mona Wood gave a verbal report. Motion to approve the Financial report made by Commissioner Steve Fowler, 2nd by Commissioner Mervin Barbree. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

C. BUDGET HEARING; Motion to go into the Budget made by Commissioner Mervin Barbree at 10:54 a.m., 2nd by Commissioner Steve Fowler. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

There were no comments or questions from the public.

Motion to come out of the Budget Hearing at 10:55 a.m. made by Commissioner Mervin Barbree, 2nd by Commissioner Helen Wilkins. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT; Report included as an integral part of the Minutes. Sergeant Chris Barrett gave a verbal report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT; Report included as an integral part of the Minutes. Fire Chief Jody Prickett was present.

PUBLIC WORKS, WATER AND WASTE WATER MONTHLY REPORT; Report included as an integral part of the Minutes. City Manager Darrell Westmoreland gave a verbal report of projects being done by the Public Works department.

BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT; Report included as an integral part of the Minutes. Building & Zoning Director Jonah Casper told the Commission that the PDRB had sent to them 2 variance request for signs with the recommendation for approval. One is for the new Hotel to be allowed to have 5 signs which our ordinance only allows 2, and the other is for the Pour Haus for larger than allowed by our Ordinance due to their location being less visible from the street. He gave locations for the Hotel signs and sizes for the Pour Haus.

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Motion to approve both variance request made by Commissioner Mervin Barbree, 2nd by Commissioner Steve Fowler. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

PURCHASES AND BIDS; None

ORDINANCES; None

RESOLUTIONS; None

CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS; Commissioner Mervin Barbree thanked those that came to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT; Motion to adjourn at 11:13 a.m. made by Commissioner Mervin Barbree, 2nd by Commissioner Steve Fowler. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

RESPECTFULLY PREPARED BY CITY CLERK MARILYN CHASTAIN





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**CITY OF HELEN
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
JUNE 25, 2026
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Commissioners:

Lee Landress
Steve Fowler
Mervin Barbree
Cliff Hood
Helen Wilkins

CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Pro Temp Mervin Barbree at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL BY DEPUTY CLERK MIRINDA DISPAIN: Commissioners in attendance were Commissioner Helen Wilkins, Commissioner Steve Fowler, Commissioner Mervin Barbree, and Commissioner Cliff Hood. Aso in attendance City Manager Darrell Westmoreland, Finance Director Mona Wood, and Deputy Clerk Mirinda Dispain.

City Manager:

Darrell Westmoreland

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

City Clerk:

Marilyn M. Chastain

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Helen Wilkins. Second was made by Commissioner Cliff Hood. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the commissioners present.

Finance Director:

Mona Wood

ADOPTION OF 2026/2027 BUDGET

Chief of Police:

Aletha Barrett

READING OF ORDINANCE 26-06-01: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HELEN, GEORGIA, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR: Mayor Pro Temp Mervin Barbree read Ordinance 26-06-01. Motion to approve Ordinance 26-06-01 was made by Commissioner Cliff Hood. Second was made by Commissioner Helen Wilkins. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the commissioners present.

Clerk of Court:

Jaclyn Burke

CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS: There were none.

**Building and Zoning
Administrator:**

Jonah Casper

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Steve Fowler at 9:03 a.m. Second was made by Commissioner Helen Wilkins. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the commissioners present.

**Public Works
Director:**

Jack Morgan

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**Fire Department
Chief:**

Jody Prickett



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CVB Report June, 2026

ADVERTISEMENTS:

- LRC Social Media report – attached.
- GPB Next Magazine.
- Georgia EMC Magazine.
- Blue Ridge County Magazine.
- South Carolina Living Magazine.
- Atlanta Magazine.
- N.C. EMC Magazine.
- American Road Magazine.
- Southbound Magazine.
- Atlanta Magazine's FIFA commemorative Magazine.
- Group Tour Magazine.
- James Magazine – Tourism & Hospitality Issue.
- Nashville Lifestyles Magazine.
- Alabama EMC Magazine.
- North Georgia Living Magazine.
- Atlanta Home Magazine – Regional Co-Op – Helen.
- The Scoop Magazine.
- 11 Atlanta News First – German Soccer fan goes viral posting World Cup trip in Georgia – Helen.
- Savannah Morning News, Yahoo Travel, Augusta Chronicle, AOL and Athens Banner Herald – Looking for Waterfalls in Georgia – 11 locations to visit this summer – Helen – Anna Ruby, Raven Cliff & Dukes Creek Falls. 34 million impressions, with an estimated value of 21,000.
- USA Today.com – Most beautiful places in Georgia? Southern Living lists top 18 spots – Helen. 54 million impressions, with an estimated value of 40,000.



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WELCOME CENTER:

- 3,428 (102 more) Visitors stopped by the Welcome Center in June.
- Helen Travel Guides delivered over 325 cases of the new guides YTD, Mailed out an additional 125 Travel Guides by request in June. We had 130 Travel Guide downloads.
- Website visits for the month of June 124,000. (3,000 more) with 122,000. Unique/new visitors. 3.71 page visits with over 640,000. (202,000 more) page views with duration of 2.49 minutes per view. Bounce rate 49.10%.

TRAVEL SHOWS/MEETINGS:

- June 3rd – 6th - Executive Director Brown and LRC's Ruth Carter welcomed and toured three travel writers through White County's attractions and other tourism offerings.
- June 8th - Executive Director Brown completed the monthly report for May.
- June 11th – Executive Director Brown attended the kickoff celebration of the FIFA Activation at the Georgia World Congress Center with Explore Georgia and Governor Kemp.
- June 12th – Executive Director Brown met with Advance Travel & tourism to go over May's reporting. Engagement numbers continue to be strong with our messaging.
- June 16th – Director Brown gave the monthly CVB report at the City Commission meeting.
- June 18th - Director Brown gave the monthly CVB report at the CVB Board meeting.
- June 21st-23rd - Director Brown attended the quarterly GACVB Board meeting in Dahlonega.
- June 25th – 28th – Executive Director Brown and LRC's Deb Thompson welcomed and toured three travel writers through White County's attractions and other tourism offerings.

Water/Wastewater - Infrastructure Projects Update - City of Helen

Groundwater Development:

The hydrogeologist retained by the City has identified four potential sites for groundwater exploration. The City has elected to proceed with development at the Lenzen Property site. Additional locations will be evaluated and recommended following initial development activities. It appears there is an additional site near the Lenzen well property. Concurrently, EMI is working with the City and has submitted an ARC grant application to support future groundwater well projects.

Well No. 11 (Lenzen Property):

Well and water line design is underway; well design is almost complete. Water line design is dependent upon development behind the Lenzen well property. EMI has completed our review of the submitted plans for water and sewer infrastructure and have provided correspondence to the City. EMI has also provided requested information to the developers engineer.

Land Application System (LAS) Improvements:

Solids removal from the large pond has begun. Design work for Spray Fields 4 and 5 is completed with plans and bid documents submitted to the City and contractor. City has been coordinating work schedule with the contractor.

LAS Vegetation Plan

Project is on hold and scheduled to be rebid at a later date.

Telescopic Valve/Gypsum Feed System:

Preliminary engineering has been finalized, the survey has been completed, and the design is nearing 90% completion. Soil testing has been completed at wastewater plant. Electrical design is nearing completion. Projected to bid project within the next two months.

Zone Meters:

Five zones have been surveyed/designed, easements will need to be obtained, currently in the process of completing easement drawings for submittal to City Attorney. Working with city staff on replacing current well and booster pump meters.

LAS Monitoring Well:

LAS monitoring well has recently been drilled, purging of the well is currently in process.

Generators FEMA Grant:

Currently working with the City on completion of a FEMA BRIC grant for the purchase of three generators.



CITY OF HELEN
FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY
PRELIMINARY TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 2026
TAX REVENUES SUMMARY COMPARISON

TAX REVENUES

HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND

<u>Monthly Comparison</u>			
Jun-25	Jun-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
224,439	263,460	39,021	17.39%
	0		
	263,460		

Fiscal YTD Comparison - Twelve Months Ended 6/30/26

Jun-25	Jun-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
2,898,348	3,139,211	240,863	8.31%
	256,864		* Prior Periods Adjs
	3,396,075		

SALES TAX

<u>Monthly Comparison</u>			
Jun-25	Jun-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
136,650	138,775	2,125	1.56%

Fiscal YTD Comparison - Twelve Months Ended 6/30/26

Jun-25	Jun-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
1,663,180	1,702,593	39,413	2.37%

BEER/WINE/LIQUOR EXCISE TAX

<u>Monthly Comparison</u>			
Jun-25	Jun-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
12,641	10,997	-1,644	-13.01%

Fiscal YTD Comparison - Twelve Months Ended 6/30/26

Jun-25	Jun-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
163,041	151,759	-11,282	-6.92%

MIXED DRINK TAX

<u>Monthly Comparison</u>			
Jun-25	Jun-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
9,218	10,040	822	8.92%

Fiscal YTD Comparison - Twelve Months Ended 6/30/26

Jun-25	Jun-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
111,561	114,291	2,730	2.45%

2020 SPLOST

<u>Monthly Comparison</u>			
Jun-25	Jun-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
135,284	137,407	2,123	1.57%

Fiscal YTD Comparison - Twelve Months Ended 6/30/26

Jun-25	Jun-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
1,646,572	1,685,685	39,113	2.38%

Fiscal YTD Comparison - Twelve Months Ended 6/30/26

Budget	Actual	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
1,700,000	1,685,685	-14,315	-0.84%

Cumulative #67	Estimated 2020	Difference	% of Estimate
8,549,215	5,600,000	-2,949,215	152.66%



CITY OF HELEN
FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY
PRELIMINARY TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 2026
TAX REVENUES SUMMARY BUDGET TO ACTUAL COMPARISON

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TAX REVENUES

HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND

Fiscal YTD Comparison - Twelve Months Ended 6/30/26

Budget	Jun-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
2,950,000	3,139,211	189,211	6.41%
	256,864 <i>Prior Periods Adjs</i>		
	3,396,075		

SALES TAX

Fiscal YTD Comparison - Twelve Months Ended 6/30/26

Budget	Jun-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
1,717,000	1,702,593	-14,407	-0.84%

BEER/WINE/LIQUOR EXCISE TAX

Fiscal YTD Comparison - Twelve Months Ended 6/30/26

Budget	Jun-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
190,000	151,759	-38,241	-20.13%

MIXED DRINK TAX

Fiscal YTD Comparison - Twelve Months Ended 6/30/26

Budget	Jun-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
115,000	114,291	-709	-0.62%

2020 SPLOST

Fiscal YTD Comparison - Twelve Months Ended 6/30/26

Budget	Jun-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
1,700,000	1,685,685	-14,315	-0.84%



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2021 Construction Fund

Account Summary

Date Range: 08/01/2021 - 6/30/2026

	Original Budget	To Date 6/30/26	Available @ 6/30/26 After Budget Reallocation
HEX STRASSE WELL (Complete)	250,000	80,471	0
LENZEN PROPERTY WELL #11	495,000	216,432	282,362
MAIN LIFT STATION (Complete)	1,450,000	1,295,230	0
SSES IMPROVEMENTS	1,500,000	1,090,277	125,063
CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER SEWER LINE (Complete)	375,000	239,360	0
GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT	25,000	37,569	106,052
METER REPLACEMENT (Complete)	595,000	409,286	0
WWTF SOLIDS REMOVAL (Complete)	425,000	558,379	0
LAS IMPROVEMENTS	875,000	1,758,653	-209,134
	<u>5,990,000</u>	<u>5,685,657</u>	<u>304,343</u>



**CITY OF HELEN AVAILABLE 2020 SPLOST FUNDS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2026**

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<u>2020 SPLOST (20%)</u>	<u>ROADS, STREETS, BRIDGES, SIDEWALKS (23.21%)</u>	<u>WATER/WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS (33.93%)</u>	<u>PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (37.5%)</u>	<u>ADMIN EQUIP, FACILITIES & VEHICLES (5.36%)</u>	<u>2020 SPLOST REVENUE</u>
TOTALS FOR					
<u>6 YEAR PERIOD</u>					
<u>CURRENT ESTIMATE</u>	1,300,000.00	1,900,000.00	2,100,000.00	300,000.00	5,600,000.00
REVENUE					
ACTUAL RECEIVED	1,984,296.32	2,900,783.02	3,205,993.62	458,243.35	8,549,316.31
INTEREST EARNED	130,208.46	190,347.83	210,375.59	30,069.68	561,001.56
EXPENSES					
PRIOR YEARS TOTALS	1,282,147.58	618,508.97	1,149,203.87	132,307.52	3,182,167.94
CURRENT YEAR TOTALS	103,445.00	113,319.00	1,307,986.37	0.00	1,524,750.37
BANK FEES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2020 SPLOST AVAILABLE	728,912.20	2,359,302.88	959,178.96	356,005.52	4,403,399.56



City of Helen Debt Service as of June 30, 2026

Lender	Collateral	Loan Amount	Rate	Pmt. Amount	Due	Balance	Matures
BB&T	HME Ahrens Fire Truck	406,802	3.060	46,304	January*	46,304	Jan-27
GEFA CWSRF 14-018	Willow Pond Sewer Rehab	281,000	0.500	2,401	Monthly	9,595	Oct-26
GEFA DWSRG 13-012	Hamby St Bridge Crossing	309,041	0.660	2,662	Monthly	23,892	Mar-27
				51,367		79,791	
Debt Service 2021 Construction Bond (Principal + Interest)		\$ 7,325,248		changes	Semi-Annual	5,401,900	Aug-36
February 2026 Interest Only		\$ 73,200					
August 2026 Principal + Interest		\$ 418,200					



Helen Police Department

Monthly Report

June 2026

<u>June 2026</u> <u>Arrests - 9</u> Felony - 1 Misdemeanor - 6 FVA - 0 VGCSA - 2	<u>June 2025</u> <u>Arrests - 3</u> Felony - 0 Misdemeanor - 2 FVA - 1 VGCSA - 0	<u>June 2026</u> <u>Citations</u> 190	<u>June 2025</u> <u>Citations</u> 263
<u>June 2026</u> <u>Security Checks</u> 143	<u>June 2025</u> <u>Security Checks</u> 448 *Downtown businesses 71 (1,704)	<u>June 2026</u> <u>Calls for Service</u> 673	<u>June 2025</u> <u>Calls for Service</u> 716
<u>June 2026</u> <u>Criminal Trespass</u> 1	<u>June 2025</u> <u>Criminal Trespass</u> 1	<u>June 2026</u> <u>Accident Reports</u> 8	<u>June 2025</u> <u>Accident Reports</u> 10
<u>2026 Totals</u> Arrests – 64 Security Checks – 1,544 Criminal Trespass – 7 Citations – 1,088 Calls for Service – 4,453 Accidents – 46		<u>2025 Totals</u> Arrests – 133 Security Checks – 11,184 Criminal Trespass – 33 Citations – 3,451 Calls for Service – 10,048 Accidents – 77	

911 Accidental / Open Line / Hang	29	Fight	1	Road Block	
Abandoned Vehicle	2	Fire Calls		Road Rage	
Active Shooter		Flag Down	4	Security / Business Check	90
Alarm Calls	7	Follow up Report	5	Sexual Assault Reported	
Amber / Levi / Matties Call / Alert		Foot Patrol	53	Shots Fired	
Animal Call	3	For Your Information	1	Special Detail	25
Apparent Death		Forgery		Speeding Vehicle	
Armed Robbery		Fraud		Stalking	
Assault		Harassment		Subject Screaming	3
Assist Fire / LEO	2	Hit & Run	4	Suicide (attempt or threat)	
Assist Motorist	7	Hostage Situation		Suspicious Person or Vehicle	24
Assistance Needed		Improperly Parked Vehicle	7	Taking Report	
Attempting to Stop		In the Area		Temporary Protection Order	
BOLO	1	Intoxicated Driver / Ped.	2	Test Call	
Bomb Threat		Indecent Exposure		Theft Report	3
Bond	5	Juvenile Problem	3	Threats	1
Burglary		Kidnapping		Traffic Accident	8
Call by Phone	4	Lines Down	1	Traffic Hazard	
Car Jacking		Loitering		Traffic Stop	224
Chase in Progress		Lost / Found Item or Person	20	Tree Down / Across Roadway	1
Child Abuse / DFCS		Mechanical Breakdown	4	Trespassing	1
City / County Ordinance Violation	4	Medical Calls	39	Vandalism	
Court Detail	1	Meet in Person	10	Vehicle Lock Out	3
Criminal Trespass	1	Mental Subject	1	Vehicle Registration Info.	1
Damage to Property	3	Misc		Vehicle Taken without Permission	
Debris in Roadway		Missing Person	1	Vin Verification	3
Deliver Message		Noise Complaint	5	Walk Thru	4
Direct Traffic		Not Otherwise Specified	3	Wanted Person / Warrant	1
Dispute	7	Open Door		Wanted / Stolen Indicated	
Disturbance		Overdue Motorist	2	Weather	
Domestic	4	Pandering		Welfare Check	4
Driver / Criminal History Requested		Pick up Prisoner / Subject	2	School Crossing / Traffic	
Driver's License Information		Possible Dam Failure		Subject in Custody	1
Drug Suspect	3	Prowler		Wrecker needed	
Emergency Road Repair		Public Assist	1	Civil Process	
Entering Auto		Reckless Driving	3	Illegal Dumping	
Escort	7	Refusing to Leave	5	Unknown Problem	
Extra Patrol	2	River Patrol	1	Calls for Water Dept Problems	
				Walk In Report	6

Total calls for service: 673

City of Helen Fire & Rescue

Monthly Report for June 2026

Total "911 Responses" = 88 / Year to Date = 389

Major Incident Type(s) Breakdown

Major Incident Type	# Of Incidents Current Month	% Of Total Current Month
Fire (Structure, Wildland, Outside, Transportation, Special)	0	0%
Medical (Injury, Illness, Other)	58	65.91%
Hazardous Situation (Non-Chemical, HazMat, Overpressure, Investigation)	0	0%
Rescue (Outside, Structure, Transportation, Water)	0	0%
Public Service (Assistance, Non-Medical Alarms, Weather, Other)	17	19.32%
No Emergency (Cancelled, False Alarm, Good Intent)	13	14.77%
Assisting Law Enforcement	0	0%
TOTAL	88	

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TTL
2025	65	50	47	52	79	87	102	77	67	77	66	75	844
2026	55	47	69	72	58	88							389
Difference	-10	-3	+22	+20	-21	+1							

Count of Aid Given and Received for Incidents for Date Range			# Of Incidents by Day of the Week for Date Range						
AID TYPE	TOTAL	% Of TOTAL	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Aid Given	18	20.45%	16	11	6	13	13	22	7
Aid Received	5	5.68%	Busiest Hours for Date Range 1200-1759 / 40.91%						
None	65	73.86%							

Average Response Time for Non-Aid Incidents for Date Range		
AGENCY	AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME (Dispatched to Arrival)	NUMBER OF INCIDENTS
City of Helen Fire & Rescue	4:22	46

Apparatus Responses: This chart identifies our busiest apparatus for the Month

Apparatus Call Sign	Type of Vehicle	Number of Responses for Apparatus
Engine 31	2017 HME "Ahrens Fox"	22
Engine 32	1997 Ferrara "Spartan"	3
Truck 31	2025 Spartan "Gladiator"	6
Rescue 31	2000 Ford "F-650"	1
Utility 31	2016 Ford "F-150"	38
301	2025 Ford "F-150"	24
ATV 31	2016 Polaris "Ranger"	5

Training

Fire Department completed a total of **76.52 hours** of classroom and practical training.

Incident Types by Month Breakdown

Incident Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	%
Building fire	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.77
Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.26
Passenger vehicle fire	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.26
Forest, woods or wildland fire	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.26
Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.26
Special outside fire, other	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.26
Rescue, EMS Incident, other	0	1	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2.06
Emergency medical service incident, other	13	16	29	24	24	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	143	36.76
EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	9	5	8	8	8	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	13.37
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1	1	2	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	2.83
Extrication, rescue, other	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.51
Confined space rescue	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.26
Gas Leak (natural gas or LPG)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.77
Power line down	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1.29
Accident, potential accident, other	3	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1.8
Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.26
Service Call, other	10	8	12	14	5	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	15.94
Person in distress, other	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.77
Cover assignment, general cleanup	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.26
Severe weather or natural disaster, other	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1.29
Dispatched & Cancelled enroute	5	3	7	8	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	7.2
No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	0	1	3	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	3.6
Authorized controlled burning	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.51
Vicinity alarm (incident in other location)	5	3	1	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	3.86
HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.26
Malicious, mischievous false call, other	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.26
System malfunction, other	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2.06
Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	0	1	1	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2.06
Total Runs by Month	55	47	69	72	58	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	389	100

**Group Summary**

Group	Issued	Completed	Voided	New
1ST AVAILABLE	45	42	1	2
WATER	3	2	0	1
Grand Totals	48	44	1	3

Staff Summary

Staff	Issued	Completed	Voided	New
1ST AVAILABLE	16	16	0	0
CHRIS ESTES	1	1	0	0
EDWARD SALWAY	25	23	0	2
JACOB WESTMORELAND	1	1	0	0
JARED TURNER	1	1	0	0
SUSIE SANDERS	4	2	1	1
Grand Totals	48	44	1	3

Job Code Summary

Job Code	Issued	Completed	Voided	New
CONNECT - CONNECT	2	2	0	0
DELIVER CAN - DELIVER CAN	2	2	0	0
DISCONNECT & READ - DISCONNECT & READ	4	3	0	1
LOCK NON PAYMENT - LOCK NON PAYMENT	13	13	0	0
LOW PRESSURE - LOW PRESSURE	1	1	0	0
MISC - MISC	4	4	0	0
PULL DATA - PULL METER DATA	3	3	0	0
READ - READ	3	3	0	0
READ TO TRANSFER - READ TO TRANSFER	2	2	0	0
REINSTATE - REINSTATE	8	8	0	0
RE-READ IN BILLING - RE-READ IN BILLING	1	1	0	0
SET METER - SET METER	1	0	1	0
TURN OFF & LOCK - TURN OFF & LOCK	3	1	0	2
UNLOCK & READ - UNLOCK & READ	1	1	0	0
Grand Totals	48	44	1	3

Action Summary

Action	Issued	Completed	Voided	New
Connect	2	2	0	0
Disconnect	4	3	0	1
Re-Read	1	1	0	0
Occupant Change	2	2	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	12	0	0
Cutoff	13	13	0	0
Reinstate	8	8	0	0
Service Action	3	2	1	0
Begin Suspend	3	1	0	2
Grand Totals	48	44	1	3

Issued by User

User	Issued
Katie	7
Susie	41
Grand Totals	48

Completed by User

User	Completed
esalway	38
ksutton	3
ssanders	3
Grand Totals	44



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Jonah Casper

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Jody Prickett

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Jack Morgan

BUILDING AND ZONING MONTHLY REPORT

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PERMITS

Building: 1

Electrical: 1

Mechanical: 0

Plumbing: 2

Demo: 0

Sign: 4

Special Event: 1

INSPECTIONS

Permitted: 26

Builder and Architect consultations: 6

CERTIFICATES ISSUED

Residential: 3

Commercial: 0