



**City of Helen  
Georgia's Alpine  
Village**

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**CITY OF HELEN  
COMMISSION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 17, 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 JANUARY 20, 2026
6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
  - A. BRYAN PAYNE WHITE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX ASSESSOR
7. ALPINE HELEN/WHITE COUNTY C.V.B. MONTHLY REPORT
8. HELEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MONTHLY REPORT
9. ADMINISTRATIVE
  - A. CITY MANAGER UPDATE
  - B. FINANCIAL REPORT
10. POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT
11. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT
12. PUBLIC WORKS, WATER AND WASTE WATER MONTHLY REPORT
13. BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT
14. PURCHASES AND BIDS
15. ORDINANCES
16. RESOLUTIONS

17. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS

18. ADJOURNMENT

**THIS AGENDA WAS POSTED FEBRUARY 12, 2026 @ 1:00 P.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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JANUARY 20, 2026  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Commissioners:**

Lee Landress  
Steve Fowler  
Mervin Barbree  
Cliff Hood  
Helen Wilkins

The Helen City Commission met on Tuesday, January 20, 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 Cliff Hood. Commissioner Steve Fowler 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 Chief Aletha Barrett, Fire Chief Jody Prickett.

**City Clerk:**

Marilyn M. Chastain

Absent was Building & Zoning Director Jonah Casper and Public Works Director Jack Morgan.

**Finance Director:**

Mona Wood

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

**Chief of Police:**

Aletha Barrett

APPROVAL OF AGENDA; Motion to amend the Agenda with the addition of A-1 contract with Judge Sneed, and as C-1 Audit report from Wayne Tuck, made by Commissioner Cliff Hood, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Helen Wilkins. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

**Clerk of Court:**

Jaclyn Burke

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 16, 2025 & JANUARY 5, 2026 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING; Motion to approve the December 16, 2025 Minutes made by Commissioner Cliff Hood, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Mervin Barbree. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

**Building and Zoning  
Administrator:**

Jonah Casper

**Public Works  
Director:**

Jack Morgan

Motion to approve the January 5, 2026 Minutes made by Commissioner Helen Wilkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Mervin Barbree. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

**Fire Department  
Chief:**

Jody Prickett

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC; None

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. Director Jerry Brown asked the City to help sponsor the Songwriters t-shirt purchase by donating \$2,500 again this year. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Mervin Barbree, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Cliff Hood. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

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HELEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MONTHLY REPORT; Judy Holloway of the Helen Chamber of Commerce was present and gave a verbal report on past events. She also stated that the Chamber would like to donate play ground equipment for the Pete's Park playground if the City agrees with the donation and with having the Public Works department help install the new equipment. It was discussed that the equipment is required to be a certain standard for public use and are to get together with City officials on what will be purchased. Motion to accept the purchase and donation of the new playground equipment made by Commissioner Cliff Hood, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Mervin Barbree. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

A. CITY MANAGER UPDATE; City Manager Darrell Westmoreland informed the Commission that the Waterfall in the Market Platz has a major leak and is in need of repair. He estimates the cost to be around \$75,000 because of having to remove all the plantings, dirt, then doing the repair and replacing it all back. City Manager Darrell Westmoreland stated the joint Comprehensive plan with the County had been completed and that he had met with Senator Warnock last week and that there may be funds available thru the CIC that may help toward adding an additional pond for the sewer plant. Commissioner Helen Wilkins asked how long before it will be required to install a new pond. EMI Fletcher Holiday stated during peak times it is exceeding its limits but would have to look back at the study that had been done. Fletcher Holiday presented a written report that will become an integral part of the Minutes of current projects, and gave a verbal update of the projects.

A-1; CONTRACT TO PROVIDE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE SERVICES;  
Contract is now required thru legislation for a 2 year contract with a Municipal Court Judge. The City's contract will be with Judge Sneed. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Cliff Hood, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Mervin Barbree. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

B, CONSIDERATION OF PRIVATE ROAD AGREEMENT AND USAGE EASEMENT BETWEEN HZM PROPERTIES, LLC, DAVID WILKINS AND THE CITY OF HELEN. City Attorney Carl Free stated the agreement is subject to receiving a legal description from property owner David Wilkins. Commissioner Mervin Barbree made a motion to accept the agreement subject to receiving legal description from David Wilkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Cliff Hood. Motion approved with a majority vote of the Commission. Commissioner Helen Wilkins abstained from the vote.

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C. FINANCIAL REPORT; Report included as an integral part of the Minutes. Finance Director Mona Wood gave a verbal report.

Wayne Tucker of Walker, Pierce & Tuck, CPA's gave a report of the recent Audit and stated that he gave an unqualified opinion that standards were met, that the City has a strong cash balance, revenues are growing, Fund balances are increasing and the City has reserves to cover several months of expenses if needed, and that the water/sewer revenues should cover expenses and does. Commissioner Mervin Barbree thanked Wayne Tuck and Mona Wood and staff for the work that went into the Audit.

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS, WATER AND WASTE WATER MONTHLY REPORT; Report included as an integral part of the Minutes.

BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT; Report included as an integral part of the Minutes.

PURCHASES AND BIDS; City Manager Darrell Westmoreland stated that there had been 2 trucks purchased that would replace one in the Fire Department and one in the Public Works department.

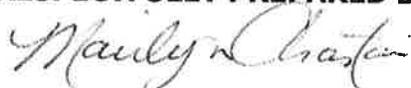
ORDINANCES; None

RESOLUTIONS; None

CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS; Commissioner Cliff Hood stated there is a Webinar in February that the commission may want to watch concerning Downtown Development. Commissioner Lee Landress thanked Police Chief Aletha Barrett for the Pedestrian count information.

ADJOURNMENT; Motion to adjourn at 10:57 a.m. made by Commissioner Mervin Barbree, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Helen Wilkins. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission present.

**RESPECTFULLY PREPARED BY CITY CLERK MARILYN CHASTAIN**





# Alpine Helen/White County Convention & Visitors Bureau

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## CVB Report January 2026

### **ADVERTISEMENTS:**

- Travel media Press Room – LRC.
- LRC Inc. Blogs and Social Media report and Travel Media Press Room.
- January's Alpine Yodeler Report.
- State Tourism Annual Travel Guide – Back Cover.
- Blue Ridge Country Magazine.
- Georgia EMC Magazine.
- Atlanta Parent Magazine.
- Atlanta Magazine.
- Southbound Magazine.
- Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites Annual Travel Guide.
- Explore Georgia.com – 6 Ways to extend your holidays – Helen Lights. 437,301 Impressions, with an estimated value of \$2,452.
- USA Today 10 Best – Which small town museum is the best – North Georgia Folk Pottery Museum. 255,990. Impressions, with an estimated value of \$4,200.
- World Atlas.com – 10 Small towns in Georgia with big charm – Helen. 8.7 million impressions, with an estimated value of \$

### **WELCOME CENTER:**

- 1,282. (128 more) Visitors stopped by the Welcome Center in January.
- Helen Travel Guides delivered another 156 cases of the new guides in January. Mailed out an additional 497 Travel Guides by request. We had 729 Travel Guide downloads.
- Website visits for the month of January 111,000. (Up 12,000. over last year) with 106,000. unique/ new visitors. 3.51 page visits with over 470,000 page views (108,000 more) with duration of 3.3 minutes per view. Bounce rate of 49.22%



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## **TRAVEL SHOWS/MEETINGS:**

- Director Brown attended all Rotary meetings in the month of January as the Sargent at Arms and the Club Secretary.
- January 5<sup>th</sup> – Director Brown met with Ayla Crippen with Grey Media to review proposal to be given to the CVB Board at the monthly meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- January 8<sup>th</sup> – Director Brown met with Florian Herrman of Herrman Global to discuss advertising for the World Cup to promote Helen as a destination during the matches held in Atlanta.
- January 8<sup>th</sup> – Director Brown compiled and sent the Month end report for December to the City.
- January 9<sup>th</sup> – Director Brown meet with Hannah Ledford with Our State to set up filming for Helen’s spring digital advertising.
- January 13<sup>th</sup> – Director Brown attended a meeting with Advance Travel & Tourism team to build the Digital Campaign for spring and summer.
- January 14<sup>th</sup> – Director Brown conducted the monthly Travel Association meeting in Blairsville.
- January 15<sup>th</sup> – Director Brown presented the CVB monthly report to the CVB Board.
- January 16<sup>th</sup> – Director Brown attended a meeting with the State Tourism Department to discuss the 2026 IPW Conference in May.
- January 16<sup>th</sup> – Director Brown attended the Songwriters Committee meeting to build the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Songwriters Festival in April.
- January 20<sup>th</sup> – Director Brown presented the CVB monthly report to the Helen City Commission.
- January 30<sup>th</sup> – Director Brown met with Ripe Lodging Platforms to discuss their platform.

## 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 preparing an ARC grant application to support future groundwater well projects. The City has just completed the procurement process for engineering services.

### **Well No. 11 (Lenzen Property):**

Well and water line design is underway. EMI is in the process of reviewing submitted plans for water and sewer infrastructure.

### **Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey (SSES):**

All scheduled sanitary sewer point repairs, manhole sealing, and CIPP (cured-in-place pipe) work have been completed. Final closeout documents have been submitted to the City.

### **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.

### **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 completed, site visit, survey and design in underway.

### **Zone Meters:**

Preliminary engineering of water system zoning has been completed; design is currently underway.

### **LAS Monitoring Well:**

Plans and engineering letter report for LAS ground water monitoring well has been approved by EPD. Contractor is to provide cost for drilling well.



**CITY OF HELEN  
FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY  
SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 31, 2026  
TAX REVENUES SUMMARY COMPARISON**

**TAX REVENUES**

**HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND**

<u>Monthly Comparison</u>			
Jan-25	Jan-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
284,824	335,924	51,100	17.94%
	0		
	335,924		

<u>Fiscal YTD Comparison - Seven Months Ended 1/31/26</u>			
Jan-25	Jan-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
2,020,153	2,171,109	150,956	7.47%
	131,088 * Prior Periods Adjs		
	2,302,197		

**SALES TAX**

<u>Monthly Comparison</u>			
Jan-25	Jan-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
150,946	165,990	15,044	9.97%

<u>Fiscal YTD Comparison - Seven Months Ended 1/31/26</u>			
Jan-25	Jan-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
1,004,591	1,056,144	51,553	5.13%

**BEER/WINE/LIQUOR EXCISE TAX**

<u>Monthly Comparison</u>			
Jan-25	Jan-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
13,189	13,195	6	0.05%

<u>Fiscal YTD Comparison - Seven Months Ended 1/31/26</u>			
Jan-25	Jan-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
114,180	106,065	-8,115	-7.11%

**MIXED DRINK TAX**

<u>Monthly Comparison</u>			
Jan-25	Jan-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
13,418	11,089	-2,329	-17.36%

<u>Fiscal YTD Comparison - Seven Months Ended 1/31/26</u>			
Jan-25	Jan-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
78,017	79,697	1,680	2.15%

**2020 SPLOST**

<u>Monthly Comparison</u>			
Jan-25	Jan-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
149,437	164,340	14,903	9.97%

<u>Fiscal YTD Comparison - Seven Months Ended 1/31/26</u>			
Jan-25	Jan-26	Difference	% Inc(Dec)
994,565	1,045,619	51,054	5.13%

**Fiscal YTD Comparison - Six Months Ended 1/31/26**

Budget	Actual	% Inc(Dec)
1,700,000	1,045,619	61.51%

Cumulative #62	Estimated 2020	Difference	% of Estimate
7,909,149	5,600,000	-2,309,149	141.23%



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**2021 Construction Fund**

**Account Summary**

**Date Range: 08/01/2021 - 1/31/26**

	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>To Date 1/31/26</b>	<b>Available @ 1/31/26 After Budget Reallocation</b>
HEX STRASSE WELL (Complete)	250,000	80,471	0
LENZEN PROPERTY WELL #11	495,000	187,617	311,177
MAIN LIFT STATION (Complete)	1,450,000	1,295,230	0
SSES IMPROVEMENTS	1,500,000	1,077,492	137,848
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	1,328,908	220,611
	<u>5,990,000</u>	<u>5,214,312</u>	<u>775,688</u>



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**CITY OF HELEN AVAILABLE 2020 SPLOST FUNDS  
AS OF JANUARY 31, 2026**

<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 &amp; VEHICLES (5.36%)</u>	<u>2020 SPLOST REVENUE</u>
<b>TOTALS FOR</b>					
<b>6 YEAR PERIOD</b>	<b>1,300,000.00</b>	<b>1,900,000.00</b>	<b>2,100,000.00</b>	<b>300,000.00</b>	<b>5,600,000.00</b>
<b>CURRENT ESTIMATE</b>					
<b>REVENUE</b>					
ACTUAL RECEIVED	1,835,737.19	2,683,608.91	2,965,969.17	423,935.86	7,909,251.13
INTEREST EARNED	117,782.29	172,182.38	190,298.82	27,200.05	507,463.53
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
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	42,395.00	1,185,615.30	0.00	1,331,455.30
BANK FEES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2020 SPLOST AVAILABLE</b>	<b>567,926.89</b>	<b>2,194,887.31</b>	<b>821,448.83</b>	<b>318,828.39</b>	<b>3,903,091.42</b>



City of Helen Debt Service as of January 31, 2026

Lender	Collateral	Loan Amount	Rate	Pmt. Amount	Due	Balance	Matures
BB&T	HME Ahrens Fire Truck	406,802	3.060	47,721	January*	46,304	Jan-27
GEFA CWSRF 14-018	Willow Pond Sewer Rehab	281,000	0.500	2,401	Monthly	21,566	Oct-26
GEFA DWSRG 13-012	Hamby St Bridge Crossing	309,041	0.660	2,662	Monthly	37,114	Mar-27
				<u>52,784</u>		<u>104,984</u>	

Debt Service 2021 Construction Bond (Principal + Interest) \$ 7,325,248

February 2026 Interest Only \$ 73,200

August 2026 Principal + Interest

changes

Semi-Annual

5,401,900

Aug-36



# Helen Police Department

## Monthly Report

### January 2026

<u>Jan. 2026</u> <b>Arrests - 11</b> Felony - 0 Misdemeanor - 7 FVA - 2 VGCSA - 0	<u>Jan. 2025</u> <b>Arrests - 21</b> Felony - 4 Misdemeanor - 16 FVA - 0 VGCSA - 1	<u>Jan. 2026</u> <b>Citations</b> <b>156</b>	<u>Jan. 2025</u> <b>Citations</b> <b>439</b>
<u>Jan. 2026</u> <b>Security Checks</b> <b>639</b>	<u>Jan. 2025</u> <b>Security Checks</b> <b>1,616</b>	<u>Jan. 2026</u> <b>Calls for Service</b> <b>1,020</b>	<u>Jan. 2025</u> <b>Calls for Service</b> <b>684</b>
<u>Jan. 2026</u> <b>Criminal Trespass</b> <b>2</b>	<u>Jan. 2025</u> <b>Criminal Trespass</b> <b>3</b>	<u>Jan. 2026</u> <b>Accident Reports</b> <b>7</b>	<u>Jan. 2025</u> <b>Accident Reports</b> <b>6</b>
<u>2026 Totals</u>		<u>2025 Totals</u>	
Arrests – 11 Security Checks – 672 Criminal Trespass – 2 Citations – 156 Calls for Service – 1,020 Accidents – 7		Arrests – 133 Security Checks – 11,184 Criminal Trespass – 33 Citations – 3,451 Calls for Service – 10,048 Accidents – 77	

## Calls for Service

911 Accidental/Open Line/Hang	8	Fight	1	Road Rage	
Abandoned Vehicle		Fire Calls	5	Security / Business Check	10
Active Shooter		Flag Down	5	Sexual Assault Reported	1
Alarm Calls	10	Follow up Report	12	Shots Fired	
Amber/Levi/Matties Call/Alert		Foot Patrol	25	Special Detail	1
Animal Call		For Your Information	2	Speeding Vehicle	
Apparent Death		Forgery	1	Stalking	
Armed Robbery		Fraud		Subject Screaming	
Assault		Harassment		Suicide (attempt or threat)	2
Assist Fire / LEO	3	Hit and Run	1	Suspicious Person or Vehicle	31
Assist Motorist	9	Hostage Situation		Taking Report	
Assistance Needed		Improperly Parked Vehicle	15	Temporary Protection Order	
Attempting to Stop		In the Area	3	Test Call	
BOLO	1	Intoxicated Driver/ Ped.	2	Theft Report	4
Bomb Threat		Indecent Exposure		Threats	2
Bond	17	Juvenile Problem		Traffic Accident	6
Burglary	1	Kidnapping		Traffic Hazard	
Call by Phone	3	Lines Down		Traffic Stop	403
Car Jacking		Loitering		Tree Down/ Across Roadway	
Chase in Progress		Lost/Found Item or Person	2	Trespassing	1
Child Abuse/ DFCS		Mechanical Breakdown	1	Problem Unknown	
City/County Ordinance Violation	4	Medical Calls	19	Vandalism	
Court Detail	1	Meet in Person	5	Vehicle Lock Out	
Criminal Trespass	2	Mental Subject		Vehicle Registration Info.	1
Damage to Property		Missing Person		Vehicle Taken without Permission	
Debris in Roadway	1	Noise Complaint	1	Vin Verification	
Deliver Message		Not Otherwise Specified	7	Walk Thru	11
Direct Traffic		Open Door	3	Wanted Person/Warrant	4
Dispute	4	Overdue Motorist	1	Wanted/Stolen Indicated	
Disturbance	3	Pandering		Welfare Check	6
Domestic	5	Pick up Prisoner/ Subject	2	School Crossing/ Traffic	
Driver/Criminal History Requested		Possible Dam Failure		Subject in Custody	
Driver's License Info.		Prowler	1	Wrecker needed	
Drug Suspect		Public Assist	2	Civil Process	
Emergency Road Repair		Reckless Driving	2	Illegal Dumping	
Entering Auto		Refusing to Leave		Unknown Problem	4
Escort	2	River Patrol		Calls for Water Dept Problems	
Extra Patrol	2	Road Blocked		Walk In Report	3

**Total call for service: 684**

# City of Helen Fire & Rescue

## Monthly Report for January 2026

Total "911 Responses" = 55 / Year to Date = 55

### Major Incident Type(s) Breakdown

Major Incident Type	# Of Incidents Current Month	% Of Total Current Month
Fire (Structure, Wildland, Outside, Transportation, Special)	1	1.82%
Medical (Injury, Illness, Other)	23	41.82%
Hazardous Situation (Non-Chemical, HazMat, Overpressure, Investigation)	6	10.91%
Rescue (Outside, Structure, Transportation, Water)	1	1.82%
Public Service (Assistance, Non-Medical Alarms, Weather, Other)	19	34.55%
No Emergency (Cancelled, False Alarm, Good Intent)	5	9.09%
Assisting Law Enforcement	0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55</b>	

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TTL
<b>2025</b>	65	50	47	52	79	87	102	77	67	77	66	75	844
<b>2026</b>	55												55
<b>Difference</b>	-10												

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	26	47.27%	6	6	8	8	7	10	10
Aid Received	3	5.45%	<b>Busiest Hours for Date Range</b>						
None	26	47.27%	1200-1859						

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	4:54	9

**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"	32
Engine 32	1997 Ferrara "Spartan"	6
Truck 31	2002 Ferrara "Igniter Series"	2
Rescue 31	2000 Ford "F-650"	10
Utility 31	2016 Ford "F-150"	29
301	2025 Ford "F-150"	0
ATV 31	2016 Polaris "Ranger"	0

### Training

Fire Department completed a total of **47.25** hours of classroom and practical training.

Current Employee's	Position/Rank	Years with Helen
Jody Prickett	Fire Chief/EMT-I	10 Years, 4 Months
Will Lapree	(F/T) A Shift Lt./FR	9 Years, 6 Months
Jason Reed	(F/T) B Shift Lt./FR	7 Years, 5 Months
Tyler Keyes	(F/T) C Shift Lt./FR	8 Years, 7 Months
Hudson Anderson	(P/T) FF/EMT-A	0 Years, 7 Months
Will Roper	(P/T) FF/EMT-A	0 Years, 2 Months
Steve Hopper	(P/T) FF/FR	10 Years, 0 Months
Steven Seabolt	(P/T) FF/EMT-B	4 Years, 6 Months
Terry Stewart	(P/T) FF/EMT-B	1 Years, 3 Months
Wayne Canterbury	(P/T) FF/FR	4 Years, 5 Months
Martin Godfrey	(Vol.) FF/FR	6 Years, 8 Months
Cameron Lively	(Vol.) FF/FR	1 Years, 0 Months

### Incident Types by Month Breakdown

Incident Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	%
Fire-Structure	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.82
Medical (Illness)-Breathing Problems	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3.64
Medical (Illness)-Cardiac Arrest	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.82
Medical (Illness)-Chest Pain	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.82
Medical (Illness)-Convulsions/Seizures	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.82
Medical (Illness)-Diabetic Problems	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.82
Medical (Illness)-Heart Problems	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3.64
Medical (Illness)-Nausea/Vomiting	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.82
Medical (Illness)-Pregnancy/Childbirth	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.82
Medical (Illness)-Stroke/CVA	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.82
Medical (Illness)-Unknown Problem	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3.64
Medical (Injury/Trauma)-Fall	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	14.55
Medical (Injury/Trauma)-Hemorrhage/Laceration	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.82
Medical (Injury/Trauma)-Motor Vehicle Collision	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3.64
Medical (Other)-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Hazardous Situation-Electrical Power Line Down/Arching/Malfunction	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3.64
Hazardous Situation-Odor Investigation	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.82
Hazardous Situation-Smoke Investigation	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3.64
Rescue-Backcountry Rescue	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.82
Public Service-Citizen Assist/Service Call	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5.45
Public Service-Fire/Smoke Alarm	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	9.09
Public Service-Lift Assist	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	12.73
Public Service-Weather Response	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	7.27
No Emergency-Cancelled	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	9.09
*Total Runs by Month*	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	100



## Group Summary

Group	Issued	Completed	Voided	New
1ST AVAILABLE	41	34	1	2
CHIPPING	2	0	0	0
WATER	8	6	2	0
Grand Totals	51	40	3	2

## Staff Summary

Staff	Issued	Completed	Voided	New
1ST AVAILABLE	8	8	0	0
DANIEL MORGAN	1	1	0	0
EDWARD SALWAY	24	16	3	1
JACOB WESTMORELAND	11	10	0	1
JARED TURNER	2	2	0	0
PW TEAM	3	1	0	0
SUSIE SANDERS	2	2	0	0
Grand Totals	51	40	3	2

## Job Code Summary

Job Code	Issued	Completed	Voided	New
CHIPPING - CHIPPING	2	0	0	0
CONNECT - CONNECT	3	2	0	1
DELIVER CAN - DELIVER CAN	1	1	0	0
DISCONNECT & READ - DISCONNECT & READ	2	0	2	0
INACTIVATE - INACTIVATE	3	3	0	0
LEAK CK - LEAK CHECK	1	1	0	0
LOCK NON PAYMENT - LOCK NON PAYMENT	4	4	0	0
MISC - MISC	9	5	0	0
PICK UP CAN- TERM - PICK UP CAN - TERMINATE SERVI	1	1	0	0
PULL DATA - PULL METER DATA	6	5	0	1
READ - READ	1	1	0	0
READ TO TRANSFER - READ TO TRANSFER	10	10	0	0
RE-READ IN BILLING - RE-READ IN BILLING	2	1	1	0
TURN OFF/ON- REPAIRS - TURN OFF/ON - REPAIRS	5	5	0	0
UNLOCK - UNLOCK	1	1	0	0
Grand Totals	51	40	3	2

## Action Summary

Action	Issued	Completed	Voided	New
Connect	3	2	0	1
Disconnect	2	0	2	0
Re-Read	2	1	1	0
Occupant Change	10	10	0	0
Inactivate	3	3	0	0
Miscellaneous	25	18	0	1
Cutoff	4	4	0	0
Service Action	2	2	0	0
Grand Totals	51	40	3	2

## Issued by User

User	Issued
Katie	8
Mirinda	1
Susie	42
Grand Totals	51

**Completed by User**

<b>User</b>	<b>Completed</b>
esalway	18
ksutton	3
ssanders	19
Grand Totals	40



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Jody Prickett

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**Director:**

Jack Morgan

**PERMITS**

Building: 2  
Electrical: 0  
Mechanical: 0  
Plumbing: 0  
Demo: 0  
Sign: 2  
Special Event: 3

**INSPECTIONS**

Permitted: 10  
Builder and Architect consultations: 3

**CERTIFICATES ISSUED**

Residential: 0  
Commercial: 0