

**CITY OF HELEN  
PUBLIC HEARING  
CALLED COMMISSION MEETING  
JUNE 24, 2020  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Helen City Commission met on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 in the Commission Chambers at Helen City Hall with Mayor Steve Fowler calling the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Attending were Commissioner Jeff Ash, Mayor Steve Fowler, and Commissioner Lee Landress. Absent were Commissioner Fred Garmon and Commissioner Geneva Elwell.

Also attending were Finance Officer Mona Wood, City Manager Jerry Elkins, and Deputy Clerk Mirinda Dispain. Absent were City Attorney Carl Free, City Clerk Marilyn Chastain, Police Chief Brian Stephens, Fire Chief Jody Prickett, Building & Zoning Director Darrell Westmoreland, and Public Works Director Ross Hewell.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion to approve the amended agenda with Item 5 removed made by Commissioner Jeff Ash, second by Commissioner Lee Landress. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of all Commissioners present.

**RESOLUTION 20-06-01: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HELEN, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING A COMPREHENSIVE ADJUSTMENT TO FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGETARY APPROPRIATIONS:** Item was removed from the agenda.

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING FY 2020/2021 BUDGET:** Motion to open the public hearing made by Commissioner Jeff Ash, second by Commissioner Lee Landress. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of all Commissioners present. There were no comments by the public. Motion to close the public hearing made by Commissioner Jeff Ash, second by Commissioner Lee Landress. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of all Commissioners present.

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF FY 2020/2021 BUDGET:** Last year's figures were used for the 2020/2021 budget since revenue estimates were skewed from the COVID-19 virus. Mayor Fowler asked Mr. Elkins if the figures could be assessed within ninety days. Mr. Elkins felt this could be done.

**ORDINANCE 20-06-01: SECOND READING: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HELEN, GEORGIA, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 2020/2021 FISCAL YEAR:** Motion to approve made by Commissioner Lee Landress, second by Commissioner Jeff Ash. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of all Commissioners present.

**CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Mr. Ash discussed the 2014 SPLOST ending date, and final projects before the new SPLOST begins later this year.

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ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 10:07 a.m. made by Commissioner Lee Landress, second by Commissioner Jeff Ash. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present.

**RESPECTFULLY PERPARED BY DEPUTY CLERK MIRINDA DISPAIN**