



HELENA CITY COUNCIL

September 9, 2024

**MINUTES HELENA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 9, 2024**

The Council of the City of Helena met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday night, September 9, 2024, in the Helena Municipal Building at 6:00 P.M., regular place and time for holding said meetings.

Council President Alice Lobell called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

Chris VanCleave led the prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alice Lobell.

Roll Call

Present:

Members: Alice Lobell, Chris VanCleave, Chris Willis, Harold Woodman, and Laura Joseph

Absent:

Visitors: Mayor Puckett, City Attorney Brian Hayes, Dan Dearing, Chief Brad Flynn, Bill Miller, Jason Poe, Fire Marshall Keith Martin, and others (list attached)

Council President Alice Lobell declared a quorum present, and meeting was open for business.

5. Minutes Approved/Corrected from Prior Meeting(s)

Laura Joseph made a motion to approve the Pre-Council minutes, Regular Meeting Minutes August 26, 2024, with a second by **Harold Woodman**.

AYE: Harold Woodman, Alice Lobell, Laura Joseph, Chris Willis, and Chris VanCleave.

NAY:

Motion carried.

6. Revenue Report: Bill Payment

Chris VanCleave made a motion to approve the bills with a second by **Chris Willis**.

AYE: Alice Lobell, Harold Woodman, Laura Joseph, Chris Willis, and Chris VanCleave

NAY: None

Motion carried.

7. Municipal Operations Report from Mayor J. Brian Puckett: Mayor Puckett let all know that the city was informed today by Kinder Morgan that they will be removing an old unused pipeline from the trail and the trail will be shut down in the area beginning September 23 until October 20, 2024, for this project.

Senator April Weaver came and presented a check to the Helena Library in the amount of \$10,000.00.

8. Approve/Deny: Conditional Use of 3309 Helena Road for Office/Institutional

This item was removed from the agenda and will go before the Board of Adjustments.

9. Approve/Deny: New Appointments to DE&I

Dominga Gardner with the DE&I spoke and advised three members have left the board, including Gracious Washington, Kenethee Dunner and Stacey Brown. The board recommends two members Nicole Stewart and John Baggett.

Chris VanCleave made a motion to appoint Nicole Stewart to the DE&I Board with a second by **Harold Woodman**.

Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Alice Lobell, Harold Woodman, Laura Joseph, Chris Willis, and Chris VanCleave

NAY: None

Motion carried.

Chris Willis made a motion to appoint John Baggett to the DE&I Board with a second by **Harold Woodman**.

Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Harold Woodman, and Chris Willis

NAY: Laura Joseph, Chris VanCleave, Alice Lobell

Motion not carried.

10. Council Comments

Chris VanCleave: Thank you to Senator Weaver.

Chris Willis: Next Monday, September 16 at the Helena Sports Complex the Helena Police Explorers will host an open house.

Harold Woodman: Offered his condolences to the Knight family and friends.

Laura Joseph: Laura Joseph advised that the Helena Library will have a plant swap on Saturday September 14 from 11-1pm. Helena Library and Helena Historical Preservation Committee will host Adventure Kayaker Halley Cotton on Wednesday, September 17 at 6:30 at Helena City Hall.

Alice Lobell: Thank you to Senator Weaver. As a community we feel for our residents and family of Tucker Knight and praise for Richard Fitts as he debuted pitching for the Boston Red Sox yesterday.

11. Adjourn

There being no further business meeting was adjourned at 6:16 pm.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amanda C. Traywick". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Amanda C. Traywick
City Clerk

SIGNED:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alice Lobell". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Alice Lobell
Council President