



HELENA CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

August 11, 2025, 5:00PM

PRE-COUNCIL: Work Session

A discussion and review of City Council agenda items, projects, department, committee, and board liaison reports, and task assigned for City operations and business.

All Members Present except Laura Joseph.

1. Review 08/11/2025 Agenda Items

- AP/Bill Payments
- 07/28/2025 Meeting Minutes Review

2. Update from Council Boards and Committee Business

Farmers Market will be adding two additional members tonight; will be having pop-up markets, including this weekend. Diversity & Inclusion Board participated in a back-to-school drive with ... Foundation; it went well. Teen Council new members had their reception this past weekend, and will start attending meetings tonight; looking forward to a great year.

3. Executive Session to Discuss Bonds

Chris Willis made a motion to move into executive session at 5:04PM, with a second from Andy Healy. All Council in favor. Invited guests were City Clerk, Mayor Puckett, Attorney Brian Hayes, Rod Kanter, and all Council members.

Hal Woodman made a motion to end executive session at 5:23PM, with a second by Chris Willis. All Council in favor.

4. Mayor's Update

Mayor Puckett provided a financial update on all accounts to City Council. National Night Out was a success, a huge thank you to SRO Jeff Murphy for all of the hard work that he puts into this event every year to make it a success. Farmers Market is having a pop-up market this weekend. An update on the turn lane project at HWY 17 and HWY 58, Charter came out to move their lines and hit an unmarked Spire line, which is causing delays currently into the second or third week of September.

5. New Sports Complex Project Update by Robins Morton

Robins & Morton unable to attend due to an emergency; update given by Mayor Puckett to the Council.

6. Legal Update RE: HWY 261 Widening Project Update

Attorney Brian Hayes stated that he had received a call from Pelham and Hoover's attorneys working on the Hwy 261 Widening Project, expressing frustration that some misinformation had been construed by municipal candidates that warranted clarification. Attorney Hayes wanted to clarify where the project is currently, stating that Pelham was working on the last parcel before they could proceed, but that the project is still underway. Helena has offered to support Pelham in Probate Court if needed to get the last parcel finished, and Hayes states he will let Council know when that court date is if they'd like to attend.

7. Review of Parks Department FY25 Budget and Discussion of FY26 Budget

Presented by Bill Miller.

8. Review of Public Works FY25 Budget and Discussion of FY26 Budget

Public Works to postpone until next Council meeting.

9. Confirmation of 08/25/2025 Meeting date.

There being no further business, the work session was dismissed at 6:00 pm.

ATTEST:

Madison Harris
City Clerk

SIGNED:

Alice Lobell
Council President



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MINUTES HELENA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING August 11, 2025

The Council of the City of Helena met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday night, August 11, 2025, in the Helena Municipal Building at 6:00 P.M., the regular place and time for holding said meetings.

Council President Alice Lobell called the meeting to order at 6:08 P.M.
Reverend Kirksey led the prayer.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Teen Council member Piper Boss.

4. Roll Call

Present: Alice Lobell, Andy Healy, Chris Willis, Harold Woodman
Members: Alice Lobell, Andy Healy, Chris Willis, Laura Joseph, Harold Woodman
Absent: Laura Joseph
Visitors: City Attorney Brian Hayes, Fire Chief Chris Miller, Police Chief Mike Wood, Bill Miller, Dan Dearing, Jason Poe, and others (see attached list)

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

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

Chris Willis made a motion to approve the Pre-Council minutes and regular meeting minutes from July 28, 2025, with a second by **Harold Woodman**.

AYE: Alice Lobell, Andy Healy, Chris Willis, Harold Woodman
NAY: None
Motion carried.

6. Revenue Report: Bill Payment

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

AYE: Alice Lobell, Andy Healy, Chris Willis, Harold Woodman
NAY: None
Motion carried.

7. Municipal Operations Report from Mayor J. Brian Puckett:

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8. Recognition – Letter of Commendation for Life-Saving Efforts, Fire Department

Presented by Fire Chief Chris Miller to Corporal Trapolino with the Police Department, Captain Jack Clark, Firefighter Matthew Finney, FireMedic Trenton Johnson, FireMedic Brodie Jones, and Firefighter Kurt Schroeter for their actions responding to a call on November 21, 2024.

9. Approve/Deny – Appointment of Two Additional Members to Farmers Market

Andy Healy made a motion to approve Appointment of Two Additional Members to Farmers Market, to include Matt McDonald and Christina Florez; with a second by **Chris Willis**.

AYE: Alice Lobell, Andy Healy, Chris Willis, Harold Woodman
NAY: None
Motion carried.

10. Approve/Deny – Appointment of New Members to Planning & Zoning Committee

Andy Healy made a motion to approve Appointment of New Members to Planning & Zoning Committee, to include Alex Miller; with a second by **Harold Woodman**.

AYE: Alice Lobell, Andy Healy, Chris Willis, Harold Woodman

NAY: None

Motion carried.

11. Approve/Deny – Resolution 08112025 – Appointing Election Officers (Poll Workers)

Chris Willis made a motion to approve Resolution 08112025 – Appointing Election Officers (Poll Workers), with a second by **Harold Woodman**.

AYE: Alice Lobell, Andy Healy, Chris Willis, Harold Woodman

NAY: None

Motion carried.

12. Approve/Deny – Resolution 08112025A – Rebuild Alabama Act Plan

Harold Woodman made a motion to approve Resolution 08112025A – Rebuild Alabama Act Plan, with a second by **Andy Healy**.

AYE: Alice Lobell, Andy Healy, Chris Willis, Harold Woodman

NAY: None

Motion carried.

13. First Reading – Ordinance 1023-2025 – Violation of Orders and Rules and Regulations

14. Period for Public Comment – 3 Minutes per Resident, to Sign In with City Clerk between Work Session and Council Meeting

Residents wanting to speak will sign-in with City Clerk prior to the meeting and will be given three minutes to speak. Public comment was taken.

16. Council Comments

Harold Woodman: Again, outstanding job to the first responders honored tonight. Thank you to the Farmers Market crew for all of your hard work this summer in the rain and the heat; and a reminder to all, they will be having pop-up markets and other events as well. Thank you to the Historical Preservation Committee for also working at Farmers Markets and National Night Out.

Andy Healy: If you haven't already, today is the final day to register to vote for the upcoming election. Thank you to the first responders and those honored tonight.

Chris Willis: Thank you to the Police Department, traffic has been flowing surprisingly well for the third day of school. Secondly, if anyone is still interested in working as a poll worker for this upcoming election, please see Madison. Glad to see the Teen Council back tonight.

Alice Lobell: I will echo all of the sentiments before me, as always. I also wanted to say that we have awesome Department Heads here at the City, and I am thankful to be a part of Helena. Teen Council is back; this is a great group of hard-working and busy kids, and we're happy to have them here this year.

24. Adjourn

There being no further business meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

ATTEST:



Madison Harris
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Alice Lobell
Council President