



HELENA CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

February 9, 2026, 5:00PM

PRE-COUNCIL: Work Session

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

All Members present. Work Session started at 5:00PM.

1. Review 02/09/2026 Agenda Items

- AP/Bill Payments
- 01/26/2026 Meeting Minutes Review

2. Update from Council Boards and Committee Business

Healy is working with the art teacher at HMS to create T-shirt designs for both Farmers Market and Diversity & Inclusion (One Helena) boards this year; meeting on Monday with the Farmers Market board and will talk about how to reduce costs where possible. Diversity & Inclusion (One Helena) board already has one vendor registered for the Unity Festival, set for April 11, and will post on Facebook to get more attention for vendor registration. Healy states that for this year they are hoping for more food and farmer vendors for Farmers Market, and less clothing/other product vendors to truly get back to being a Farmers Market. Wilson states that Teen Council will typically meet here at Council meetings and stay after for their meeting, but tonight they are meeting at the Community Center and working on their bylaws. Beautification Board met last week and will be meeting next month to vote on positions within the board. Library board will meet this week and will have at least one member stepping down soon, so will have a vacancy to fill. Planning & Zoning meeting set for next week with a couple of re-zone requests on the agenda.

3. Discussion of Timeline for Organizational Procedures

Wanting to take a look at current memberships on boards/committees, any vacancies, and anyone stepping down soon. Healy has been taking the charge on updating the ordinance for boards and committees, also stating that the TAG Board will probably wait on reviewing membership/vacancies until after the spring round of donations has been completed so as not to disturb that process. Healy states that he wants to meet with the three boards/committees he has been working with as acting liaison to get a good update on all and present to Council. Council liaisons are currently temporary; would like to look at selecting official liaisons after this new ordinance is approved. Bylaws may take some extra time for each board/committee to review. Mayor states that he would like to open up applications mid-March for volunteers for boards/committees, with the goal of having boards fully set up by May.

4. Update on Civil Service Act Status

Mayor states that we have the resolution set for Council approval/denial tonight allowing to update the civil service act; this is the same updated civil service act currently running in the legal ads with Shelby County Reporter and Western Star. After those legal ads have run for four weeks and this resolution has been approved by Council, Representative Hulsey will be able to carry all of this down to Montgomery to go through the legislature and become law. Mayor states that this will be a good thing for the City and will save us money in the long run as the current civil service act is outdated and ambiguous. Mayor also spoke to the handbook that is not up for any kind of vote tonight, stating that there were some concerns from employees that the handbook could be updated by the Mayor and three members of Council; he is proposing an update that updates to the handbook would have to be approved by the Mayor, four members of Council, and one-two department heads. McDaniels states that the resolution lists the HR company multiple times, asking if that is necessary or if it could be removed as it almost reads as an ad for this company; Mayor states it can be removed; Clerk will update the resolution for Council to read the updated version during the Council meeting. McDaniels states that this act being updated is a good thing, and reminds all that just because it is being updated does not make it final in nature, as we could always go through this process again to make further changes.

5. Discussion of Appointees to Personnel Board for Remaining Term

Current civil service act states that the Personnel Board has to be reappointed every two years; our most recent resolution is dated September 2023 and would make our board expired at this time. The City has received an appeal that is waiting to be heard, but Mayor states that the Personnel Board should be elected again before this appeal is heard to make sure we are going about it the correct way. Hamman asked if there was any way to go ahead and hear the appeal with current

Personnel Board so as to not make them wait; Mayor states that we cannot do that. Healy asked if it was possible to just extend the board we already have; Mayor states that that would not be best practice and our attorney has suggested that we complete this election for the Personnel Board first to have that properly established to hear this appeal. Mayor asked the Clerk about dates for nominations and election for the employee-chosen representative; nominations will be this week and the Clerk will email all employees in the morning to advise, and elections will be next week to give all shifts time to vote. McDaniels clarified that the updated civil service act will establish all three members the same as the current civil service act – one member chosen by the employees, one member selected by Mayor and recommended for Council approval, and then the first and second member will select the third member.

6. Review of Ordinance 1037-2026

Item added during work session discussions; not on the agenda.

McDaniels asks should members be able to serve on three boards/committees, stating that Helena has the population base and voter turnout to not have this included in Section 6, and we should be able to get the word out and reach out to our community to get enough volunteers to fill these boards/committees. Healy states that last year we would leave applications open for plenty of time to get applicants, and sometimes would have to extend the time frame because of a lack of applicants. Mayor states that we could do a better job getting the word out when there are vacancies on boards/committees, and could possibly put something in the magazine with enough notice. Hammann reminds the Mayor that the magazine is not hitting all doorsteps at this time. Mayor also states that current members could also reach out to their friends and neighbors about volunteering their time on boards/committees, and could be assisted by Council in this as well. Hammann states that the Beautification Board currently has great turnout for events with the Helena Belles and Teen Council, stating that perhaps some of these kids as they graduate could also join; also states that perhaps our Seniors would be interested in sitting on boards/committees and volunteering their time as well. McDaniels asked for clarification on whether the Mayor "may" or "shall" serve as a member of a board, no clarification was made. McDaniels asked for clarification on the "official permission" in Section 8 regarding absences, and what would constitute "official permission." Mayor states that currently, permission for absences is granted by an officer of the board, and that advanced notice is not always possible, so this was the next best option for that. McDaniels also pointed out a typo in Section 9 that was corrected by the Clerk.

7. Confirmation of Next Meeting

02/23/2026 – 5PM work session

There being no further business, the work session was dismissed at 5:47PM.

ATTEST:



Madison Harris
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Brooke Dodson
Council President



HELENA CITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES HELENA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING February 9, 2026

The Council of the City of Helena met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday night, February 9, 2026, in the Helena Municipal Building at 6:00 P.M., the regular place and time for holding said meetings.

Council President Brooke Dodson called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

Council President Brooke Dodson led the prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Billy Rosener.

4. Roll Call

Present: Cathy Hammann, Andy Healy, Dennis Wilson, Brooke Dodson, Jeff McDaniels

Members: Cathy Hammann, Andy Healy, Dennis Wilson, Brooke Dodson, Jeff McDaniels

Absent:

Visitors: Police Chief Mike Wood, Dan Dearing, Jason Poe, and others (see attached list)

Council President Brooke Dodson declared a quorum present, and meeting was open for business.

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

Jeff McDaniels made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from January 26, 2026, with a second by **Andy Healy**.

AYE: Cathy Hammann, Andy Healy, Dennis Wilson, Brooke Dodson, Jeff McDaniels

NAY: None

Motion carried.

6. Revenue Report: Bill Payment

Andy Healy made a motion to approve the bills with a second by **Jeff McDaniels**.

AYE: Cathy Hammann, Andy Healy, Dennis Wilson, Brooke Dodson, Jeff McDaniels

NAY: None

Motion carried.

7. Municipal Operations Report from Mayor Billy Rosener:

I first want to thank the Fire Department and Police Department for assisting with the Mardi Gras parade in Hillsboro this past Saturday. Police Explorers just competed in their national competition and placed first place in teambuilding. The Helena High School dance and cheer team competed at nationals in Orlando last week and placed: Varsity Cheer – 2nd place overall in finals, JV Cheer – 3rd place, Traditional Cheer – 5th place; Dance – 2nd place in high kick, 7th place in game day. The HWY 17/HWY 58 turn lane has unfortunately been delayed again as they have hit another utility line; I will contact AT&T to see about getting this repair completed quickly so as not to cause too much of a delay.

8. Proclamation – Recognizing Black History Month, February 2026

Presented by Mayor Rosener.

9. Recognition – Abigail Parsons – Third Place Pole Vault, Indoor Track & Field Championship

Presented by Brooke Dodson.

10. Approve/Deny – Resolution 02092026 - Traffic Signal and ITS Upgrades on State and Local Roads in Shelby County, ALDOT Project Number: CRPBH-MR24(902)

Jeff McDaniels made a motion to approve Resolution 02092026 - Traffic Signal and ITS Upgrades on State and Local Roads in Shelby County, ALDOT Project Number: CRPBH-MR24(902); with a second by **Andy Healy**.

AYE: Cathy Hammann, Andy Healy, Dennis Wilson, Brooke Dodson, Jeff McDaniels

NAY: None

Motion carried.

11. Approve/Deny – Resolution 02092026A – Updated Civil Service Act

Jeff McDaniels made a motion to approve Resolution 02092026A – Updated Civil Service Act; with a second by **Dennis Wilson**.

AYE: Cathy Hammann, Andy Healy, Dennis Wilson, Brooke Dodson, Jeff McDaniels

NAY: None

Motion carried.

12. First Reading – Ordinance 1037-2026 – Ordinance for Boards & Committees

13. First Reading – Ordinance 1038-2026A – Annexation – Mark & Brittne Moore – 819 HWY 1 – 24 3 05 0 000 004.000

COUNCIL COMMENT:

MCDANIELS – Asked the Mayor if Council could receive more information on residential annexation requests on how this will impact our public works workload, as well as the economic impact to the City, whether positive or negative.

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.

15. Council Comments

Cathy Hammann: Hillsboro Mardi Gras parade this past weekend was a lot of fun and had a great turnout from the community. The weather has been beautiful today, and I hope you all have a great week and a happy Valentine's next weekend.

Andy Healy: I want to thank Jason and the Public Works department – I had a resident reach out to me with an issue, and Jason and his crew had it fixed almost before I could ask him about it. There was a wrestling match this past weekend, and two Helena students have advanced to state competition. Thank you all for coming out tonight. Happy Mardi Gras to all!

Dennis Wilson: I was in Montgomery to watch the wrestling match at the Super South Sectionals; we have a lot of accomplished athletes across the board and I wish they got more attention. State wrestling championships will take place in Hunstville over Valentine's weekend, and Helena will be represented by Caden Swinford and DeShawn McClain. I want to wish them the best at state, and thank all for working so hard this season and doing their best, both athletes and coaching staff/volunteers.

Jeff McDaniels: My wife and daughter are here tonight, I appreciate you coming. We were all in Montgomery this past weekend along with Dennis Wilson, but we were there for travel volleyball. Seeing how Montgomery transformed a meeting space into a convention mecca encourages me to advocate more for all of the children that play secondary sports, as we have not done enough with the new sports and leisure facility; is there more we could do with our existing facilities? I think we have the capacity to make Helena better as a sports destination. Mayor, I want to say that to make that proclamation today took courage with our current political climate, and I want to thank you. Children will look back and see that as well.

Brooke Dodson: I was also out of town on sports last weekend, but in Greensboro, North Carolina with several of our Legacy Gymnastics members as they competed at the national level. I love to see our athletes representing our community, so congratulations to Abigail Parsons again on your achievements. I couldn't be prouder of these kids. Shout out to Mayor Rosener and attorney Brian Hayes for all of the work that they've put forth on updating the civil service act and getting that process well underway.

16. Adjourn

There being no further business meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

ATTEST:



Madison Harris
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Brooke Dodson
Council President