



HELENA CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

May 11, 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 05/11/2026 Agenda Items

- AP/Bill Payments
- 04/27/2026 Meeting Minutes Review

2. Update from Council Boards and Committee Business

- Discussion of Board Applicants and Appointments

McDaniels requested to verify addresses on applicants; Council stated that they had reviewed those.

3. Staffing Discussion

Mayor Rosener discussed that the City Clerk has expressed intention to step down and move into the Court as Magistrate/Court Clerk and expressed interest in posting the position internally first to see if we could promote from within. Mayor Rosener asking to post internally for seven days before opening to the public; no opposition.

4. Discussion of Motions to Rescind Vote & Motion to Take from the Table

Review of items scheduled for tonight; no discussion from Council.

5. Review of Employee Handbook

Request to table from Council President Dodson and Mayor Rosener. Mayor Rosener states that he wants to meet with the IAFF (Fire Union) this week to discuss their concerns with the handbook as Mayor, Council, and City Clerk received emails requesting to speak regarding the handbook. Mayor Rosener states that he will meet with the IAFF first before we bring the handbook back before Council but still wanting a June 1 effective date; special called meeting may be needed.

6. Executive Session – Discussion of Real Property

Andy Healy made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 5:11PM, with a second by **Dennis Wilson**.

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

Andy Healy made a motion to end executive session and return to work session at 5:35PM, with a second by **Dennis Wilson**.

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

7. Confirmation of Next Meeting

Special-called meeting tentatively scheduled for May 20, at 6PM.

Next regularly scheduled meeting set for June 8; work session at 5PM.

There being no further business, the work session was dismissed at 5:36PM.

ATTEST:

Madison Harris
City Clerk

SIGNED:

Brooke Dodson
Council President



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MINUTES HELENA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING May 11, 2026

The Council of the City of Helena met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday night, May 11, 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 5:59 P.M.

Pastor Tim Trimble, Cornerstone Church led the prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Natalie Morris, Teen Council.

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: Fire Chief Chris Miller, Police Chief Mike Wood, Dan Dearing, Bill Miller, 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)

Cathy Hammann made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from April 27, 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 **Dennis Wilson**.

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

7. Municipal Operations Report from Mayor Billy Rosener:

Mayor Rosener states that the budget versus actual numbers were sent out today to Council and department heads; will take this next week to scrub and review and will potentially discuss the budget at the special-called meeting tentatively set for May 20; Mayor states he will reach out to the auditors to see if they can also attend to answer questions. Our spring sports season is wrapping up this week and has been a successful season; we were previously set to host a closing ceremony for sports, but due to weather and holidays that will not be able to take place. We are already working on plans for an opening or closing ceremony for next year. Congratulations to HHS softball team on their win; I have been told if they win their game today they will be headed to state again this year for the second year in a row. Parks has installed a new pavilion at the Sports Complex near the fields, and the concrete will be installed soon. Old Town Live will have their next concert this weekend; doors open at 6PM, concert starts at 7PM.

8. Summer Reading Presentation – Helena Library

Presented by Dan Dearing, Library Director.

9. Presentation of School Donations

Presented by Andy Healy to HES, HIS, HMS, and HHS.

10. Recognition – Abigail Parsons, Helena High School – First Place Pole Vault at AHSAA 6A Track & Field State Championship

Presented by Jeff McDaniels to Abigail Parson and family.

11. Approve/Deny – Appointments to Library Board

Jeff McDaniels made a motion to approve Appointments to Library Board, to include: Lindsey Rigdon, Sheila Walton, Brittany Lindsey, Laura Joseph; with a second by **Andy Healy**.

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

12. Approve/Deny – Appointments to Beautification Board

Jeff McDaniels made a motion to approve Appointments to Beautification Board, to include: Ron Undon, Laura Sparks, Ginger Klein; with a second by **Andy Healy**.

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

13. Approve/Deny – Appointments to Helena Historic Preservation Committee

Jeff McDaniels made a motion to approve Appointment to Helena Historic Preservation Committee, to include: Karen Curtis; with a second by **Cathy Hammann**.

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

14. Approve/Deny – Appointments to One Helena

Jeff McDaniels made a motion to approve Appointments to One Helena, to include: Dr. Tonya Oliver, Dominga Gardner; with a second by **Andy Healy**.

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

15. Approve/Deny – ABC License – SPE2AR LLC as OLD TOWN BAR – 4161 Helena Road – 010 LOUNGE RETAIL LIQUOR-CLASS 1

Dennis Wilson made a motion to approve ABC License – SPE2AR LLC as OLD TOWN BAR – 4161 Helena Road – 010 LOUNGE RETAIL LIQUOR-CLASS 1; with a second by **Cathy Hammann**.

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

16. Approve/Deny – Employee Handbook

Andy Healy made a motion to table Employee Handbook to a special-called meeting tentatively scheduled for May 20; with a second by **Dennis Wilson**.

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

NAY:

Motion carried.

17. Motion to Rescind April 27, 2026 Vote – Denial – Re-zone Request from B1-NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT to B2-GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT – 5248 HWY 17 – Parcel 13 8 28 1 001 018.000 – Maggie Valley, LLC and Dan Rasmussen as Owners, with a favorable recommendation from Planning & Zoning on April 16, 2026

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

NAY: Jeff McDaniels

Motion carried; vote rescinded.

Andy Healy made a motion for immediate consideration on Re-zone Request from B1-NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT to B2-GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT – 5248 HWY 17 – Parcel 13 8 28 1 001 018.000 – Maggie Valley, LLC and Dan Rasmussen as Owners, with a favorable recommendation from Planning & Zoning on April 16, 2026; with a second by **Dennis Wilson**.

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

NAY: Jeff McDaniels

Motion denied.

18. Motion to Take From the Table from April 27, 2026 City Council Meeting - Henley-Sector 2 – Master Plan Modification/Preliminary Plat – Newcastle Development, LLC, with a favorable recommendation from Planning & Zoning on April 16, 2026

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

Dennis Wilson made a motion to approve Henley-Sector 2 - Master Plan Modification/Preliminary Plat - Newcastle Development, LLC, with a favorable recommendation from Planning & Zoning on April 16, 2026; with a second by **Cathy Hammann**.

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

NAY: None

Motion carried.

19. 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.

20. Council Comments

Jeff McDaniels: I would like to ask you, Mayor, as you are exploring conversations with segments of the workforce, to please keep in mind that we have around 130-135 employees. I am asking for your consideration to not make a decision solely based on 25% of the workforce, but what is best for all employees, including Police, Parks, Public Works, etc. As we look for opportunities to make something better for one department, we should do it for all across the board.

Andy Healy: Thank you to the citizens, Fire Department, and teachers for coming out tonight. It is a pleasure to hand out those school donation checks to our schools. Farmers Market will be at Cahaba Lilly Park this weekend due to the Old Town Live concert, be sure and come see us between 8-12; we've had a great season so far; then make plans to attend the OTL concert down at the amphitheater.

Dennis Wilson: Old Town Live is this weekend, moe. is the headliner. If you've never heard of them, go look them up and give them a listen, and come join us this weekend. The crowd is amazing, we have food trucks and the environment is what I look for in an old town experience. I encourage you to attend, it's lots of fun, and we'll have a kids area for them to play and make crafts. Thank you to the Teen Council members in attendance tonight, I know this is a busy time of year for you and a lot of you have jobs as well. Thank you to the Fire Department for showing up and supporting each other, I admire that. Best of luck to all of the candidates that spoke tonight, and thank you for coming out.

Cathy Hammann: Thank you all for being here, I appreciate the support and show for the Fire Department, we hear you and we've got you. Thank you to the candidates for showing up and we wish you the best of luck. It's already a busy week, and will continue to get busy as we head into the summer. Don't forget the Old Town Live concert this weekend, moe. is fantastic.

Brooke Dodson: Congratulations to Abigail Parsons again on state championship. My wife is actually getting ready to retire from HMS, and my kids have come up through these schools as well, so I always love seeing these donations go to our schools. Thank you to the Fire Department for showing up and supporting each other and voicing your opinions, we appreciate you guys. Farmers Market on Saturday at Cahaba Lilly Park, and Old Town Live Concert Saturday night.

21. Adjourn

There being no further business meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm.

ATTEST:



Madison Harris
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Brooke Dodson
Council President