10 Jack Gray Way
Helena, Al 35080

October 15, 2026 **5:30pm**

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

1. Review of October 15, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting Agenda

The City Council reviewed and discussed the agenda items scheduled for consideration during October 15, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting.

Ordinance No. 1044-2026 – Rolling Reserve Fund

Council discussed Ordinance No. 1044-2026 concerning the establishment of a rolling reserve fund.

Councilwoman Hammann asked whether a specific timeframe would apply to the ordinance and whether limitations would be placed on the use of reserve funds. It was explained that a timeframe could be established and that any expenditure from the rolling reserve would require approval by the City Council.

Councilman McDaniels addressed questions that had been raised regarding the proposed ordinance and stated that government resources and ordinances from other municipalities had been reviewed in assisting with its preparation. Councilman Healy commented on the use of similar reserve funds for emergency purposes. Councilman McDaniels stated that the reserve should be available to assist the City in meeting its financial obligations when necessary.

SCR Magazine Contract

Council discussed the SCR contract regarding the City magazine, with Option 1 identified as the preferred option. Councilwoman Hammann asked approximately how many additional addresses within the 35022 ZIP code would be included. Chief Miller stated that he did not have an exact number available but confirmed that the contract provided for the addition of those residents.

Body Cameras and Taser Equipment

Council discussed the Utility proposal included in the meeting packet and clarified that the document was a quote rather than the final contract. The proposal included body cameras worn by officers and hosting of the associated content.

Council also reviewed the quote from Axon Enterprise regarding tasers. Chief Wood was present and responded to questions from Council regarding the information provided.

2. Accounts Payable / Bill Payments

Council reviewed the Accounts Payable and Bill Payments submitted for approval. No questions or concerns were raised.

3. Review of September 28, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Council reviewed the minutes of the September 28, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting. No corrections or revisions were noted.

4. Updates from Council Boards and Committees

Council members provided reports and updates regarding boards, committees, and community activities.

Council President Dodson reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission met earlier in the day regarding site plan approval for the Valvoline development located at 2559 Helena Road and final plat approval for Barimore Sector 2, Phase 1. He also reported that a Library Board meeting was scheduled for October 22, 2026.

Councilman Healy reported that the TAG grants had been approved and would be presented at the next City Council meeting. He also announced a pop-up market event at Cahaba Lily Park.

Councilwoman Hammann provided an update regarding completion of the Pumpkin House and expressed appreciation to those who assisted with the project. She also reported that the Helena Historic Preservation Society would participate in the upcoming Cops and Goblins event.

5. Discussion of Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

Council reviewed and discussed the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget, including departmental needs, projected revenues and expenditures, and other budget priorities.

Mayor Rosener reminded Council that the budget presented was a draft and not the final budget. Discussion included areas requiring additional review, including Fire Department transport services, Court operations, and Inspections. Mayor Rosener stated that additional information was needed to finalize figures in those areas and that updated information would be presented to Council and the public at the next City Council meeting.

Mayor Rosener stated that the budget would not be presented for a vote until the first meeting in November. He also commended department heads for their budgeting efforts during Fiscal Year 2026.

Councilman McDaniels asked how Fire Department transport services were reflected in the proposed budget. It was explained that transport services were included as part of service revenue. Councilman McDaniels also asked whether an ordinance was currently in place governing transport fees. Chief Miller stated that there was not currently an ordinance in place and that the established fee schedule was being followed.

Councilwoman Hammann asked about the step raises and COLA and holiday pay budget item. Chief Miller explained that the amount reflected staffing changes, including employees coming off the payroll and new hires beginning at Step 1.

Council also discussed the Parks and Recreation budget and associated overtime expenses. It was explained that overtime expenses were related to field preparation, ball games, registrations, and other departmental activities. Council was also advised that the department had added a new full-time staff member.

Councilman McDaniels asked Financial Director Patti Morrow about the fiscal year closeout process. Ms. Morrow stated that the City's auditors had established November 30 as the closeout/cutoff date and explained that transactions would be reviewed and appropriately coded to ensure that the City's financial records accurately reflected the budget. GIS was discussed along with Hailey and Storm water (ADEM) being reduced with the creation of the new Code Enforcement position.

Councilman Wilson stated that he and other council members were assisting Attorney Brian Hayes with reviewing the City's fines and fees schedules.

6. Discussion of Ordinance No. 1045-2026 – Electric Bicycles

Following discussion, Council agreed to continue consideration of Ordinance No. 1045-2026 at the October 26, 2026, meeting.

7. Public Comment Sign-Up

Residents wishing to address the City Council during the Regular City Council Meeting were advised to sign up with the City Clerk. Speakers were limited to three (3) minutes each.

8. Unfinished Business

There being no further business for discussion, the Work Session was adjourned at **6:45 p.m.**

The next regularly scheduled Work Session is scheduled for October 26, 2026, at 5:00 PM.

ATTEST:

Kym Rollan
City Clerk
President

SIGNED:

Brooke Dodson
Council

10 Jack Gray Way Helena, Al 35080

October 15, 2026 6:30pm

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Brooke Dodson called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM.

2. INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Garron Endicott, Pastor of Gospel Light Baptist Church.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman McDaniels.

4. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilwoman Cathy Hammann, Councilman Andy Healy, Councilman Dennis Wilson, Council President Brooke Dodson, and Councilman Jeff McDaniels.

Absent: None.

A quorum was declared present, and the meeting proceeded with business.

5. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

Councilman Healy made a motion to approve the minutes from September 28, 2026. Councilman McDaniels seconded the motion. The following votes were cast:

AYE: Councilwoman Hammann, Councilman Healy, Councilman Wilson, Council President Dodson, and Councilman McDaniels.
NAY: None.

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

6. REVENUE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (AP) BILL PAYMENTS

Councilman Healy made a motion to approve the Revenue Report and Accounts Payable Bill Payments. Councilman McDaniels seconded the motion. The following votes were cast:

AYE: Councilwoman Hammann, Councilman Healy, Councilman Wilson, Council President Dodson, and Councilman McDaniels.
NAY: None.

Motion carried.

7. MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS REPORT

Mayor Rosener provided updates regarding municipal operations and upcoming community events.

Mayor Rosener reported that the Buck Creek Festival had been canceled due to anticipated storms. He expressed appreciation to the volunteers for their hard work and indicated that another date for the festival was being considered. He also thanked the Helena Police Department, Helena Fire Department, and Public Works Department for their preparedness and readiness to assist during the potential severe weather.

Mayor Rosener announced that the Police Department would host **Cops and Goblins** on Thursday, October 22, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Helena High School. He also announced that Ken Penhale would be inducted into the Shelby County Hall of Fame that evening and recognized the induction as a significant honor.

The Police Department will also host a six-mile ruck march and a one-mile fun run for children.

Mayor Rosener further announced that the Jane B. Holmes Public Library would hold a book sale on Friday, October 16, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

8. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1044-2026

Establishing a Reserve Fund Policy for the City of Helena

Council President Dodson stated that Ordinance No. 1044-2026 was before the Council for its second reading and had previously been read in its entirety by Councilman McDaniels. Councilwoman Hammann raised a concern regarding a date contained within the ordinance and

stated that the ordinance needed to be corrected. Councilwoman Hammann made a motion to delay the vote on the ordinance. The motion failed for lack of a second.

There being no further discussion, Councilman McDaniels made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1044-2026. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion. The following votes were cast using a roll call vote:

AYE: Councilman Healy, Councilman Wilson, Council President Dodson, and Councilman McDaniels.
NAY: Councilwoman Hammann.

Motion carried. Ordinance No. 1044-2026 was approved.

9. SHELBY COUNTY REPORTER CONTRACT

Approve/Deny Shelby County Reporter Contract – Helena: The Magazine, Fiscal Year 2027 (6 Issues)

Councilman McDaniels made a motion to approve Option 1 of the Shelby County Reporter contract for *Helena: The Magazine* for Fiscal Year 2027. Councilwoman Hammann seconded the motion.

AYE: Councilwoman Hammann, Councilman Healy, Councilman Wilson, Council President Dodson, and Councilman McDaniels.
NAY: None.

Motion carried. The contract was approved.

10. POLICE DEPARTMENT BODY-WORN CAMERA QUOTE

Approve/Deny Quote with Utility for Police Department Body-Worn Camera Equipment and Related Services

Councilman Healy made a motion to approve the quote with Utility for Police Department body-worn camera equipment and related services. Councilman McDaniels seconded the motion. The following votes were cast using a roll call vote:

AYE: Councilwoman Hammann, Councilman Healy, Councilman Wilson, Council President Dodson, and Councilman McDaniels.
NAY: None.

Motion carried. The quote was approved.

11. AXON ENTERPRISE TASER QUOTE

Approve/Deny Quote with Axon Enterprise for the Purchase and Ongoing Service of Conducted Energy Devices (Tasers)

Councilman McDaniels made a motion to approve the quote with Axon Enterprise for the purchase and ongoing service of conducted energy devices. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion. The following votes were cast using a roll call vote:

AYE: Councilwoman Hammann, Councilman Healy, Councilman Wilson, Council President Dodson, and Councilman McDaniels.
NAY: None.

Motion carried. The quote was approved.

12. PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Residents who signed in with the City Clerk were provided three minutes each to address the Council.

Tom Stanbury, 146 Cedar Bend Drive:
Mr. Stanbury thanked the Council for transforming ideas into ordinances and emphasized the importance of transparency. He noted government should serve its people. Mr. Stanbury stated that he wanted to clear the record regarding recent social media interactions with Councilman McDaniels concerning his communications with Councilwoman Hammann and the sharing of confidential information. He also apologized to Mayor Rosener, stating that the council should have sought his financial expertise regarding the recent rolling reserve ordinance. Mr. Stanbury concluded by expressing his support for Councilwoman Hammann.

Doug Ingram, 1701 Native Dancer:
Mr. Ingram addressed dissension within the community, particularly on social media, and expressed concern regarding individuals contributing to community conflict. He encouraged residents to love God first and to love their neighbors. Mr. Ingram requested an additional two minutes to speak. Councilman McDaniels made a motion to suspend the three-minute public comment rule and allow Mr. Ingram an additional two minutes. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion.

The following votes were cast using a roll call vote:

AYE: Councilman McDaniels and Councilman Wilson.
NAY: Councilwoman Hammann, Council President Dodson, and Councilman Healy.

Motion failed, 2-3.

13. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Dennis Wilson:
Councilman Wilson expressed concern about discord within the community and echoed sentiments expressed during public comment.

Councilwoman Cathy Hammann:
Councilwoman Hammann stated that it had been a difficult session and expressed appreciation to members of the public for attending and providing their input.

Councilman Jeff McDaniels:
Councilman McDaniels thanked Mr. Ingram for his comments and thanked the public for attending. He stated that the Council remained committed to working for the good of the city. He thanked Council President Dodson for adjusting the meeting schedule for the holiday and requested that the Helena Forward project remain under consideration for a future town hall meeting.

Mayor Rosener acknowledged the request regarding Helena Forward and stated that the matter remained on the radar and that a site had been secured.

Councilman Andy Healy:
Councilman Healy expressed appreciation for the public comments and emphasized that established rules serve a purpose while ensuring everyone has a voice. He expressed his appreciation for the Helena community, reminded those in attendance about the pop-up market on Saturday, and congratulated Alex Miller on being elected Kiwanis President and on his engagement.

Council President Brooke Dodson:
Council President Dodson thanked the public for attending and expressed his anticipation for the upcoming pop-up market and improved weather. He commented on the importance of free speech while emphasizing the need to consistently observe the three-minute public comment rule. He also thanked Councilman Healy for previously advocating for the return of the public comment portion of Council meetings.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

The next regularly scheduled council meeting is set for October 26, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

ATTEST:

Kym Rollan
City Clerk

SIGNED:

Brooke Dodson
Council President