Helena Beautification Board
October 5, 2026

The HBB meeting was held on October 5th at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. The following are the attendance list and the minutes from that meeting.

Member	*Present*	*Absent*	*Excused*	*Member*	*Present*	*Absent*	*Excused*
Cathy Hammann– Council Liaison	X			Peggy Holly	X		
Rebekah Henderson -Chair	X			Luther Jarmon			x
Stephanie Gray -Vice Chair	X			Ginger Klein	x		
Sandra Rothe - Secretary			X Work	Ron Undem	X		
Cory Johnson	X			Laura Sparks			x
Jennifer Stringfellow			x				
Christina Levio			x				
Stephanie Frederick	X						

1. Call to order.
2. Approved minutes for the August 31st board meeting.
3. **Pumpkin House Build – this Thursday at 5:00 p.m.:**
    - On Thursday, October 8th, meet at Cedar Creek at 9 am to help load the Buck Creek plants to transport to the amphitheater.
    - Thanks to Helena Hollow for donating pumpkin house pumpkins! We will have a sign advertising them at the pumpkin house. Thursday, Jason Poe and his team will deliver pumpkins to the pergola after Cedar Creek delivery.
    - Beautification board members will get scarecrows from storage that morning.
    - Since the new pergola is taller than before, pumpkins can not be placed on the top of the pergola unless they are staked due to safety risk of them falling. We will need zip the large for the corn stalks and two 12-ft, A-frame ladders.
    - Laura is getting QR code sign made for residents to tag photos with the pumpkin house
4. **Christmas Tree Lighting Plans – Update:**
    - Board member updates about school choirs/bands:
        - Ms. Anglin responded to Sandra that the elementary children will not participate in the Christmas tree lighting. She did say they really appreciated the invite but due to a couple of other scheduled programs, it might be too much for the children, parents, and teachers.
        - Christmas Market and Tree Lighting -The Christmas market and tree lighting will be will be on December 4th from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The Christmas tree will be lit at 7:00 p.m. Vendor set up will from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
        - Entertainment - Participating in the entertainment will be Dance Etc., Helena high school and intermediate school's band/choir, and Luther Jarmon's group will dance. The Beautification Board is renting a stage from Blacksheep Productions, but dimensions are currently not available.
    - Food Truck Update:
        - The vendor fee is being raided from$25 to $35 and we are expecting about 15 tent vendors and 5 to 7 food trucks with no duplicate goods sold
        - Tree lights and port-o-potties will be ordered

- Specific Assignments:
    - Cathy/Jennifer will price Christmas ornaments to give to residents at the market who like and follow us on social media.
    - Board members will reach out to business owners and notifying them about the festival. Rebekah will meet with the police chief about notifying school busses regarding reroute

5. **Budget Presentation:**
    - Fiscal Year 27 budget should be solidified at the first City Council meeting of November
    - US Steel donated $2,500 to the Christmas Market
    - The Board checking account with $5,200, donations must go to the general fund
6. **New Business/Open Forum:**
    - Steward Meyers – Plants for the new pergola.
        - Stella Di'ora and Happy Return Daylily
        - Ink Berry Holly
        - Confederate Jasmine on the pergola posts
        - The new plants will need to be planted by mid-November and use pre-emergent weed defense
        - City Hall was weeded by city maintenance department; can the beautification board help maintain the City Hall area? Pop-up work events.

7. **Next Meeting:**
    - The next meeting is on **October 26, 2026, at City Hall at 6:00 P.M and work session on November 16th.**

Helena Beautification Board Scheduled Meetings Remaining for 2026
October 26th
November 16th (Second meeting for this month to finalize tree lighting)
December 14th

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