

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF EAST HELENA
CITY HALL – 306 EAST MAIN STREET – ROOM 110
COUNCIL WORK SESSION: 5:30 PM
DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2021
IN-PERSON AND INTERNET ZOOM MEETING: <https://zoom.us/j/8976327748>
CONFERENCE CALL-IN: 1-301-715-8592 MEETING ID: 897 632 7748

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Schell called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM. Councilmember Dahl led the Pledge of Allegiance. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic masks were recommended for those in attendance at City Hall.

CITY STAFF & OFFICIALS PRESENT: Councilmember Don Dahl, Councilmember Judy Leland, Councilmember Kelly Harris, Councilmember Wesley Feist, Public Works Director Kevin Ore, Mayor James Schell, City Attorney Pete Elverum, City Engineer Brad Koenig, and Clerk/Treasurer Amy Thorngren

PUBLIC PRESENT: Dave Jensen

ABSENT/EXCUSED:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Water System Infrastructure Improvement Projects Status Update** – A handout by City Engineer Brad Koenig was in the council packet. He reported that bids would be opened near the end of July and rate hearings would occur in August. He expected the water main improvements to be completed between August and October and the McClellan Creek Reservoir improvements to begin in 2022. This was an information-only item.
2. **Water System Infrastructure Improvements Rate Increase Scenarios & Timeline** – A report by City Engineer Brad Koenig was in the council packet. He predicted, as was previously discussed at the May 13th Public Work Session, that the improvements would result in a rate increase to \$43.47 for the base rate and \$1.35 per 1,000 gallons of usage. This was an information-only item.
3. **Wastewater System Infrastructure Improvement Projects Status & ARPA Funding Options** – A report by City Engineer Brad Koenig was in the council packet. He outlined the amount of money the city would receive from ARPA funding and outlined how to apply them to projects that had been identified in the Wastewater Master Plan. Dave Jensen commented that the Pacific Street project seemed too expensive. This was an information-only item.

MEETING SCHEDULE:

1. East Helena Planning Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 6PM, City Hall Room 110
2. East Helena Council Meeting, Tuesday, July 6, 2021, 7PM, City Hall Room 110
3. East Helena Council Meeting, Tuesday, July 20, 2021, 7PM, City Hall Room 110
4. East Helena Zoning Commission Meeting, Thursday, July 15, 2021, 6PM, City Hall Room 110

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Schell adjourned the meeting at 6:24 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor