

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF EAST HELENA
CITY HALL – 306 EAST MAIN – ROOM 110
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING: 5:30 PM
DATE: TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021
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 5:30 PM. Councilmember Dahl led the Pledge of Allegiance. Masks and physical distancing 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, Fire Chief Troy Maness (via Zoom), and Clerk/Treasurer Amy Thorngren

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

ABSENT/EXCUSED: City Attorney Pete Elverum

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Budget Introduction and Timeline** – Mayor Schell reviewed the progress of the current budgeting cycle which was in the council packet. There was no public comment. This was an information-only item.
2. **Review of Open Budget Questions** – Mayor Schell reviewed the questions raised at the last budget meeting and asked for more. Council expressed an interest in converting department heads to salaried positions. There was no public comment. This was an information-only item.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Review of Expense Account Responsibility List** – The list was in the council packet. There was no public comment. This was an information-only item.
2. **Review of Public Works Expenditure Accounts** – Preliminary expenditure budgets for facilities, roads, lighting, parks, flood disaster, rec program, pool, gas tax, BARSAA, water, sewer, and garbage were in the council packet. Public Works Director Ore presented his department’s budget to Council up to the pool budget. Questions and discussions took place by the council regarding various expenditures throughout. There was no public comment. This was an information-only item.
3. **Schedule Upcoming Budget Meetings** – Additional budget meetings were scheduled for August 2, 5, and 10, 2021 at 5:30 PM. There was no public comment. This was an information-only item.

MEETING SCHEDULE:

1. East Helena Council Meeting, Tuesday, July 20, 2021, 7PM, City Hall Room 110
2. East Helena Special Council Meeting, Monday, July 26, 2021, 5:30PM, City Hall Room 110
3. East Helena Council Meeting, Tuesday, August 3, 2021, 7PM, City Hall Room 110
4. East Helena Public Hearing & Council Meeting, Tuesday, August 17, 2021, 7PM, City Hall Room 110
{Zoning Variance Request 2820 Ashley Avenue}

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Schell adjourned the meeting at 6:50 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor