

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**CITY OF EAST HELENA**  
**CITY HALL – 306 EAST MAIN – ROOM 110**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING: 5:30 PM**  
**DATE: MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 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 Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance. Masks and physical distancing were recommended for those in attendance at City Hall.

**CITY OFFICIALS & STAFF PRESENT:** Councilmember Don Dahl, Councilmember Judy Leland, Councilmember Kelly Harris, Councilmember Wesley Feist (via Zoom), Public Works Director Kevin Ore, Fire Chief Troy Maness, Mayor James Schell, and Clerk/Treasurer Amy Thorngren

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Dave Jensen

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** City Attorney Pete Elverum

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Dave Jensen stated that he didn't have enough information to provide public comment at that time and would reserve his right to provide public comment at a later date. There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Budget Introduction and Timeline** – The timeline was in the council packet. Mayor Schell summarized what had been presented to date. There was no public comment. This was an information-only item.
2. **Review of Open Budget Questions** – A list of open budget questions was in the council packet. Mayor Schell reviewed each. Dave Jensen requested the telephone expenses in total. This was an information-only item.
3. **Review of Public Works Expenditure Accounts** – The proposed Public Works expenditure budget was in the packet at the last meeting. Public Works Director Ore continued presenting it from the pool budget where he had left off. There was no public comment. This was an information-only item.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Review of Volunteer Fire Expenditure Accounts** – The VFD's proposed budget was in the council packet. Volunteer Fire Chief Maness presented each line and requested replacement of Engine 2. Dave Jensen suggested purchasing through government surplus. This was an information-only item.
2. **Review of and Schedule Upcoming Budget Meetings** – Additional budget meetings were scheduled for August 16, 2021 at 5:30 PM and August 30, 2021 at 5:30 PM. A tour of the fire station was scheduled for August 11, 2021 at 5:30 PM and a tour of the Kennedy Park was scheduled for August 24, 2021 at 5:30 PM. A Pacific Street Improvements meeting was scheduled for August 24, 2021 at 6:30 PM. There was no public comment. This was an information-only item.

**MEETING SCHEDULE:**

1. East Helena Council Meeting, Tuesday, August 3, 2021, 7PM, City Hall Room 110
2. East Helena Special Council Meeting, Thursday, August 5, 2021, 5:30PM, City Hall Room 110
3. East Helena Special Council Meeting, Tuesday, August 10, 2021, 5:30PM, 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 8:00 PM.

ATTEST:

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Clerk/Treasurer

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Mayor