

CITY OF HELENA
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
September 24, 2012
6:00 P.M.

Time & Place

A regular City Commission meeting was held on Monday, September 24, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., in the Commission Chambers, 316 N. Park Avenue, Helena, Montana.

Members Present

Mayor Smith indicated for the record that Commissioners Elsaesser, Ellison, and Haque-Hausrath were present. Commissioner Thweatt was excused. City Manager Ron Alles, City Attorney Jeff Hindoien and Deputy City Clerk Robyn Brown were present. Others present were Andres Haladay representing the Helena Citizens Council.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Smith asked those persons present to please stand and join him in the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes

The minutes of the regular City Commission meeting of September 10, 2012 were approved as submitted.

Presentations

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Confirmation of probationary Police Officer Bryan Kern

Police Chief McGee introduced and gave the background of Officer Bryan Kern and recommended approval of his confirmation as a Police Officer with the Helena Police Department (HPD).

Public comment

Mayor Smith asked for public comment, none was received.

Motion

Commissioner Ellison moved approval of the confirmation of Bryan Kern as a Police Officer with the Helena Police Department. Commissioner Haque-Hausrath seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Chief McGee presented Officer Kern with a HPD challenge coin. Officer Kern addressed the Commission and thanked the City and Chief McGee for the opportunity to serve the City of Helena. The Commission welcomed and congratulated Officer Kern on becoming a confirmed officer with the HPD.

Proclamation

PROCLAMATION:

A. Fire Prevention Week

Mayor Smith read the proclamation designating October 7-13, 2012 as Fire Prevention Week in the City of Helena. Fire Marshall Craig Trapp accepted the proclamation and announced Fire Prevention Week activities in the City of Helena. Also, the Fire Department Open House will be held on October 11, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Fire Marshall Trapp announced the Fire Department has teamed up with St. Peter's Hospital to sell pink Helena Fire Department t-shirts to raise funds for breast cancer and noted all the proceeds will stay in the community by going to St. Peter's Hospital's breast cancer program.

Board Appointments BOARD APPOINTMENTS:
A. Board of Adjustment (BOA), City/County Planning Board and Non-Motorized Travel Advisory Council (NMTAC)

Mayor Smith recommended approval of the following board appointments:

City/County Planning Board – Appointment of Craig Charlton to an unexpired term on the City/County Planning Board; term will begin upon appointment and expire August 31, 2013. Also, the appointment of Sarah Nicolai as the joint appointment to the Planning Board. Ms. Nicolai's appointment would be contingent upon approval of the Board of County Commissioners. Term will begin upon appointment and expire August 31, 2015.

Board of Adjustment – Reappointment of Jim Enyeart to a second term on the Board of Adjustment; term will begin upon appointment and expire October 1, 2015.

Non-Motorized Travel Advisory Council – Appointment of Brett James to an unexpired term on NMTAC; term will begin upon appointment and expire March 31, 2013.

Public comment Mayor Smith asked for public comment, none was received.

Motion Commissioner Elsaesser moved approval of the board appointments to the BOA, City/County Planning Board and NMTAC as listed above. Commissioner Haque-Hausrath seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Consent Agenda CONSENT AGENDA:
A. Claims

City Manager Ron Alles recommended approval of the claims.

Public comment Mayor Smith asked for public comment, none was received.

Motion Commissioner Ellison moved approval of item A on the consent agenda. Commissioner Elsaesser seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Communications COMMUNICATIONS/PROPOSALS FROM COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner Ellison thanked Helena Fire Department Assistant Chief Glenn Davis and Baxendale firefighter Audrey Todd for helping his mother after a fall on the Walking Mall.

Commissioner Elsaesser thanked Northwestern Energy for their quick fix of a power outage in his neighborhood. He also spoke of attending the NAMI walk and Open Streets event over the weekend.

Report of the City Attorney REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY
No report was given.

***Report of the City
Manager***

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Alles reported Eric Spangenberg with the City/County Information & Technology Services Department received an award from ESRI for the City/County GIS system and thanked him for his dedication and excellent work.

Mr. Spangenberg gave the history of the GIS system. The Commission thanked the IT & S Department and Mr. Spangenberg for their work.

***Report from the
Helena Citizens
Council***

REPORT FROM THE HELENA CITIZENS COUNCIL

HCC member Andres Haladay reported the HCC is becoming involved in the update of the City's Subdivision Regulations.

***Public
Communications***

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Will Garvin, 212 State Street, Helena; reported he would be traveling to Helena, Arkansas in November and invited the Commission to send along a gift from the City of Helena. Over the summer, Mr. Garvin paddled his canoe from the City of Helena, Montana to the City of Helena, Arkansas.

The Commission congratulated Mr. Garvin on his achievement. Mayor Smith agreed to send a gift with Mr. Garvin and asked him to work with the City Clerk's Office on the details.

***Meetings of
Interest***

MEETINGS OF INTEREST

The next Administrative Meeting is October 10, 2012 and the next Commission Meeting is October 15, 2012.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Mayor James E. Smith

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Commission