

CITY OF HELENA
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
March 8, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
Zoom Online Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/94102423568>

- Time & Place** A regular City Commission meeting was held on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom Online Meeting ID: <https://zoom.us/j/94102423568>, as well as, the City Commission Chambers at 316 N. Park Ave, Helena 59623.
- Members Present** **(00:26)** Mayor Collins requested City Clerk Clayborn call roll call: City Attorney Jodoin, City Manager Harlow-Schalk, Commissioner Haladay, Commissioner Dean, Commissioner Logan, Commissioner O’Loughlin and Mayor Collins all responded present. All participated remotely via Zoom.
- Pledge of Allegiance** **(01:32)** Mayor Collins asked those persons present to please stand and join him in the pledge of allegiance.
- Minutes** **(02:05)** Minutes for the following were approved as submitted:
A. 08-10-20
B. 08-24-20
C. 10-13-20
D. 10-26-20
E. 11-09-20
F. 11-23-20
- Proclamations** **(02:33)** PROCLAMATIONS
A. Irish Heritage Day Proclamation
Mayor Collins read aloud the Proclamation.
- Consent Agenda** **(04:27)** CONSENT AGENDA
A. Claims
- Motion** **(05:08)** **Commissioner Haladay moved to approve Consent Agenda item A Claims.** Commissioner Dean seconded the motion. City Clerk Clayborn called a roll call vote, as follows: Commissioner Haladay voted aye, Commissioner Dean voted aye, Commissioner Logan voted aye, Commissioner O’Loughlin voted aye and Mayor Collins voted aye. **The motion carried, 5-0.**
- Communications from City Commissioners** **(05:45)** COMMUNICATIONS/PROPOSALS FROM CITY COMMISSIONERS
No comments or proposals were received from the Commission.
- Report of the City Attorney** **(05:54)** Nothing to report.
- Report of the City Manager** **(06:00)** City Manager Rachel Harlow-Schalk
A. Verbal Update: Armory Land Swap.
On January 25, 2021, the City Manager received a request to swap properties in the downtown from the Armory and State Warehouse, LLC. The business was requesting to swap property they acquired on December 10, 2020 from the State which included land next to the YMCA.

On February 17, 2021, the City Manager informed the Commissioners that the City was reviewing the property for adverse possession. Due to the area in question potentially falling within the YMCA's request for expansion, the City could not support moving forward with either the YMCA request for bond sponsored letter from the Commission nor the land swap requested by the Armory and State Warehouse, LLC.

The City has reviewed all potential agreements involving the land in question and found the only agreement established with the City involve the horseshoe pits located on site. The City does not need this land in order to continue their operations as a City. In conclusion, staff will reach out to all organizations on the site that are not the City and encourage them to discuss future usage amongst themselves.

The Armory and State Warehouse, LLC identified a city owned parking lot as the property they wish to purchase, located on the south end of Park Avenue. City staff intends to research the deed and go through the dissolution process to provide an RFP as was discussed previously. The City will continue to move this forward unless the City Commission decides to wait to assure this position is appropriate. The City is currently working on a study of all parking in the downtown to ensure that it meets the expectations and needs of the community. The City offered to wait until after that study was complete to make the dissolution happen. The study is also being suggested as a one-time funding items as part of the general fund savings from the state reimbursement from the CARES act.

City Manager, Rachel Harlow-Schalk stated she would be reaching out to the Armory and State Warehouse, LLC to confirm that the City is not planning to swap the properties but are currently reviewing how best to move forward.

(09:15) In conclusion, City Manager, Rachel Harlow-Schalk informed the board that the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade permit that was turned into the county was denied and there will not be a parade through downtown.

Report from HCC

(10:25) COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HELENA CITIZENS COUNCIL

HCC representative, Jamie Dwyer gave a report.

Public Communications

(11:54) PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

No public comments were received.

Adjournment

(12:16) There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

/S/ WILMOT COLLINS

MAYOR

ATTEST:

/S/ DANNAI CLAYBORN

CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION