

CITY OF HELENA
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
September 27, 2010
6:00 P.M.

Time & Place

A regular City Commission meeting was held on Monday, September 27, 2010 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 Cartwright, Ellison, Thweatt and Elsaesser were present. City Manager Ron Alles, Deputy City Attorney Thomas Jodoin and Deputy City Clerk Robyn Brown were present. Others present were Winston Greely representing the Helena Citizens Council.

Mayor Smith introduced the following delegates from the USS Helena in attendance: Commanding Officer Paul Dinius; HMCM David DiPietro, Chief of Boat; LTJG Garry Ferguson, Supply Officer; and MM1 Ivan Reyes.

Pledge of Allegiance

MM1 Ivan Reyes led those persons present in the pledge of allegiance.

Commander Dinius explained the function and status of the USS Helena and expressed appreciation for the renewed relationship between the submarine and its namesake. Chief of the Boat David DiPietro presented Mayor Smith with an honorary "Qualified in Submarines" insignia pin.

Minutes

The minutes of the regular City Commission meeting of September 13, 2010 were approved as submitted.

Appointments

APPOINTMENTS:

- A. City-County Planning Board
- ~~B. ADA Compliance Committee~~
- C. Helena Housing Authority
- D. Public Art Committee
- E. Zoning Commission

Mayor Smith asked for Commission concurrence on the following appointments:

City-County Planning Board - Appointment of Richard Huber to the City-County Planning Board. First term will begin upon appointment and expire September 1, 2013.

Helena Housing Authority - Appointment of Norma Jean Boles to the Helena Housing Authority. First term will begin upon appointment and expire August 1, 2015.

Public Art Committee - Appointment of Thomas Chvilicek, Artist; Jim Gilman, Artist; and Bobi Harris, Citizen at Large to the Public Art Committee. All three appointments are for unexpired terms and will begin upon appointment and expire December 31, 2012.

Helena Zoning Commission - Reappointment of Susan Wolcott to a second term on the Zoning Commission. Term will begin upon appointment and expire September 30, 2013.

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

Motion Commissioner Ellison moved approval of the appointments to the City-County Planning Board, Helena Housing Authority, Public Art Committee and Helena Zoning Commission as outlined above. Commissioner Elsaesser seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Claims
- B. Community Development Department Block Grant Public Facilities Planning Grant for the YWCA to assist with a Preliminary Architectural Report
- C. Resolution declaring tangible personal property owned by the City of Helena to be surplus property and authorizing the disposal of that property (railroad crossing rubber mats)
- D. 100% State of Montana funded Pass Through Grant for the Hazmat Team in the amount of \$44,167
- E. FY2010 USDOT-HMEP Training Grant for Hazmat Continuing Challenge Training in the amount of \$6,610
- F. Hazardous Materials Training Reimbursement for not more than \$11,000
- G. Final passage of Ordinance No. 3139 amending the official zoning map for the City of Helena for a zone change from R-3 (Residential) District to R-O (Residential-Office) District for property generally located south of Colonial Drive, north of Deerfield Lane and west of Interstate 15

City Manager Ron Alles recommended approval of the claims and the consent agenda.

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

Motion Commissioner Cartwright moved approval of items A through G on the consent agenda. Commissioner Elsaesser seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Communications

COMMUNICATIONS/PROPOSALS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Elsaesser spoke of attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Montana State Fund Building located in the Great Northern. He also discussed regulating medical marijuana facilities.

Commissioner Thweatt announced a forum will be held on Wednesday, September 29, 2010 from 7:00-8:30pm in the Commission Chambers for candidates for the office of Lewis & Clark County Commissioner; the forum is sponsored by Plan Helena.

Mayor Smith spoke of participating in the NAMI Walk on Sunday, September 26, 2010.

Commissioner Ellison congratulated the Helena Brewers on their Pioneer League Championship win. He also thanked Fire Department staff for their work on restoration of the firetower.

Commissioner Ellison thanked the USS Helena delegates and members of all armed forces for keeping United States citizens safe and free.

Report of the City Attorney

REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY
No report was given.

**Report of the City
Manager**

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

A. Confirmation and introduction of Police Officer Matt Post

Police Chief Troy McGee introduced Helena Police Department (HPD) Officer Matt Post and HPD officers in attendance. He gave Officer Post's hobbies, background and work history and recommended his confirmation as a police officer with the City of Helena.

Officer Post introduced his wife and children in attendance and thanked the Commission for the opportunity to be a police officer with the City of Helena.

Motion

Commissioner Ellison moved approval for the confirmation of Matt Post as a Police Officer with the Helena Police Department.

Commissioner Elsaesser seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

B. Fire Department promotion – Lieutenant Ken Wood

Fire Chief Steve Larson announced Firefighter Ken Wood was recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Chief Larson gave Lt. Wood's training and work history and congratulated him on his promotion.

Mayor Smith, on behalf of the City Commission, congratulated Lt. Wood on his promotion and issued the Firefighter's Oath. Lt. Wood thanked the Commission for their recognition.

**Report from the
Helena Citizens
Council**

REPORT FROM THE HELENA CITIZENS COUNCIL

HCC member Winston Greely reported the HCC is currently planning the annual Neighborhood Fair and has submitted a VISTA application for January award.

**Public
Communications**

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Elsaesser thanked former Mayor Russ Ritter for his work with the USS Helena and Montana Military Museum.

**Meetings of
Interest**

MEETINGS OF INTEREST

The next Administrative Meeting is September 29, 2010 and the next Commission Meeting is October 4, 2010. Recognition of USS Helena Day will be held September 28, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Mayor James E. Smith

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Commission

