



CITY OF MCRAE-HELENA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

5:30 PM

202 Eighth Street, McRae Helena, GA 31037

1. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
James McLaughlin	Councilmember	Present	
Mike Young	Mayor	Present	
Fred Crawford	Council Member	Present	
Ronnie Gay	Council Member	Present	
Kenneth Jones	Councilmember	Present	
Joe Thomas	Councilmember	Present	
Janeen Tokar	Mayor Pro Tem	Absent	

2. INVOCATION

Councilmember Gay gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was present.

5. APPROVE THE ORDER

A. Approve the Order of the Agenda

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ronnie Gay, Council Member
SECONDER:	Joe Thomas, Councilmember
AYES:	McLaughlin, Crawford, Gay, Jones, Thomas

6. APPROVE MINUTES

A. City Council - Regular Meeting - Jan 12, 2017 5:30 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Fred Crawford, Council Member
SECONDER:	Kenneth Jones, Councilmember
AYES:	McLaughlin, Crawford, Gay, Jones, Thomas

B. City Council - Special Meeting - Jan 24, 2017 7:00 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Fred Crawford, Council Member
SECONDER:	Kenneth Jones, Councilmember
AYES:	McLaughlin, Crawford, Gay, Jones, Thomas

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Property Tax Release from Digest

Councilmember Gay made a motion to release \$5,831.96 from the tax digest. The property taxes were deleted and combined with another operating utility account because of the merger of McRae and Helena.

RESULT:	ADOPT [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ronnie Gay, Council Member
SECONDER:	Fred Crawford, Council Member
AYES:	McLaughlin, Crawford, Gay, Jones, Thomas

B. Records Management Policy

Councilmember Crawford made a motion to adopt the Records Management Policy and appoint the City Clerk as records coordinator for the City pursuant to the Georgia Open Records Act.

RESULT:	ADOPT [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Fred Crawford, Council Member
SECONDER:	Joe Thomas, Councilmember
AYES:	McLaughlin, Crawford, Gay, Jones, Thomas

C. Leaf, Limb, and Landfill Collection

Leaf, limb, and landfill collections were discussed by the Mayor and Council in depth. After consideration of how things have been done in the past, the Council will discuss this matter further on how to address the collection of debris.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Public Works Report

Public Works Director Ed Gresham had nothing to report for January 2017.

B. Police Monthly Report

Chief Giles presented the Police Activity Report for January 2017, announcing that the department responded to 750 calls.

C. Activity Report January 2017

Chief Hardin presented his activity report for January 2017.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Sarah Jane Smith

Sarah Jane expressed her opinion on the leaf and limb pickup and how she has been putting leaf and limbs by the road for years with no problems. She is concerned about the education of the public on city ordinances and policies.

2. Melvin Moring

Mr. Melvin Moring spoke to the Council on how he would like to see a walking track with benches be established on Lakeside Avenue on the property the City owns for senior citizens to walk safely in that neighborhood.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjourn

Councilmember Gay made the motion to adjourn at 6:10 p.m.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ronnie Gay, Council Member
SECONDER:	Fred Crawford, Council Member
AYES:	McLaughlin, Crawford, Gay, Jones, Thomas