



**CITY OF MCRAE-HELENA**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 11, 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	
Kenneth Jones	Councilmember	Present	
Joe Thomas	Councilmember	Present	
Janeen Tokar	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	

**2. INVOCATION**

Councilmember Crawford 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

Councilmember Thomas made the motion to approve the order of the agenda.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Joe Thomas, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Fred Crawford, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	McLaughlin, Crawford, Jones, Thomas, Tokar

**6. APPROVE MINUTES**

A. City Council - Regular Meeting - Apr 13, 2017 5:30 PM

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Fred Crawford, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Joe Thomas, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	McLaughlin, Crawford, Jones, Thomas, Tokar

B. April 24, 2017 USDA Public Hearing Minutes

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPT [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Fred Crawford, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Joe Thomas, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	McLaughlin, Crawford, Jones, Thomas, Tokar

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

### A. NIMS Ordinance

This was the second presentation and adoption of the National Incident Management System Ordinance (NIMS).

Councilmember Tokar made the motion to adopt the NIMS Ordinance. Seconded by Councilmember Crawford, the motion passed unanimously.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPT [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Janeen Tokar, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Fred Crawford, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	McLaughlin, Crawford, Jones, Thomas, Tokar

### B. City Park & Recreational Facility Ordinance

The first reading of the City Park and Recreational Facility Regulations Ordinance was presented. The floor was open for discussion and Mayor Young requested that in the ordinance section 7- Native wildlife part (a) that fish be removed from this paragraph. The city will allow fishing.

### C. Solid Waste Ordinance

Councilmember Thomas made the motion to adopt the second reading of the Solid Waste Ordinance. This ordinance will become effective September 2017. Notification of this change will be publicized by newspaper, water bills, and fliers.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Joe Thomas, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kenneth Jones, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	McLaughlin, Crawford, Jones, Thomas, Tokar

### D. Sewer Line Extension

Councilmember Jones made the motion to decline the sewer line extension at this time due to the amount it would take to create the new infrastructure.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPT [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kenneth Jones, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Joe Thomas, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	McLaughlin, Crawford, Jones, Thomas, Tokar

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Temporary Moratorium of Secondhand Shops

Councilmember Tokar made the motion to adopt the temporary moratorium resolution for secondhand shops for one (1) year in order to review and adopt regulations for such shops.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPT [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Janeen Tokar, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Joe Thomas, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	McLaughlin, Crawford, Jones, Thomas, Tokar

B. Property Tax Release

Councilmember Crawford made the motion to release the following utilities taxes from the tax digest:

1. Bellsouth Telecom/AT&T Year 2013 Tax bill 48/ Operating Utility U1 36	\$11.56
2. Bellsouth Telecom/AT&T Year 2012 Tax bill 43/ Operating Utility U1 36	\$14.16
Total	\$25.72

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPT [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Fred Crawford, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Joe Thomas, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	McLaughlin, Crawford, Jones, Thomas, Tokar

C. Planning & Zoning Commission Appointment

Councilmember Tokar made the recommendation that the seat vacated by Mark Stanley be appointed at the June meeting of the Mayor and Council.

D. Property Donation

Councilmember Tokar made the motion to decline the acceptance of the property near Collins Street that was offered to the City by Merchants & Citizens Bank.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPT [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Janeen Tokar, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Joe Thomas, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	McLaughlin, Crawford, Jones, Thomas, Tokar

E. LMIG Contract Award

Councilmember Crawford made the motion to accept the 2016 & 2017 LMIG contract bid recommended by Hofstadter and Associates to East Coast Asphalt in the amount of \$251,953.10.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPT [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Fred Crawford, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Janeen Tokar, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	McLaughlin, Crawford, Jones, Thomas, Tokar

F. Construction Code Ordinance

The Construction Code Ordinance was presented, for the first time.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Public Works Report

Public Works Director Ed Gresham presented his monthly activity.

B. Activity Report

Fire Chief Jeff Hardin presented his April 2017 monthly report.

City Manager Liz McLean announced a \$3,400 grant for a washer extractor which was approved by LGRMS.

C. Police Monthly Report

Police Chief Glenn Giles was not present.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Willie Patterson

Willie Patterson voiced his opinion on big truck parking. Mr.Patterson is asking the city to provide a parking lot for big trucks to park while they are not working. Several ideas of properties were discussed but the City does not own any property large enough for such a project.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjourn

Councilmember Tokar made the motion to adjourn at 6:32 pm.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Janeen Tokar, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Fred Crawford, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	McLaughlin, Crawford, Jones, Thomas, Tokar