



**CITY OF MCRAE-HELENA**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 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	Late	5:36 PM
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**

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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [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

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

A. First Presentation of NIMS Ordinance

Mayor Young presented the NIMS Ordinance for review and the comment period.

#### B. Call for Special Election

Councilmember Tokar made the motion to call a special election on June 20, 2017 to fill the vacancy in Ward 1 Post 2.

<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

#### C. Set Qualifying Fees

Councilmember Crawford made the motion to set the qualifying fees for Ward 1 Post 2 at \$81 for the June 20, 2017 Special Election.

<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

#### D. Set Compensation for Pollworkers

Councilmember Crawford made the motion to approve the compensation for pollworkers for the June 20, 2017 special election as follows:

Superintendent: \$200  
 Chief Manager: \$150  
 Assistant Managers (2) \$150

<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

#### E. Library Board Appointment

Councilmember Crawford made the motion to reappoint Kenneth Dowling to the Library Board for a four-year term. The term will expire on June 30, 2021.

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

#### F. Planning & Zoning Commission Appointments

Councilmember Tokar made the motion to reappoint the following to the Planning & Zoning Commission:

Dian Clay Wilcox 05/24/17 to 05/23/2021

Joe Hamilton 05/24/2017 to 05/23/2021

The seat vacated by Mark Stanley will be appointed at the May meeting of the Mayor and Council.

<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

#### G. Citizen Request for Sewer Extension

After a discussion of a sewer service request in a location where there is no access to a sewer line, Mayor Young proposed that Mr. Donald McCrimmon and Councilmember Crawford check to see which ones in the area would be interested in paying to get sewer lines ran to their homes. This item will be tabled until next council meeting in May. Mr. McCrimmon and Mr. Crawford will inform the council on what information they have received then.

#### H. Washer Extractor for Turnout Gear

Councilmember Tokar made the motion to purchase a washer extractor for the Fire Department using unused grant match funds. Seconded by Councilmember Thomas, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Young asked which vendor the Council preferred to use. Councilmember Tokar made a further motion to use Southeastern Laundry Equipment Sales for this purchase. Councilmember Jones seconded and the amended motion passed unanimously.

<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

#### I. City Park Regulations

The Council discussed regulations for the City property at Lake Drive. Mayor Young suggested that we move forward with the engineering reports for a walking track and have Chief Giles research regulations for the property.

Councilmember Jones made the motion to accept Mayor Young's suggestion; Councilmember Crawford seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

#### J. Solid Waste Ordinance

Mayor Young presented the Solid Waste Ordinance for the first reading.

### 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### A. Public Works Report

Public Works Director Ed Gresham announced to the Council that the lift station at Gum Swamp is nearing completion.

#### B. Police Monthly Reports

Chief Giles presented his March monthly report.

#### C. Activity Report March

Chief Hardin presented his March monthly report.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

A. Adjourn

Councilmember Tokar made the motion to adjourn at 6:37 pm.

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