

**SPECIAL MEETING  
LAKE HELEN CITY COMMISSION  
August 4, 2011  
7:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**A SPECIAL MEETING** of the City Commission of the City of Lake Helen, Florida was called to order by Mayor Snowden at approximately 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Snowden, Commissioners Basso, Burton, Lane and Robbins. Also present was City Clerk Nancy Wilson.

The invocation was given and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Commissioner Burton**

**Mayor Snowden** read a National Day of Prayer Proclamation. The Commissioners will meet at 8am at Blake Park during Market in the Park to engage those at the park in a moment of prayer.

**COMMISSION CONSIDERATION:**

*Consideration of appointment to the open seat on the PLDRC (tabled from 7/14/11 meeting)*

There were four applicants for the open position on the PLDRC:

Lou Benton  
Florence Fowler  
Pernell Thomas  
Mike Smith

Lou Benton and Florence Fowler were two applicants in attendance. After discussion regarding the procedure taken to attract candidates for our City boards it was decided that the Commissioners use a ballot form to rate the candidates in order of preference. Both Mr. Benton and Mrs. Fowler were asked to speak

*Betty O'Laughlin  
McKenzie Avenue*

Ms. O'Laughlin spoke of the many qualities of Mr. Benton that would make him an asset to the PLDRC. She reviewed the other applications and didn't feel that any of the other applicants had the qualifications of Mr. Benton for that position.

The ballots were collected from the Commissioners. There were 3 votes for Florence Fowler, 1 vote for Lou Benton and one abstention. Mrs. Fowler became the newest member of the PLDRC.

PLDRC member Sean Abshire is moving out of the City so he is no longer eligible to sit on a City board. His seat will soon be open.

The balance of the meeting was spent discussing the redistricting that is currently taking place in Volusia County. This is done every 10 years after the census numbers are tabulated.

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm**

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Buddy Snowden, Mayor

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Nancy Wilson, City Clerk