

CITY OF HELENA FORM OF GOVERNMENT

The City of Helena has had a Commission-Manager form of government since 1953. A new self-government City Charter, continuing the Commission-Manager form of government, was adopted by a vote of the citizens of the City of Helena in 1976. The main features of the Commission-Manager plan are:

- 1) The unification of authority and political responsibility in the elected commissions, and
- 2) Centralization of administrative responsibility in an administrator appointed by the Commission.

The Commission determines municipal policies which are not set forth in the charter itself, adopts ordinances, votes appropriations, and is required to appoint a Chief Administrator, the City Manager, who serves at the pleasure of the City Commission.

The Commission is the governing body of the City and the City Manager is its agent in carrying out the municipal policies established by the Commission. The Commission deals with administration and employees only in a formal manner through the City Manager. Administrative functions are not delegated to individual members of the Commission. Department Heads are selected and supervised by the City Manager.

COMMISSIONERS

James Smith, Mayor
Dan Ellison
Andres Haladay
Robert Farris-Olsen
Ed Noonan

Ronald J Alles, City Manager