



City of Hogansville
City Council
Regular Meeting Agenda
Monday April 6, 2026 – 7:00 pm

**Meeting will be held at Hogansville City Hall,
111 High Street, Hogansville, GA 30230**

Mayor: <i>Jake Ayers</i>	2029	City Manager: <i>Lisa E. Kelly</i>
Council Post 1: <i>Michael Taylor, Jr</i>	2029	Assistant City Manager: <i>Oasis Nichols</i>
Council Post 2: <i>Jason Baswell</i>	2029	City Attorney: <i>Alex Dixon</i>
Council Post 3: <i>Mandy Neese *</i>	2027	Chief of Police: <i>Jeffrey Sheppard</i>
Council Post 4: <i>Mark Ayers</i>	2027	City Clerk: <i>LeAnn Lehigh</i>
Council Post 5: <i>Kandis Strickland</i>	2027	* Mayor Pro-Tem

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 pm

1. Call to Order – Mayor Jake Ayers
2. Invocation & Pledge

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be approved by one blanket motion.

1. Approval of Agenda: Regular Meeting April 6, 2026
2. Approval of Minutes: Work Session Meeting March 16, 2026
3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting March 16, 2026

CITIZEN APPEARANCE

1. Gage Bailey to Discuss Data Center Ordinance
2. Ila Burdett to Discuss UDO Revisions
3. Paula Darden to Discuss Data Center Disposal of Water
4. Evie Kettler to Discuss Animal Ordinance
5. Karen Spurlock to Discuss Animal Ordinance

NEW BUSINESS

1. LRA Funding

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. Council Member Neese
2. Council Member Ayers
3. Council Member Strickland
4. Council Member Taylor
5. Council Member Baswell

MAYOR’S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Litigation Exemption

ADJOURN

Upcoming Dates & Events

- April 16, 2026 – 6:00 pm | Meeting Planning and Zoning Commission at Hogansville City Hall
- April 20, 2026 – 7:00 pm | Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council at Hogansville City Hall
- April 19-25, 2026 – GEORGIA CITIES WEEK
- April 22, 2026 – Community Clean Up, Tire Amnesty, Shred at Calvin Hipp Park Downtown Hogansville
- April 25, 2026 – Touch-A-Truck and Celebrate Recovery’s Annual Car Show – Downtown Hogansville

The Royal Theater Happenings

- Friday, April 4, 2026 – 7:00pm | LIVE EVENT: GlowBand Tribute to Eagles and Friends
 - April 17, 2026 – 7:00 pm | LIVE EVENT: Callaway High School’s Little Mermaid Live at the Royal Theater
 - Saturday, April 25, 2026 – 7:30 pm | LIVE EVENT: One Night in Memphis
- Purchase tickets online 1937royaltheater.org or call the box office 706-955-4870

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REGULAR MEETING

April 6, 2026

Call to Order: Mayor Jake Ayers called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Mayor Ayers, Council Member Michael Taylor, Council Member Jason Baswell, Council Member Mandy Neese, Council Member Mark Ayers, and Council Member Kandis Strickland. Also present were City Manager Lisa Kelly, Assistant City Manager Oasis Nichols, City Attorney Alex Dixon, City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh, and Assistant Police Chief James Vincent. Police Chief Jeff Sheppard was not present at the Regular Meeting.

Council Member Baswell gave the invocation, and Mayor Ayers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Council Member Strickland moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Neese.

Motion Carries 5-0

CITIZEN APPEARANCE

1. Gage Bailey to Discuss Data Center Ordinance

Gage Bailey expressed disappointment and confusion over a recent amendment to the real estate purchase option agreement with FGI, extending it to March 9, 2027. He questioned the transparency of the council, stating he learned about the amendment from other citizens and not in a public meeting. He stated that the lack of transparency erodes trust between the council and the community.

2. Ila Burdett to Discuss UDO Revisions

Ila Burdett urged the council to consider the large scale of the proposed data center project. She warned that the project could devalue residential properties. She advocated using the zoning ordinance to require full project disclosure before granting rezoning.

3. Paula Darden to Discuss Data Center Disposal of Water

Paula Darden pointed out that the city is committing to providing electricity and water without knowing the specific requirements of the data center. She highlighted global shortages and long wait times (2-5 years) for critical components like transformers, switchgear, and high-capacity batteries. She also raised concerns about wastewater contamination with PFAS and other toxic chemicals from cooling systems.

4. Evie Kettler to Discuss Animal Ordinance

Evie Kettler spoke on behalf of a dog named Beauty, challenging the city's breed-specific legislation (sections 10-76 through 10-81). She argued that identifying "pit bull" type dogs by appearance is unreliable and subjective. She stated the ordinance penalizes dogs based on classification, not behavior, with requirements like a \$200 fee and \$500,000 in liability insurance. She is advocating for a behavior-based ordinance, similar to Georgia's Dangerous Dog Law.

5. Karen Spurlock to Discuss Animal Ordinance

Ms. Spurlock of 301 Scott Street owns a medical support dog, a Staffordshire terrier mix named Beauty, adopted from a shelter. After a 911 call, code enforcement informed her of several requirements under the 2010 ordinance, which she described as outdated and a hardship. She emphasized her dog is not dangerous, weighs 25 pounds, and has physical limitations from past abuse.

NEW BUSINESS

1. LRA Funding

Motion: Council Member Baswell moved to approve the use of a \$66,703 LRA grant from GDOT for the Oak Street paving project (from the old water filter plant to E. Boyd Rd), covering about 70% of its estimated \$99,000 cost. The motion was seconded by Council Member Neese.

Discussion: None

Motion Carries 5-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Litigation Exemption

Council Member Strickland made a motion to move into Executive Session at 8:09 pm under the Litigation Exemption. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Motion Carries 5-0

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 8:18pm.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Council Member Neese and duly seconded, Mayor Ayers adjourned the meeting at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully,



LeAnn Lehight
City Clerk