



MINUTES – Public Meeting
August 5, 2019 – 7 pm

Hogansville City Hall, 400 East Main Street, Hogansville GA 30230

This City of Hogansville Mayor and Council's public meeting was called to order at 700 pm, August 5, 2019, by Mayor Bill Stankiewicz.

Present were Mayor Bill Stankiewicz, Mayor Pro-Tem Theresa Strickland and Council Members Fred Higgins, Reginald Jackson and George Bailey.

Also present were City Manager David Milliron, Police Chief Brian Harr, City Clerk Lisa Kelly, City Attorney Jeff Todd, and Planning and Development Director Lynne Miller.

Mayor Stankiewicz stated that this meeting's purpose was to inform the public and take questions about proposed financing help from United States Department of Agriculture. Mayor Stankiewicz then turned the meeting over to Planning and Development Director Lynne Miller.

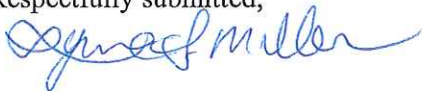
Ms. Miller explained that:

- The purpose of this meeting was to inform the public about four grant and loan requests the City is seeking, and to invite public comments. The first two requests would be for the Police Department, and the second two for converting the PNC bank building into City Hall.
- The program the City is proposing to tap is the United States Department of Agriculture Community Facilities grant and loan program for local governments. This program provides up to \$25,000 in grants to cities and counties to help them fund needed equipment.
- Each \$25,000 grant is an outright grant that requires a matching amount from the City. The City match amount is then financed by a five-year, low interest USDA loan. The City can pay these loans off at any time with no prepayment penalty.
- \$25,000 is the maximum amount of each USDA grant, and each grant must be matched by an amount that is equal to or higher than the grant.
- The projects the City is seeking are:
 - 18 two-way radios for mobile or handheld use, for the City Police Department. Total cost of the radio system would be \$62,499, with \$25,000 of that provided by USDA grant, and \$37,499 by USDA loan. These radios would replace the Police Department's current radios, which are around 10 years old and have dead spots.

- 12 laptop/printer combinations for the Police Department cars, which would eliminate hand-written tickets and improve the process. Total cost of these laptop/printer combos would be \$93,259, with \$25,000 coming from the USDA grant, and \$68,259 from the USDA loan.
 - One construction loan, in the amount of \$150,000, to convert the former PNC bank building at 111 High Street into the new City Hall. Plans are to use the State Department of Corrections to construct the renovations. The USDA loan would be repaid by the Hogansville Charitable Trust and a private donor.
 - Furniture and equipment for the new City Hall building, to cost \$50,000, with \$25,000 of that in the form of a USDA grant and \$25,000 of that as USDA loan.
- All of the PD and new City Hall equipment projects are needed and budgeted, Ms. Miller said. In the case of the Police Department items, the loan payoffs would come from the PD's Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) and tech budget. The term for each loan would be five years, at 3.2% per year, with no penalty for early payoff.
 - The PNC construction loan of \$150,000 would have a 40-year term, again, at 3.2% per year with no penalty for early payoff. The loan payoff, again, would be by the Hogansville Charitable Trust and a private party.
 - These grants would reduce the costs of these projects, by up to \$25,000 in each case.
 - None of these projects is expected to negatively impact the environment, Ms. Miller said. In the case of the new City Hall construction, an environmental assessment was conducted two years ago, which showed no adverse impacts.
 - These grants will also have positive economic impact, by stretching City funds, and in the case of the \$150,000 construction loan, by enabling a third party – namely the Hogansville Charitable Trust – to pay for the new City Hall construction.
 - These requests require public meetings that must be held before USDA can approve them. In the case of the new City Hall construction and furnishings, these funds were approved a few years ago, but now require revised application forms and this public meeting before the construction loan and equipment grant/loan combo can be approved.

Ms. Miller invited the public to comment or offer questions. There being no comments or questions, this public meeting was closed at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynne S. Miller, AICP
 Planning and Development Director

I certify that these are true minutes of the City of Hogansville Public Meeting held 7 pm, Aug 5, 2019.



Lisa Kelly, City Clerk

8/7/2019
 Date