



## Work Session

August 17, 2020

### Work Session - 5pm

**Call to Order:** Mayor Stankiewicz called the work session to order at 5pm. Present were Mayor Stankiewicz and Council Members Reginald Jackson, Marical Price, Mark Ayers and Toni Striblin. Council Member Mandy Neese joined by phone. Also present were City Manager Jonathan Lynn, City Attorney Alex Dixon, Assistant City Manager Lisa Kelly, Community Development Director Lynne Miller, and Chief of Police Brian Harr.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### **1. *LMIG Application.***

Staff is proposing the new LMIG application and subsequent funding be used toward Pine Street paving. Expected funding could be secured by October, 2020.

#### **2. *Sanitation Plans.***

Lynn began stating there has been much discussion regarding sanitation concerns. In the past crews have picked up anything and everything and costs increased dramatically year by year. Current situation is unclear to customers on what we pick up and not pick up. Budget includes a \$4 per customer increase, still puts the City in the red for the year by about \$6k. One option is to increase by \$10 per customer per month but would pick up anything with the exception of tires, hazardous materials, and construction debris and would create a profit in that department. Another option is to pick up only what fits in the garbage can. Anything else would be subject to code enforcement action and would be burdensome for Code Enforcement. We cannot control what the landfills would accept from residents. At the end of the day the property owner would be responsible for the transport of items. If we pick up nothing but the cans additional code enforcement personnel would be needed. Striblin asked if we could contract with C&C for the knuckle-boom service. Neese spoke to the dumpster service and a C&C Sanitation-type company would cause an up-charge of up to 40%. Mayor would like to see residents stick to the regular schedule and not place items out by the curb a week ahead of time and would like to see that language in the ordinance. Also need a grace period for adjustment to the new system but once that period is met, no warnings but should issue citations immediately. Chief Harr was asked if citations could be written by officers other than Code Enforcement. He stated during this time of uncertainty the better the education, the more beneficial the outcome. Officers are working hard to build community focus and this would distract from that. Depends on the direction of the council as to the amount of time to roll out the new plan. Would anticipate implementation in September.

**3. Intergovernmental Agreement - Hogansville & Visit LaGrange, Inc.**

Mayor Stankiewicz explained the City needs a direct marketing organization (DMO) in order to spend hotel/motel tax funds and is proposing Visit LaGrange be the flow-through vehicle for Hogansville funds. LaGrange – Troup County Chamber of Commerce was the City’s source for distributing funds for the past few years as part of a county-wide effort for marketing and promotions but has recently cancelled that service completely. City of LaGrange created their own DMO and has offered to administer Hogansville’s funds. Funds would be dedicated to Hogansville in a separate checking account and only expended as Hogansville authorizes. The City cannot currently spend the dollars because we have no funding mechanism. Dixon added the process is long and costly to create our own DMO and then regular ongoing annual costs would be applicable. The budget is established by the Council and dollars controlled by the Council. The City cannot use a Downtown Development Authority as a vehicle for funding. Visit LaGrange will require \$100 per month for administration. Striblin feels strongly that Hogansville should create its own DMO and there are many residents and business owners that can contribute marketing and promotions experience.

**4. Mask Ordinance**

Governor Kemp has enacted a new executive order that allows cities to pass local ordinances for the requirement to wear masks. Even if we mandate the wearing of masks, there are many exceptions, to include, no businesses can be forced to comply with the mandate and people who have medical or religious reasons for not wearing a mask can be exempted. The effort is a county-wide attempt to promote masks to protect against COVID-19. The item will be brought forward in a future meeting. Any comments or concerns should be directed to the City Manager ahead of the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Ayers and dually seconded, Mayor Stankiewicz adjourned the meeting at 6:22pm.

Respectfully,



Lisa E. Kelly  
City Clerk  
City of Hogansville