



WORK SESSION

This Hogansville City Council Work Session was held Monday, February 24, 2020.

Call to Order – Mayor Stankiewicz called the work session to order at 5:47 p.m. Present were Mayor Stankiewicz and Council Members Mandy Neese, Mark Ayers and Toni Striblin. Also present were City Attorney Jeff Todd, Interim City Manager Lisa Kelly, Planning and Community Development Director Lynne Miller, and Chief of Police Brian Harr. Council members Reginald Jackson and Marichal Price were not present.

Motion: Council Member Mandy Neese moved that the Agenda for this meeting be approved as advertised with one change: Add “Emergency Sewer Repairs” as Item No. 2 and renumber the subsequent items accordingly. The motion was seconded by Council Member Toni Striblin.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Neese (Yea), Ayers (Yea), Striblin (Yea).

Motion Passed 3-0

Order of Business

1. Water Supply for Development – Engineers Adam Price, James Jones and Skip Layton of Falcon Engineers presented information on the City’s water system needs, noting that they have applied for a loan from Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) to:
 - Install two new water storage sources;
 - Improve distribution from that LaGrange entrance point up Bass Crossroads to the Interstate water tank;
 - Improve backflow prevention, including pressure reducing valves in each home.

2. Emergency Sewer Repairs. Interim City Manager Lisa Kelly reported that a tree has fallen onto and crushed a midstream pier where a sewer main crosses Blue Creek, behind Antioch Church.

Motion: Council Member Striblin moved that the City Council allocate \$4,300 to replace the existing pier and add sewer main strapping there, as opposed to installing more bracing and new concrete piers on either side of the creek for \$9,700. The motion was seconded by Council Member Neese.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Ayers (Yea), Striblin (Yea), Neese (Yea).

Motion Passed 3-0

3. City Hall/PNC Building – Georgia Department of Corrections – Plans and Direction

Lisa Kelly reported that at a recent meeting with Georgia Department of Corrections (DOC), she was told that DOC has been reduced from 24 work crews to 10, who cannot begin renovations to the PNC building before January 2021, and who would then take 6–9 months to complete those renovations.

Motion: Council Member Mark Ayers moved that the City Council advertise the PNC renovations for construction contractor bids. The motion was seconded by Council Member Striblin.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Striblin (Yea), Neese (Yea), Ayers (Yea)

Motion Passed 3–0

4. Sanitation – Lisa Kelly shared the City Sanitation budget with the Council, noting that the City, one year ago, had Sanitation costs that exceeded revenues by over \$52,000. Now that the City has discontinued bulk pickups, the department's costs and revenues are balancing. Four options were presented:

- 1) Do nothing and keep current service, which is generating many complaints, will require more compliance personnel, but which has improved financials.
- 2) Return to previous pick-up procedure, with City collecting bulk items. Landfill will not accept all of these items, and City would need to increase rates.
- 3) Stop picking up items entirely, which will create dumping problems, but which would release the City knuckle boom loader for other City work;
- 4) Fee for Service, with scheduled pickups; either through new City policy or contracted entirely.

By 3–0 consensus, Council directed Ms. Kelly to research and develop details for Option 4.

5. Introduction for a Strategic Plan – Ms. Kelly provided the agenda for a Mayor/Council facilitated planning retreat to be held Saturday, February 29, 2020 in LaGrange.

ADJOURN

On a motion made and duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7 pm.

Respectfully,

Lynne S. Miller, AICP
Planning and Development Director
City of Hogansville