

City of Hogansville City Council Work Session Meeting Agenda

Monday, August 1, 2022

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

Mayor: Jake Ayers	2025	Interim City Manager: Lisa E. Kelly
Council Post 1: Michael Taylor, Jr	2025	City Attorney: Alex Dixon
Council Post 2: Matthew Morgan	2025	Chief of Police: Jeffrey Sheppard
Council Post 3: Mandy Neese*	2023	
Council Post 4: Mark Ayers	2023	
Council Post 5: Toni Striblin	2023	* Mayor Pro-Tem

Work Session Meeting – 5:00 pm

Order of Business

- 1. Police Department Radio Communications
- 2. Troup County School System School Resource Officer (SRO)
- 3. City Manager/Assistant City Manager Job Descriptions
- 4. Parks & Recreation Projects
- 5. Royal Theater/Construction Update
- 6. SPLOST 6 Implementation
- 7. Turnipseed Water/Sewer Upgrades

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Call to Order: Mayor Jake Ayers called the Work Session to order at 5 pm. Present were Mayor Jake Ayers and Council Members Michael Taylor, Jr., Matthew Morgan, Mandy Neese, Mark Ayers and Toni Striblin. Also present were Interim City Manager Lisa Kelly, Police Chief Jeff Sheppard, City Attorney Alex Dixon, and Planning & Development Director Lynne Miller.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Police Department Radio Communications.
 - Mr. Dean Ginn, President, Dean's Commercial Two-Way, Inc., presented his proposal to provide an 800 MHz digital Police Department radio system for \$198,715.15.
 - Chief Sheppard compared this proposal to an offer from Troup County and City of LaGrange, with two vendor options, which would cost \$250,000 for City of Hogansville participation and which would not correct Hogansville's current coverage problems.
 - Mr. Ginn said that Hogansville's "dead spots" in the coverage maps would be corrected by his proposed system.
- 2. Troup County School System School Resource Officer (SRO)
 - Steve Heaton, Security Coordinator of the Troup County Board of Education presented a
 proposal from the BOE to provide a School Resource Officer at the Hogansville
 Elementary School. The BOE would pay the Hogansville Police Department \$56,000
 annually, with annual increases of 3% per year, for a school resource officer to provide
 police and security services at the school. The BOE is making this offer to schools
 throughout Troup County and is in the finally stages of approval.
 - Chief Sheppard noted that during the summer, the SRO would help with related community youth programs, and that the Hogansville PD could absorb any additional costs beyond the \$56,000, such as uniforms, equipment etc.
 - Mr. Heaton advised the City Council not to approve the proposed contract until later this fall when the Board of Education has formally approved it.
- 3. City Manager/Assistant City Manager Job Descriptions
 - Lisa Kelly distributed draft job descriptions for City Manager to fill Jonathan Lynn's vacancy, and also provided the existing Assistant City Manager job description for informational purposes.
 - It was noted that headhunter firms have been used in the past and could be used again to any extent desired in the recruitment process, such as with candidate vetting.
 - City Council were asked to review and get any suggested changes to Ms. Kelly ahead of the next City Council meeting (by August 10th for the August 15, 2022 meeting).

- 4. Parks and Recreation Projects.
 - Mrs. Kelly distributed a list of 2013 and 2019 SPLOST project updates.
 - 2019 SPLOST funds received to date = \$3,289,409.
- 5. Royal Theater/Construction Update Lynne Miller will email Mayor and Council with info.
- 6. SPLOST 5 Implementation Briefly discussed that Council should be considering proposed projects as discussions will begin soon with the County, LaGrange and West Point.
- 7. Turnipseed Water/Sewer Upgrades
 - Greg Ashworth of Turnipseed Engineers provided a list of water and sewer upgrades needed between 2022 and 2037, by which time the City is projected to have added as many as 3,035 new homes.
 - Mr. Ashworth noted that the City's 1.5 million-gallon-day wastewater treatment plant will exceed permit limits occasionally after 3,000 new homes are added.
 - Mr. Ashworth suggested that the City increase its tap fees for water and sewer connection from the current \$6,000 for water and sewer combined, to \$12,000 for water and sewer combined, to help address upcoming water and sewer improvement needs.
 - The most immediate capital improvement need is a Huntcliff gravity sewer interceptor upgrade, Mr. Ashworth said. Turnipseed Engineers is seeking a contract with the City to design that gravity sewer upgrade. Design could take 8 months.
 - Ms. Kelly explained that the sewer trunk line carrying wastewater from Villages at Huntcliff and many areas leading to this area is at flow capacity, and overflow capacity during rain events. This sewer main incorporates portions of E. Main, Taliaferro Dr, Maple Dr, Poplar St, portions of Mobley Bridge Rd, and Shallow Creek Subdivision. The City will allow no future construction in Huntcliff and Shallow Creek until the main is upgraded, she said. Upgrades are needed regardless of new construction, she added.
 - The Huntcliff and Shallow Creek developers have agreed to pre-pay approximately \$1,188,000 of the \$1.2 million needed for this project, Ms. Kelly said, and will recoup those funds through tap and development fees the developers pass along to the new homeowners; provided the City agrees to issue certificates of occupancy for new units that otherwise meet all City codes.
 - Engineering fees for this 2,750 -foot, \$1.2 million interceptor upgrade will be approximately \$102,000 including design, bid services and construction monitoring. The engineering cost and remaining \$114,000 of the \$1.2 million construction cost would be paid from City SPLOST.

ADJOURNMENT

With unanimous consent, Mayor Ayers adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, your miller

Lynne Miller, AICP Planning & Development Director