



CITY COUNCIL MANAGER'S REPORT

City of Hogansville | David A Milliron, City Manager | 706.637.8629 | October 2, 2017

Georgia Department of Transportation: GDOT District 3 Engineer Michael Presley has been contacted for a meeting to discuss a maintenance agreement with respect to mowing and litter upkeep of state routes currently maintained by staff. For instance, Public Works recently mowed Highway 54 in advance of the upcoming Hummingbird Festival. Maintenance Agreements are available to reimburse municipalities for services rendered to the state. Staff will also seek approval for a pedestrian crosswalk to be installed on Hwy 54 near Boozer Street adjacent to the Thrash & Sons Funeral Home.

Public Works Equipment: Revised quotes have been obtained from John Deere with respect to the purchase of a 5085E Tractor, HX15 Rotary Cutter and MX8 Rotary Cutter. The initial quote did not include pricing for an extended warranty or proposed maintenance agreement to cover the equipment for the possibility of a 60-month capital lease. However, the City will be able to realize an estimated 1.6 percent savings (or \$1,019.07) from the equipment quote received in May 2017 by leveraging state contract pricing versus National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) pricing. John Deere can finance the equipment for 60 months at 4.5 percent interest. The current open cab tractor does not have heat and air and other governments, including Meriwether County, have achieved greater productivity levels by conditioning the cabs at an additional cost of about \$6,000. The current quote, excluding a conditioned cab, is \$78,254.01 and includes the following:

1. Five-Year Service Agreement: Cost is \$14,335 and covers all scheduled on-site maintenance and repairs for 60 months (plus transportation to/from SunSouth in Carrollton for any repairs not able to be done onsite). This cost could be excluded from the deal should the City opt to cover incidental costs for scheduled maintenance and necessary transportation. If excluded, the capital lease would drop by \$239.26 per month (\$1,426.44 versus \$1,187.18 excluding Options No. 2 and 3).
2. PowerGard Protection Plan: Cost is \$2,431 and covers all factory defects for 60 months. This option can only be waived if the equipment is purchased outright rather than a 5-year capital lease purchase.
3. Conditioned Cab: The estimated cost for heat and air conditioning is estimated not to exceed \$6,000.

I am finalizing the quote negotiations for the John Deere 310L Backhoe Loader. The City is current spending \$1,876.10/month to lease its currently equipment with no ownership. The state contract price excluding service agreements and protection plans (plus trade-in of a 1999 John Deere 310E backhoe) is estimated not to exceed \$67,817.07.

The City Council ought to expect a formal presentation at its October 16th meeting where a John Deere government sales representative will be on hand to answer any questions.

Social Media: Logon credentials have been obtained for the City website and staff will be cross-trained to publish and update information. A Facebook page has created and will begin to see regular updates and communications from City Hall. The site address is <https://www.facebook.com/HogansvilleCityHall/> for City Hall and <https://www.facebook.com/HogansvilleCityManager> for the City Manager.

Body Camera Grant: Thanks to a joint effort headed by Community Development Director Lynne Miller in cooperation with Police Sgt. Jeff Shepperd, the City has been informed it is the recipient of a Body Camera Grant from the Office of Justice Programs at the U.S. Department of Justice. Hogansville is one of 40 similar-sized police agencies (less than 25 officers) to receive the matching grant, which will cover about \$10,000 in cost matched by approximately \$12,000 in City trade-ins, travel training time, conference costs and cash. The City will trade in its eight older cameras in exchange for 16 new body cameras. The City will cover the cost of training two officers plus associated travel as well as the purchase of a video service.

Water Tanks: Staff has met with two companies who have performed inspections of the 100,000 and 300,000-gallon standpipe tanks. Estimated cost of maintenance and repairs is estimated at about \$300,000. A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be drafted and posted for competitive sealed bidding in the coming weeks. This work needs to be completed during the colder winter months.

Please see Oct. 2, 2017 Project List memo for additional updates on fire hydrants, road striping and Robocall system.

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