



CITY MANAGER'S

COUNCIL REPORT

City of Hogansville | David A Milliron, City Manager | 706.637.8629 | October 1, 2018

Future City Hall Building: Roof Depot has completed the flat roof replacement and are expected to be onsite this week to install the metal work. Next phase is to meet with 2WR and Partners to obtain stamped plans of the interior buildout. From there, staff will meet with a construction team from the Georgia Department of Corrections to obtain estimates on retrofitting the building for use as City Hall.

Rural Zone: The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has designated the historic downtown Hogansville corridor as a “Rural Zone” under a new program that will allow eligible businesses to qualify for state tax credits effective January 1, 2019. The Rural Downtown Revitalization Act, enacted by the legislature in 2017, encourages investment in “Rural Zone” communities that creates jobs, refurbishes older buildings and stimulates economic activity. The rural zone revitalization tax credit aims to encourage business investment in historic downtown areas in small communities outside of metro Atlanta. The program includes three different tax credit incentives: A Job Tax Credit, Investment Credit and a Rehabilitation Credit. For more information on the Rural Zone program, please visit <https://goo.gl/E2q4VD>. DCA will formally recognize the 2019 designees at an awards dinner on October 10 at the Great Wolf Lodge in concert with the agency’s fall conference.

FEMA Projects: Hogansville is in receipt of a check for \$204,204.77 from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency. The check represents a progress payment for previously completed projects, specifically work done on Holmes and Boozer streets as a result to flooding that occurred in December 2015 and January 2016. FEMA has also issued the city a six-month extension on the Elm Street bridge replacement project, which has been delayed due to a backlogged request for a double-barrel concrete culvert. The city anticipating putting out to bid in the coming week FEMA-related projects for West Boyd at the bridge, the drainage ditch behind Mack Reynolds Realty, drainage issues on Poplar Street near Elm Street, and drainage piping on Green Avenue from near Johnson Street over to the International Street.

Basketball Courts: Staff has submitted USDA grant applications for security cameras at the Green Avenue and Pine Street basketball court facilities. Staff is also coordinating with Troup County Parks & Recreation staff to put down crush-and-run permeable parking at both courts. The cost for both items will come from leftover county SPLOST IV dollars earmarked for parks and recreation.

Lake Jimmy Jackson/Amphitheatre Projects: A ceremonial groundbreaking will be held at 9:00 am at Lake Jimmy Jackson on Thursday, October 4, 2018. The entrance to the lake is in the 1400 block of Blue Creek Road and will be marked by bright orange barrels for the festivities. The public is invited and encouraged to attend, but please, no open toe shoes. Torrance Construction on Hogansville Road in LaGrange was awarded the project, which calls for concrete pads at Lake Jimmy Jackson and amphitheater adjacent to Hogansville Elementary School that will each house state-of-the-art, prefabricated public restrooms with three stalls each being constructed by the Public Restroom Company and being delivered in early November 2018. Lake Jimmy Jackson will also have a sand swimming beach, fishing docks, paved driveway and parking, and new fencing in Phase One of the project. The amphitheater, in addition to the restrooms, will have the Tower Trail extended down toward the existing tennis courts. A well will provide water service at the lake whereas city water will service the amphitheater restrooms and drinking fountain. The lake level is currently being lowered for construction.

Strozier Park: Troup County Parks and Recreation is coordinating design efforts for a manicured parking lot at the entrance to the splash pad, pavilions and other amenities. Staff will be presenting the draft plan to the City Council in the coming weeks for its approval. The cost is to be paid for from county SPLOST dollars.

Upcoming City Manager Training/Travel/Meetings/Events

- October 3rd – 2WR Architects for interior design of future City Hall Building
- October 4th – Ceremonial Groundbreaking of Lake Jimmy Jackson SPLOST project @ 9:00 am
- October 4th – Ben Carter regarding interior designs for Royal Theatre project
- October 6th – Tower Trail 5K Walk/Run
- October 8th – Weekly Public Works Supervisors/Administration meetings
- October 9th - 11th – Certified Public Manager training in Macon
- October 13th – Howl-O-Ween Dog Parade
- October 15th – City Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- October 18th – “Rolling Back to the Sixties” Hummingbird Festival Kick-Off Dinner & Silent Auction
- October 20th & 21st – Annual Hummingbird Festival
- December 1st – Annual Hogansville Christmas Parade

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