



CITY COUNCIL MANAGER'S REPORT

City of Hogansville | David A Milliron, City Manager | 706.637.8629 | December 17, 2018

Annual Financial Audit: Each year the City of Hogansville is required to conduct an audit by a certified public accountant. This report is a “snapshot” of the city’s overall financial position as of June 30th of each fiscal year. Annual financial reports, which include data regarding operations in the previous year, are designed for external readers, such as citizens or bond rating services. Annual reports are less useful to City Council Members because of the timing of their preparation. Because these reports usually are independently audited by a certified public accounting firm, it can take up to six months after the close of the fiscal year to entirely complete this annual report. The audit is complete for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 and it is being reviewed for typos. The yearend balance budget amendment is being presented to the City Council for adoption at its December 17th meeting. Our Auditor is awaiting the audit letter from our City Attorney for legal representation. Please know the Auditor left the compliance finding in the report for the No. 2 debt service reserve covenant related to the 1993 Bonds but has updated it to show the City is currently compliant as of October 2018. The Auditor was required to leave the notation in the report because the covenant was not in compliance as of yearend June 30, 2018. Other than that, everything should be about the same as last year. There are no findings noted for any financial internal control related issues. That’s good news!

Elm Street Bridge Update: All repairs are complete. Just awaiting the contractor to pave the road, which is dependent on weather and the availability of asphalt. Tentative plans are to start preparing the road bed on Wednesday, December 26, 2018.

Burger King: The decision was made by Jones Petroleum to install propane tanks and run the various equipment with propane rather than pay the necessary cost to have natural gas extended to the facility. According to the project manager, Mike Horne, they are having some difficulty with placement of the tanks and clearing the required footage with the structure and other utilities. In speaking with Will, the City’s contract building official, he will do no further inspections, at all, until a new set of construction plans are submitted, reviewed, and approved by Charles Abbott Associates. Jones Petroleum will also need to submit a new set of site plans for review and approval from Harris Gray. Lastly, the Fire Marshal, Kevin Norred, will need to approve the placement of the tanks for public safety reasons. It is entirely possible, with the holidays, approval may not be granted on propane until late January or early February.

Lake Jimmy Jackson Recreation Enhancements: The contractor is finishing up on the fencing installation. The well pump shed is expected to be delivered on December 27, 2018. Crews are grading the entrance driveway and parking lot in preparation for asphalt paving, weather-permitting. The fishing dock has been launched and the City is awaiting delivery of trash receptacles. It will be necessary to do an entire update of the reservoir ordinance as it will conflict with the operations of the park with respect to use of the lake, boats, operating hours, etc. The contractors are looking at adjusting the slope of the roadway at the point where stormwater is washing out the sand beach area. A swale was added to stop runoff from flowing across the beach from the hill. Precision Planning is exploring other potential options to address the beach erosion.

FEMA Projects: The contracts have been drafted for all three local/state/federally-funded stormwater projects and are being reviewed by the City Attorney. Work should commence in early January 2019.

Oak Street: The City's Waste Water staff is investigating an issue with a manhole in the 200 block of Oak Street that is overrun whenever it rains. The manhole in the roadway has two eight-inch sewer lines coming into it, with only one line taking the sewerage out. The other issue is the eight-inch line taking the sewerage out of the manhole is not currently flowing at 100 percent capacity. This line runs across the two streams that cross at Oak Street. Initial investigation points to when the City tied this line back in when the new crossings were installed. Furthermore, the manhole is no more than three feet in depth. Staff has jetted the lines on two occasions and has been able to improve flow. We will be using CCTV technology to further camera the line to assess the issue. In the interim, we did experience a raw sewerage discharge of between 1,000 and 1,500 gallons and although it did not directly enter any waters of the State, it is possible with rain the sewerage could enter Georgia Waters. Therefore, staff is sampling above and below the spill area and has performed all the requisite notifications and postings as required by our state EPD permit.

GDOT Meeting: The Mayor and City Manager will be meeting on Tuesday with Lynn Westmoreland, State Transportation Board Member for the Third Congressional District, along with the district engineer and other Georgia Department of Transportation representatives. Topics up for discussion include:

- Crosswalk proposal from Chief Harr and availability of safety-related LMIG or other funds
- Requested update on improvements to the I-85/Hwy 54 interchange (including street lighting)
- Availability of gateway beautification grants from the billboard companies now that the City has adopted its corridors plan
- Traffic congestion issues at Hwy 54 East and Bass Cross Road @ Love's Truck Stop
- Excessive CSX train stoppages that closes our rail grade crossings along US 29 that cuts public safety services off to the entire west side of the city
- Potential ROW maintenance agreement that reimburses the city for mowing the state highway within the city limits (excluding the interstate corridor and modeled after the agreement Villa Rica has in place with the two GDOT districts that covers Carroll and Douglas counties)
- Drainage issues along Hwy 54 East in the downtown historic district
- Large drop-offs in catch basins along the 800 block of Hwy 54 East/East Main Street
- Speed limit concerns on US 29 coming into the city from LaGrange
- Safe Routes to Schools program for sidewalk repairs on Granite Street leading to Hwy 54 East/East Main Street
- Proposed streetscape project on Hwy 54 West near Boozer Street where city has been approved for historic Civil Rights marker honoring Postmaster Isaiah Lofton
- Additional warning signs on US 29 at Johnson Street Rail Grade crossing
- Emergency Vehicles entering Highway on Hwy 54 East/Main Street at Troup County Fire Station
- Hogansville Elementary School Zone signs need to be realigned after vehicles apparently struck them
- Branch at US 29 and Boyd Road is half filled with silt in the branch

Upcoming City Manager Training/Travel/Meetings/Events

- December 18, 2018: Meeting and Lunch with GDOT District 3 Board Member Lynn Westmoreland and District Engineer Michael Presley; Meeting with Mitch Kernodle regarding rail/fence proposal for park across from City Hall
- December 20, 2018: Troup County Parks and Recreation Director Interviews; Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
- December 24-25, 2018: Hogansville City Hall and administrative offices closed in observance of the Christmas holiday
- December 31, 2018/January 1, 2019: Hogansville City Hall and administrative offices closed in observance of the New Year's celebration
- January 7, 2019: Weekly Public Works Supervisors Meeting; Weekly Administration Meeting; Hogansville City Council Work Session (6:00 pm) and Council Meeting (7:00 pm)

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