



City of Hogansville
City Council

Public Hearing & Regular Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, September 3, 2024 – 7:00 pm

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

Mayor: Jake Ayers	2025	City Manager: Lisa E. Kelly
Council Post 1: Michael Taylor, Jr *	2025	Assistant City Manager: Niles Ford
Council Post 2: Matthew Morgan	2025	City Attorney: Alex Dixon
Council Post 3: Mandy Neese	2027	Chief of Police: Jeffrey Sheppard
Council Post 4: Mark Ayers	2027	City Clerk: LeAnn Lehigh
Council Post 5: Kandis Strickland	2027	* Mayor Pro-Tem

Public Hearing – 7:00 pm

Public Hearing to Hear Citizen Comments on the Millage Rate.

Regular Meeting – immediately following Public Hearing

1. Call to Order – Mayor Jake Ayers
2. Invocation & Pledge

Agenda

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be approved by one blanket motion.

1. Approval of Agenda: Regular Meeting September 3, 2024

Presentations

1. Hogansville Police Department Recognition – Sergeant Rick Milliron
2. Hogansville Police Department New Officer Introduction – Officer Kenneth Little

Old Business

1. Georgia Youth Impact Project Funding

New Business

1. Ordinance – 1st Reading – Watershed Protection Amendment
2. Amendment to Professional Services Agreement – Charles Abbott & Associates
3. Royal Theater – Concessions Area Equipment

City Manager's Report

Chief of Police Report

Council Member Reports

1. Council Member Taylor
2. Council Member Morgan
3. Council Member Neese
4. Council Member Ayers
5. Council Member Strickland

Upcoming Dates & Events

- September 16, 2024 – 10:00 am and 7:00 pm | Public Hearing to Hear Citizen Comments on the Millage Rate at Hogansville City Hall
- September 16, 2024 – Immediately Following 7pm Public Hearing | Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council at Hogansville City Hall

Mayor's Report

Executive Session

1. Real Estate Exemption

Adjourn



PERMANENT RECORD

09/03/2024

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Jake Ayers called the Public Hearing to Hear Citizen Comments on the millage rate to order at 7:00 pm.

City Manager Lisa Kelly gave a PowerPoint presentation on property taxes and the millage rate to give the public an understanding of how it works. Due to state law, the City is required to report the percentage of the taxes the City will receive each year if there is an increase. This is not an increase in your property tax millage rate. The millage rate has not changed in 21 years in the City and remains at 7.95mills. Based on new construction and reassessments, the City expects an increase of \$236,456 in additional taxes.

Public Comment:

Resident unknown: Is there a rate or prorate on property taxes for people 70 years old and above?

Question for County. May be programs in place but would need to reach out to the County. The City does not have any.

Resident unknown: What about for veterans? This would be another question for the County. But the City does not.

Kids graduated 15 years ago, why do I pay school tax? That is a school board conversation. The City only deals with the City portion of the taxes. It would benefit to call them to see what programs in place.

Mayor Ayers adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:09pm

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order: Mayor Jake Ayers called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:09 pm. Present were Council Member Michael Taylor, Council Member Matthew Morgan, Council Member Mandy Neese, Council Member Mark Ayers, and Council Member Kandis Strickland. Also present were City Manager Lisa Kelly, Assistant City Manager Niles Ford, City Attorney Alex Dixon, Police Major Marcus Rakestraw, and City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh. Police Chief Jeff Sheppard was not present at tonight's meeting.

Council Member Taylor gave an invocation and Mayor Ayers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

Motion: Council Member Neese moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor.

Motion Carries 5-0

PRESENTATIONS

1. Hogansville Police Department Recognition -Lieutenant Rick Milliron

Major Rakestraw gave special recognition to Lieutenant Rick Milliron. Lieutenant Milliron was tasked with responsibility to train as a Fire Marshall from previous City Manager. He is the first police officer to receive state and national certification. He was commended for his dedication and hard work.

2. Hogansville Police Department New Officer Introduction –Sergeant Kenneth Little

Major Rakestraw introduced Sergeant Kenneth Little. He comes to the City with many years of law enforcement experience. Mayor and Council welcomed him to the team.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Georgia Youth Impact Project Funding

Motion: Council Member Taylor moved to approve an initial funding amount of \$6k to the Georgia Youth Impact Project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Strickland.

Discussion: In previous meetings, Frederick Manley requested the City to help with funding for his project, Georgia Youth Impact Project. His initial request for \$25k has been modified to \$6k and future funding will be requested at a later date once the program is up and operational in the City.

Motion Carries 3-2 with Neese and Ayers opposed

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance – 1st Reading – Watershed Protection Amendment

City Attorney Alex Dixon read the first reading of the proposed Watershed Protection Amendment Ordinance. No action was taken at tonight's meeting.

2. Amendment to Professional Services Agreement – Charles Abbott & Associates

Motion: Council Member Neese moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Charles Abbott & Associates that lowered the 50% split with any Commercial fees in excess of \$10m. Does not change timeline original agreement. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Discussion: None

Motion Carries 5-0

3. Royal Theater – Concessions Area Equipment

Motion: Council Member Neese moved to approve a not to exceed amount of \$14, 563 for equipment for the Royal Theater. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Discussion:

Motion Carries 5-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Council Member Neese moved to adjourn into an Executive Session under the Litigation and Real Estate Exemptions at 8:03pm. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Discussion: None

Motion Carries – 5-0

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 8:24pm.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Council Member Neese and duly seconded, Mayor Ayers adjourned the meeting at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully,



LeAnn Lehigh
City Clerk