

# City of Hogansville

# **City Council**

# Public Hearing & Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, February 17, 2025 – 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: Open
Council Post 2: Jason Baswell	2025	City Attorney: <i>Alex Dixon</i>
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 Proposed Variance for Granite Street, Tax Parcel Nos 0213B004015B, 0213B004015C, and 0213B004015D

### Regular Meeting –Immediately Following Public Hearing

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

### **Consent 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 February 17, 2025
- 2. Approval of Minutes: Work Session February 3, 2025
- 3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting February 3, 2025

### Citizen Appearance

1. Evie Kettler to Discuss Revising the Animal Ordinance

#### **Presentation**

1. Tamara Harden – 5 Year Anniversary

## **Executive Session**

1. Litigation Exemption

#### **New Business**

- 1. Variances for Granite Street
- 2. OPB Grant Modification
- 3. Royal Theater Bid for Doors
- 4. Ante Litem

### City Manager's Report

## **Chief of Police Report**

## **Council Member Reports**

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

#### **Upcoming Dates & Events**

- February 18, 2025 6:30 pm | Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission at Hogansville City Hall
- February 20, 2025 6:00 pm | Meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission at Hogansville City Hall
- February 25, 2025 -6:30 pm | Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority at Hogansville City Hall
- March 3, 2025 7:00 pm | Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council at Hogansville City Hall

### LIVE EVENTS at the Royal Theater

- Saturday, March 8, 2025 7:30pm -LIVE EVENT: Michelle Malone with Canyonland
- Friday, March 21, 2025 7:30 pm LIVE EVENT: Tiffany

Purchase tickets online at 1937royaltheater.org or at the box office 400 East Main Street, Hogansville, GA 30230 | (706) 250-4738

### Mayor's Report

### Adjourn

# PERMANENT RECORD



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

# **February 17, 2025**

# **Public Hearing**

Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 pm to hear citizen comments on the proposed variances for Granite Street, Tax Parcel Numbers 0213B004015B, 0213B004015C, and 0213B004015D.

A representative from CB Investments, Chris, who is a contractor spoke to Council stating that property owners have met the requirements for the design and sf setbacks but are asking for a slight lot size variance from 14,000sf to 13,806 sf, 13,600 sq ft, and 13,394 sf for the three parcels.

Darrell Daniel addressed Council and said that the City is doing a good job in town and thinks things look great.

Joanna Rossen of 612 E. Main Street expressed her concerns of the variance requests. She thinks that the company that owns the property is not transparent. She said that she and other neighbors have been cleaning and maintaining those properties for years. She is concerned that neighbors weren't contacted or questioned about how they feel about the proposed new homes being built so close to their property. She does not think the variances should be approved.

Al Prado of 700 E. Main Street echoed the same concerns. He is concerned that the Historic Preservation Commission does not understand why the commission was created. He feels the new homes will not fit in with the historic district homes.

Deeann LeSal of Granite Street agrees with Joann also. She has been taking care of the lot next door to her home, which is one of the proposed lot variances. She is concerned about old pipes busting due to the new homes. She asked Council to reconsider approving the variance or require larger lot sizes.

With no other comments, the Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:14 pm.

# **Regular Meeting**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Jake Ayers called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:14pm. Present was Council Member Michael Taylor, Interim Council Member Jason Baswell, Council Member Mandy Neese, Council Member Mark Ayers, and Council Member Kandis Strickland. Also present were City Manager Lisa Kelly, City Attorney Alex Dixon, Police Chief Jeffery Sheppard, and City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh.

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

### **Consent Agenda**

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

**Motion Carries 5-0** 

### Citizen Appearance

### 1. Evie Kettler to Discuss Revising the Animal Ordinance

Evie Kettler would like Council to consider revising the animal ordinance regarding the tethering of dogs to completely prohibit tethering. She said that she has learned a lot over the years regarding the dangers of tethering dogs. It causes aggression and distress. She would like the opportunity to come back to Council and speak to them at a Work Session to discuss her ideas.

#### Presentation

### 1. Tamara Harden – 5-Year Anniversary

Municipal Court Clerk Michelle Hollis presented Assistant Court Clerk Tamara Harden with a plaque for her 5-Year Anniversary with the City.

### **Executive Session**

### 1. Litigation Exemption

Council Member Neese moved to go into an Executive Session under the Litigation Exemption at 7:25 pm. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

**Motion Carries 5-0** 

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 7:45pm.

### **New Business**

### 1. Variances for Granite Street

Council Member Neese moved to approve the variances on Granite Street, Parcel Nos 0213B004015B, 0213B004015C, and 0213B004015D, with a seconded by Council Member Ayers.

**Discussion**: None **Motion Carries 5-0** 

#### 2. OPB Grant Modification

Council Member Neese made a motion to approve the OPB Grant modification to include foregoing the robotic dog and replace with new command center upgrades, GPS, Rapid Response Scene Trailer, mobile generated pole scene lighting, training equipment upgrades, closed circuit security surveillance cameras at City properties, and officer uniforms and equipment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

**Discussion:** None **Motion Caries 5-0** 

# 3. Royal Theater – Bid for Doors

Council Member Neese made a motion to award the bid for the Royal Theater doors to Principle Construction in the amount of \$95,331. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

**Discussion:** None **Motion Caries 5-0** 

#### 4. Ante Litem

Council Member Neese made a motion deny the ante litem. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Discussion: None Motion Caries 5-0 Motion Caries 5-0

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Council Member Neese and duly seconded, Mayor Ayers adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm.

Respectfully,

LeAnn Lehigh City Clerk