



City of Hogansville
City Council
Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, February 2, 2026 – 7:00 pm

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

Mayor: <i>Jake Ayers</i>	2029	City Manager: <i>Lisa E. Kelly</i>
Council Post 1: <i>Michael Taylor, Jr</i>	2029	Assistant City Manager: <i>Oasis Nichols</i>
Council Post 2: <i>Jason Baswell</i>	2029	City Attorney: <i>Alex Dixon</i>
Council Post 3: <i>Mandy Neese *</i>	2027	Chief of Police: <i>Jeffrey Sheppard</i>
Council Post 4: <i>Mark Ayers</i>	2027	City Clerk: <i>LeAnn Lehigh</i>
Council Post 5: <i>Kandis Strickland</i>	2027	* Mayor Pro-Tem

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 pm

1. Call to Order – Mayor Pro-Tem Mandy Neese
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 2, 2026
2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting January 20, 2026
3. Approval of Minutes: Work Session Meeting January 20, 2026

PRESENTATION

1. Employee Recognition – Titus Roberson – 5 Year Anniversary
2. Toni Teagle - Community Resources

CITIZEN APPEARANCE

1. Paula Darden to Discuss Air Pollution by Data Centers

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance – 1st Reading - UDO Amendment - Creation of Heavy Industrial HI Zoning Code
2. Resolution – Data Center Moratorium
3. Hillstar Cottages Preliminary Plat
4. Wastewater Jetting Policy

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

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

ADJOURN

Upcoming Dates & Events

- February 16, 2026 – 7:00 pm | Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council at Hogansville City Hall
- February 17, 2026 – 6:30 pm | Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission at Hogansville City Hall
- February 19, 2026 – 6:00 pm | Meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission at Hogansville City Hall
- February 24, 2026 – 6:00 pm | Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority at Hogansville City Hall

The Royal Theater Happenings

- Friday, February 6, 2026 – 7:00 pm | MOVIE: Whitney Houston: I Want to Dance with Somebody
- Saturday, February 7, 2026 – 5:00 pm | MOVIE: Minecraft Movie
- Saturday, February 13, 2026 – 7:00 pm | MOVIE: Sweet Home Alabama
- Saturday, February 14, 2026 – 7:00 pm | LOCAL: Love and Memories Valentine’s Day Extravaganza Memories
- Thursday, February 19, 2026 – 7:00 pm | LIVE EVENT: Ronnie McDowell with Special Guest Jeff Batts & Hannah Marie Kelley

Purchase tickets online 1937royaltheater.org or call the box office 706-955-4870

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REGULAR MEETING

February 2, 2026

Call to Order: Mayor Pro-Tem Mandy Neese called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:13 pm. Present were Mayor Pro-Tem Mandy Neese, Council Member Michael Taylor, Council Member Jason Baswell, Council Member Mark Ayers, and Council Member Kandis Strickland. Also present were City Manager Lisa Kelly, Community Development Director Dhayna Portillo, City Attorney Alex Dixon, and Police Chief Jeff Sheppard. Mayor Jake Ayers, Assistant City Manager Oasis Nichols and City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh were not present at the Regular meeting.

Council Member Ayers gave the invocation, and Mayor Pro-Tem Neese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Council Member Strickland moved to amend the Consent Agenda, striking item Number 3: Hillstar Cottages Preliminary Plat, from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor.

Motion Carries 5-0

Motion: Council Member Baswell moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor.

Motion Carries 5-0

PRESENTATIONS

1. Employee Service Award – Titus Roberson – 5 Year Anniversary

Customer Service Manager Ameia Williams presented Titus Roberson a plaque and milestone award for his five years of service as a Meter Tech with the City, praising his dedication, technical expertise, and commitment to safety.

2. Toni Teagle – Community Resources

Toni Teagle, a certified peer specialist, requested the City provide a building to establish a free community resource center for mental health.

The goal is to offer a safe space for peer-led support groups for individuals and families dealing with mental illness, reducing stigma and providing support for crises.

She asked the council for help with resources, such as a dedicated space, to start the program.

CITIZEN APPEARANCE

1. Paula Darden to Discuss Air Pollution by Data Centers

Paula Darden addressed the council about air pollution from diesel generators used by data centers for backup power. She highlighted that local air quality is already poor and urged the council to consider the health hazards, especially with schools near the Hightower Road site, before approving any data centers.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance – 1st Reading – UDO Amendment - Creation of Heavy Industrial HI Zoning Code

Motion: Council Member Strickland moved to table the first reading of the ordinance for the creation of HI Zoning Code. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor.

Discussion: The proposed ordinance would establish the HI zone, prohibit crypto mining city-wide, and restrict data centers to only the HI district. Confusion arose regarding the modification, as it moved many items from the light industrial zone, some of which may not belong in a heavy industrial zone. Council members raised questions about the definition of "data center" to avoid impacting smaller IT businesses. Council will hold a Work Session meeting to discuss concerns before the next scheduled Council meeting.

Motion Carries 5-0 – ITEM TABLED

2. Resolution – Data Center Moratorium

Motion: Council Member Strickland moved to approve the 90-day all-inclusive Data Center Moratorium, which does apply to the Hightower Road property (Fertile Ground) to ensure consistent rules while a comprehensive ordinance is developed. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor.

Discussion: The council discussed two versions of a Moratorium resolution prepared by the City Attorney. One version excluded the High Tower Road property, and the other did not.

It was noted that the intergovernmental agreements for the Hightower Road property was never approved in a public meeting and are not binding on the council.

The council favored a 90-day period to expedite the development of new regulations, with the option to extend.

Motion Carries 5-0

3. **Wastewater Jetting Policy**

Motion: Council Member Baswell moved to approve Wastewater Jetting Policy. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Discussion: Public Works Director Andy Jones presented a policy to formalize the inconsistent practice of clearing sewer blockages on private property. The city's jetting machine is designed for 6-inch main lines and sustained nearly \$20,000 in damage from use on smaller 3–4-inch private lines, which requires higher pressure. Jetting can also damage older pipes. The new policy includes:

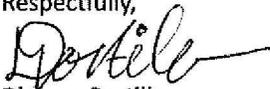
- Up to three courtesy jetting services, with a \$50 fee for subsequent calls.
- An after-hours fee for services on evenings or weekends.
- A requirement for a proper cleanout; the city will not service 3-inch lines.
- A liability waiver and formal work order will be required.

Motion Carries 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Council Member Strickland and duly seconded, Mayor Pro-Tem Neese adjourned the meeting at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully,



Dhayna Portillo

Community Development Director