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## PRESS RELEASE

**Hogansville, Georgia** (June 6, 2018) – Mayor Bill Stankiewicz announced today the City of Hogansville and PNC Bank have reached agreement on the sale of its closed branch at 111 High Street in Hogansville. The city will acquire the land and building but PNC Bank will continue to maintain its ATM at that location.

The purchase was unanimously approved by the Hogansville City Council at its May 14, 2018 meeting at no cost to taxpayers, according to Mayor Stankiewicz. Funds for the acquisition are being provided by the Hogansville Charitable Trust, which did not disclose terms of the agreement. Because it's a real estate deal, most of the City Council work has been done behind closed doors in executive session, according to Mayor Stankiewicz.

The Hogansville Hummingbird Festival, the premier event in Hogansville – if not Troup County – is the principal fundraising arm of the Hogansville Charitable Trust. The non-profit organization has raised and donated more than \$300,000 for downtown redevelopment projects, including matching funds for the streetscapes, the Tower Trail project, acquisition of Askew Park.

“This is a great building in a great location in our historic Downtown District and will serve the community well as the future home to City Hall,” Mayor Stankiewicz said. “I commend the City Council for its vision and having the foresight to approve the acquisition.”

The Royal Theatre, constructed in 1937 and closed in 1980, has served as home to Hogansville City Hall since 1984. Last year, the city called for architectural proposals to prepare a master plan and bid-ready plans for the former theatre's use. The Hogansville City Council unanimously voted May 7, 2018 to authorize Carter Watkins Associates Architects, Inc. in Monroe, Ga., to finalize those plans.

“The former bank branch offers ample office space, a vault, and drive-thru teller bays that can be used to better serve Hogansville's utility customers,” Mayor Stankiewicz said. The building was built in 1975 and spans 6,672 square feet. It sits adjacent to the Hogansville Branch of the United States Postal Service. The City expects to renovate the building with grants, donations and in-kind services.

For more information, contact Mayor Stankiewicz at (706) 333-5912.

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