



PUBLIC HEARING – June 14, 2018, 5:45pm

Public Hearing to hear Citizen comments on the proposed 2018/2019 budget. The public hearing was called to order at 5:52 pm by Mayor Stankiewicz. Present were Mayor Bill Stankiewicz, Council Member Marichal Price, Council Member Fred Higgins, and Council Member George Bailey. Also present were City Manager David Milliron, City Clerk Lisa Kelly, Community Development Director Lynne Miller, and Chief of Police Brian Harr.

Mayor Stankiewicz asked for any public comments regarding the proposed 2018/2019 budget.

Mr. Alan Jones of College Street:

- a. how much money can be transferred from one department to another? Mayor stated once the budget is adopted the Council has the authority to reallocate budget dollars. Jones stated it seems a little awkward if money had to be moved within 50 accounting codes. He asked how many times in this year it was done? Mayor stated the budget was “trued up” once as a result of the audited financials.
- b. asked about revenue from railroad equipment car? Mayor explained no revenue has been collected for that in years but is still part of the history in the budget.
- c. asked about the AT&T lease? Mayor explained AT&T pays the City annually and will continue to do so, even though AT&T does not even hang on their own tower. Jones followed up in asking about the AT&T infrastructure. Mayor explained this is new fiber being installed in the City and hopes it will improve service capabilities.

Mr. James Chambliss of West Main Street

- a. asked how dependent the budget is on transfers to the general fund. Mayor stated this budget includes no transfer to the general fund.
- b. asked what roles dollars generated by the Police Department play into the budget? Mayor stated in recent years the Police Department has had more of a role in community policing instead of just generating tickets on the freeway. There is now a normal for fines & forfeitures in the last 2-3 years of revenue. Harr stated he has put some programs in place to bring officers back into the City and off the interstate as much.
- c. remarked the City is a suburb of many other large cities and what are we doing to reach out to people who may want to live in our City? Mayor stated the way to attract people is to build a community where people want to live. One thing accomplished this year is a downtown master plan for revitalization of the downtown area. The City has also received grants from the Callaway Foundation for a corridor plan through Ga. Conservancy. This will improve

the gateways into the City from all directions. He stated we received a master plan today for the theater and it will help to make downtown more viable. There is current interest in building 50+ homes in the Huntcliff subdivision; a preliminary plat has been approved for another 182 homes near the cemetery on East Main Street. Industrial explosion in Troup County has people looking in this area for places to live.

- d. stated we seem to live in tornado alley and curious if there anything that will allow for safety department to man a shelter in an emergency situation. Mayor stated Troup EMS has shelters but there is not one in Hogansville. Chief Harr added at any time, the Police Department is on a 24 hour emergency generator and will gladly assist.

Mr. Willie Cameron of Poplar Street

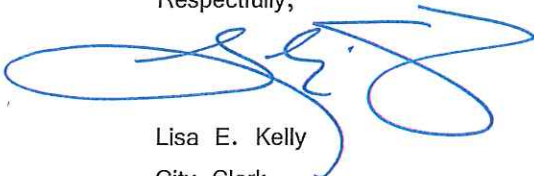
- a. asked about the sidewalk dollars in the SPLOST budget. Mayor explained the dollars will not actually begin generating until May of 2019 once the new SPLOST starts.

Mr. James Neureiter of Brazell Street

- a. asked if there are budget dollars that would allow for speed bumps on Brazell Street. It is a dead end street and traffic speeds down the street. Mayor stated there is no money allocated for speed bumps.

There being no further questions or comments relating to the proposed 2018/2019 budget, the Public Hearing closed at 6:10pm.

Respectfully,



Lisa E. Kelly
City Clerk
City of Hogansville

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