



REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Hogansville City Council was held on Monday, November 5, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stankiewicz at 7:00p.m.

Present were Mayor Bill Stankiewicz, Council Member Reginald Jackson, Council Member Marichal Price, Council Member Fred Higgins, Council Member George Bailey and Council Member Theresa Strickland. Also present were City Manager David Milliron, City Attorney Jeff Todd, City Clerk Lisa Kelly, and Chief of Police Brian Harr. Council Member Bailey gave the invocation and Mayor Stankiewicz led the pledge.

Motion by Council Member Higgins and dually seconded by Council Member Bailey to approve the agenda adding #6, Worker's Compensation, under new business and removing the presentation by Salvation Army. Carried 5-0

Motion by Council Member Higgins and dually seconded by Council Member Jackson to approve the minutes of the Work Session held on October 15, 2018. Carried 5-0

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PRESENTATION

1. Proclamation – Alzheimer's Association | Ms. Hummingbird Festival – Darlyn Davis. Mayor Stankiewicz read a proclamation supporting a cure for alzheimer's. He then introduced Darlyn Davis, Ms. Hummingbird Festival 2018. Davis spoke on the importance of finding a cure for alzheimer's and thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation supporting this cause.
2. Boys & Girls Club of West Georgia | Introduction of New Director. Mr. Bobby Smith, Director of Boys and Girls Club of W. Ga. introduced himself and thanked the City for its support of the B&G club both at Hogansville Elementary School (HES) and Callaway Middle School. He gave some background on his career with Boys & Girls and shared a statement of thanks from one of the 5th grade children from the HES club. He invited anyone to stop in and visit. A brief overview was given of the different programs in place that help kids exceed in school.
3. Salvation Army | Director Lisa Martin. This item was stricken from the agenda.
4. Meriwether County Water & Sewer Authority | Board Chairperson James Stevens & Board Trustee Larry Dunaway. Mr. Dunaway took the opportunity to announce to the Mayor & Council

the payment of \$1.6M paid to the City this week funding a portion of the new waste water treatment plant. He expressed Meriwether County's excitement about the partnership with the City and noted the County will be applying for a USDA grant to extend water service to Lone Oak and Luthersville.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Corridor Plan. Milliron explained adoption of the corridor plan is needed in order to move forward with the DASH tax credit project providing the City with 36 senior apartments at the Stony Ridge sight. The plan does not commit the City to any expenditures but will open the door for this project. It will also give the City a road-map for future plans for the corridors into the City and will serve as a supplement to the downtown master plan. Jackson confirmed the plan is not set in stone and changes can be made. Strickland expressed her concern of the cost relating to roundabouts as proposed in the plan. Milliron reiterated this plan is not a commitment from Council but a concept plan and can be modified. Motion by Bailey to adopt the corridor plan as presented, seconded by Higgins. Carried 5-0
2. 815 East Main Street – Motion to Vacate. Motion by Jackson to vacate the order to demolish, seconded by Strickland. Carried 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

1. Building Permit Fees. Milliron stated this ordinance will tie our procedures to International Code Council and adjust accordingly every six months. Jeff Todd read the first reading of the proposed ordinance.
2. Surplus – Old Water Tower. Milliron explained the former water tower used on Industrial Drive was taken out of service several years ago and is rusting on the ground at the sprayfield with no possibility to put back in to service. Motion to surplus the water tower made by Higgins, seconded by Bailey. Carried 5-0
3. Audit of Franchise Fees. This is a housekeeping item to ensure the City has the most current version of franchise fees, by way of resolution, at 5% to cable, phone, and utility providers. There will be no extra cost to the City as it is already contracted as a service through GMA to audit the providers to ensure fees are paid in the proper amounts. Motion to adopt the resolution made by Jackson, seconded by Bailey. Carried 5-0
4. Amphitheater Regulations & Fees. Current guidelines for rental of the amphitheater require a \$500 fee, of which, \$250 is refundable deposit. Milliron realized this as a result of a special event permit issued outside of the rental agreement and would like to see a new policy in place whereby fees can be waived for local public events. Staff to review fees, liability waiver, and update of policy and application. Grand opening for the restroom facility will be held on December 7 as part of the community caroling event at the amphitheater.
5. Re-allocation of SPLOST Funds. Cost overruns from the lake project and amphitheater are creating the need for additional funding. Both projects are requiring additional costs associated with tying in utilities. There are fund-specific projects with SPLOST that cannot be done, i.e., move City Hall to old library building and neighborhood revitalization. Milliron suggests

reallocating \$40k from neighborhood revitalization to water & waste water, \$30k from neighborhood stabilization to Lake Jimmy Jackson, and \$45k from neighborhood stabilization to amphitheater. Todd stated he has reviewed the proposal and the process is acceptable under SPLOST law. Strickland asked to ensure we are communicating this to the public. She also noted there have been homes donated to the City under the neighborhood stabilization plan and the City should continue to use the funds under that option. Milliron stated Code Enforcement does offer the donation opportunity with all dilapidated property. Mayor noted there will be \$400k remaining in this fund. Motion by Jackson to approve modifications as outlined by the City Manager, seconded by Higgins. Carried 5-0

6. Worker's Compensation Provider. The City's worker's compensation policy renewed on November 4, 2018. Proposals have been received from current provider, J. Smith Lanier, and Georgia Municipal Association (GMA). Staff recommends securing coverage with GMA at \$74,069, which includes a safety grant in the amount of \$3900. J. Smith Lanier's proposal was \$74,179. Motion by Jackson to approve coverage through GMA, seconded by Higgins. Carried 5-0.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. The City's current probation services company will be closing. Staff is exploring recreating that department and will be coming back to Council with information and recommendations. Chief Harr would like to get a true diversion program in place and a probation department would allow for this.
- b. FOX Theater has awarded the City another grant in the amount of \$51,250 that will pay for ½ of plans and specifications for the Royal Theater project. Representatives from the FOX will visit soon. Lynne Miller was commended for her work in obtaining the additional grant.
- c. Georgia Historical Society has awarded the grant for the Isaih Loftin marker. Application was approved and requires \$2500 in funds being provided by hotel/motel tax. Lynne Miller, was again commended for her work in obtaining this grant with information provided by Dr. Tony Lowe.
- d. SEPA contract, originally scheduled for a 24-month cancellation period, will cancel in January 2019. 100% of our power will be purchased by Dothan AI. This will create a savings of \$11k per month for 24 months ahead of schedule. A \$517k total savings will contribute to our current losses.
- e. The City has received \$1.6M from Meriwether County for their 25% stake in the waste water treatment plant. Site work at the plant is underway and moving along. Staff is actively transferring \$20k monthly for future payments to USDA.
- f. Tower Trail V planning is underway to connect East Main to the existing tower trail. The City will likely need to approach the post office for easement and will come back to council with the proposal.
- g. Elm Street Bridge repairs will soon be underway. Updated delivery date for culverts is November 9. Project superintendent will begin scheduling with City. Once details are finalized information will be communicated to the public.

- h. Restrooms for the lake & amphitheater will be delivered on Tuesday and, weather permitting, will be offloaded and installed this week.
- i. Bid openings for FEMA projects will be held on November 7. Information will be brought to the Council for approval by the next meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS

Council Member Jackson

- a. inquired about the tower trail. Are costs correct? Milliron expressed his concern that Trail V will come in over budget and could need modifications as there is a grade issue and could create problems with ADA compliance. The ravine is large and could create some complications with the current plans.
- b. commended everyone that had a hand in the festival; it was great.

Council Member Price

- a. asked if there any new businesses coming into town? Milliron stated Milliken plans to expand; there is some activity at Continental with shutting down operations in another part of the state and moving to Hogansville; there have been inquiries with two possible economic projects; and discussions with Korean company that could produce 300 jobs and Hogansville will supply the gas utility. He also stated he met with Ingle's and they just aren't willing to expand in the City right now.
- b. would like to schedule a work session to get information regarding sanitation so that savings can begin.

Council Member Higgins

- a. commended Lynne Miller and expressed his appreciation of her and her hard work obtaining grants.

Council Member Bailey

- a. thanked City crews for getting the cemetery cut.
- b. apologized that Salvation Army was not able to make the meeting tonight. He referenced the work Salvation Army and the Pilot Club provide in helping get Christmas gifts to local kids.
- c. announced the Veteran's Day program will be held at Hipp Memorial Park on November 9 at 11am and asked if crews can install a handicap ramp on the gazebo for presenters and recipients. He noted Ms. Francis Robinson will be honored at this year's event and will have family present. Stella Stapp will be the speaker.
- d. reminded everyone to vote.

Council Member Strickland

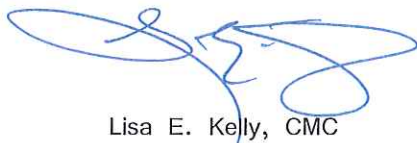
- a. referenced prior talks of interstate lighting and would like to look into it again. Mayor stated he is in the process of arranging a meeting with DOT to discuss. Lighting was suppose to be part of the I-85 widening project but that project has been delayed and not on the immediate horizon.
- b. stated the "no trucks" sign on Lincoln has been removed and would like crews to re-install it.
- c. asked that the cudzu at the bridge on West Boyd Rd. be cut from the guardrails.
- d. asked if crews are current on trash pick-up. Milliron explained the City is not fully staffed and working with department of labor for new-hires. Probation could potentially help keep labor local with community service workers. There are currently more trainees than experienced workers on City crews. DOL says the City is not paying enough and there is a statewide issue getting level I employees in place.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- a. Mayor urged everyone to vote on Tuesday.
- b. announced Sip-n-Shop will be held downtown on November 17.
- c. reminded everyone the parade and festivities will be held downtown on December 1.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor & Council of the City of Hogansville at this time, on a motion made by Council Member Jackson and dually seconded by Council Member Bailey, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.

Respectfully,



Lisa E. Kelly, CMC
City Clerk
City of Hogansville

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