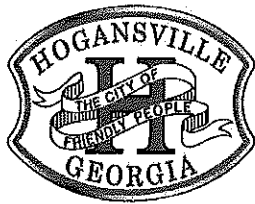


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City of Hogansville Mayor and City Council
Regular Meeting – September 17, 2018 – 7 pm
400 E. Main St, Hogansville GA 30230

Mayor Bill Stankiewicz called the regular meeting of the Hogansville Mayor and Council to order at 7:02 pm, September 17, 2018.

Present were Mayor Bill Stankiewicz, Mayor Pro-Tem Theresa Strickland, Council Member Reginald Jackson, Council Member Marichal Price, Council Member Fred Higgins and Council Member George Bailey. Also present were City Attorney Jeff Todd, City Manager David Milliron and Planning and Development Director Lynne Miller.

Council Member Fred Higgins gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Upon motion by Council Member Reggie Jackson, seconded by Council Member Bailey, the council voted unanimously to approve the meeting agenda as published, with two changes:

- (1) Under New Business, remove Item No. 1 – “Set Millage Rate” – as the City is not ready to set this rate yet); and
- (2) Under New Business, remove Item No. 3 – “1st Amendment for Wastewater Treatment & Disposal Agreement,” – as the City Attorney has advised that this item is no longer needed.

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Upon motion by Council Member Theresa Strickland, seconded by Council Member Fred Higgins, the council voted unanimously to table the minutes of the August 27, 2018 called meeting, until these draft minutes can be reviewed to make sure none of Ms. Strickland’s comments were left out of pages 3 and 4.

Upon motion by Council Member Reggie Jackson, seconded by Council Member Marichal Price, the council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 4, 2018.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Employee Service Award – Joe Vidal

Water System Superintendent Joe Vidal was honored by the Mayor, City Council and City Manager for his 20 years of service to the City of Hogansville.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2nd Reading and Adoption – Substitute Film Production Ordinance

Upon motion by Council Member Reggie Jackson, seconded by Council Member Theresa Strickland, the Council unanimously approved the “Substitute Film Production Ordinance” (attached and made a part of these Minutes), that removes exemptions from permit fees, requires at least 14 days’ notice from film companies prior to their planned filming, and requires these projects to be pre-approved by City Council.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Set Millage Rate – Deleted from this Agenda (See above)
2. 1st Reading – Charter Amendment.

City Attorney Jeff Todd read into record the title of the proposed Amendment to the City Charter (attached and made a part of these Minutes), that deals with City Council override of Mayoral Vetos. With this amendment, any ordinance vetoed by the Mayor could be adopted at the next meeting of the Mayor and Council by an affirmative vote of four members, or by three members if any member of the council abstains or is absent. (“or is absent” are the words added)

3. 1st Amendment for Wastewater Treatment and Disposal – Deleted from this Agenda (See above)
4. 3rd Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement regarding Construction of Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Plant.

City Attorney Todd explained that several years of delays to Hogansville’s wastewater treatment plant project have extended the substantial completion date given in the City’s intergovernmental agreement with Meriwether County. The County still agrees that they will pay the City \$1.6 million toward the cost of this plant, which is now cleared for construction. The new substantial completion date is March 1, 2020. Upon motion by Council Member Reggie Jackson, seconded by Council Member Marichal Price, the Council unanimously approved a new substantial completion date of March 1, 2020, for the new Hogansville wastewater treatment plant and its intergovernmental agreement with Meriwether County.

5. Bid Acceptance – Lake Jimmy Jackson and Amphitheater Construction

City Manager David Milliron explained that last year, bids for these two restroom facilities exceeded \$1 million. The project was then value engineered and rebid. The City has received two new bids: Torrence Construction at \$572,382, and Triad Construction at \$735,000. Staff is requesting a not-to-exceed approval of \$600,000. Fencing may have to be removed from the scope, Mr. Milliron said. Torrence will need to “hit the ground running” to finish this work by mid-November.

Upon motion by Council Member Reggie Jackson, seconded by Council Member George Bailey, the Council unanimously agreed to award the Lake Jimmy Jackson and Amphitheater restroom facility construction to Torrence Construction, for a not-to-exceed sum of \$600,000.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Milliron reported that:

- 1) Construction of the new PNC Bank building roof was postponed by last week’s filming.
- 2) The Elm Street Bridge road closure has been delayed by a backlog of double barrel concrete culvert.
- 3) Wastewater Treatment Plant – Contractor PF Moon has mobilized equipment on-site and is ready for groundbreaking.
- 4) Community Development Block Grant Phase IV – Work has begun on water and sewer lines in City’s low and moderate income areas. Under this program, some residents may have their privately owned lines improved to within five feet of their houses. After that, these improved lines on private property will be conveyed back to the property owners and become the property owners’ responsibility again.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council Member Jackson –

Mr. Jackson asked Lynne Miller about status of grants for the Royal Theater.

Ms. Miller replied that the City has applied to the Fox Theatre Institute to help pay for the Royal Theater plans and specifications. The City Council approved Carter Watkins for this work at its last meeting. Once the City hears from Fox Theatre, Ms. Miller said, staff will give Carter Watkins notice to proceed and will begin approaching funders such as Callaway and Georgia Department of Community Affairs. We will ask Carter Watkins for schematic drawings at the outset, Ms. Miller said, so we can show these schematic drawings to the potential funders.

Mr. Jackson asked Ms. Miller if she is working on grants for the PNC Building. Ms. Miller replied that no, she is not.

Mr. Jackson thanked everyone who had a hand in the previous weeks' filming and said he understands that some citizens were compensated for their inconvenience. Mr. Milliron replied that these arrangements were between the property owners and film company, who worked out compensation arrangements with businesses who may have been adversely impacted during the filming or longer term.

Mr. Jackson asked Chief Brian Harr about how policing is going at the City's two new basketball courts. Chief Harr replied that officers are routinely patrolling those courts day and night, with no problems so far. The City is awaiting word on some grants, he said, that will help with security at these courts.

Council Member Price –

Mr. Price asked Ms. Miller about any prospects for the mega buildings across the street from City Hall.

Ms. Miller replied that the City has applied for State tax credits that would help businesses locate in older buildings here. These would include investor credits, building renovation credits, and job creation credits for as few as two jobs created, Ms. Miller said. A decision from the State Department of Community Affairs is expected October 10, 2018.

Ms. Miller added that the City's new Downtown Master Plan suggests that many of the larger buildings be divided into smaller spaces.

Council Member Higgins -- No report.

Council Member Bailey –

Mr. Bailey thanked the Council, Mayor and citizens for welcoming the film industry last week, when he was in Washington DC. Mr. Bailey said that in DC, he met with Johnny Isakson, David Purdue and Drew Ferguson. Trade issues were the main topic of discussion and how these would impact the auto industry. KIA plant representatives were there, he noted, and Hogansville was mentioned. Jobs are coming to Troup County, up and down the Interstate, Mr. Bailey said, and our key challenge will be to put people into those jobs.

Mr. Bailey reported that he met with Rev. Jesse Jackson in DC, and told Rev. Jackson about the Racial Trust Building Initiative. Mr. Bailey also said that he was interviewed by British television.

Senator Isakson talked about veterans and veterans' needs, Mr. Bailey reported. November 9th will be Veterans Day, and Mr. Bailey is waiting for word from a veteran's family so that City Council can name a basketball court or provide a memorial at Askew Park for that veteran. Post 152 has approved, he said.

Mr. Bailey reported that he is also working on next February's MLK celebration.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Strickland

Mayor Pro-Tem Strickland noted that the Council had previously discussed digging out drains and ditches, perhaps with help from West Point. She asked Mr. Milliron if that has happened; specifically, if the two drains on her list were cleared out. Mr. Milliron replied that yes, those were taken care of.

Mayor Pro-Tem asked about limbs and grass that get onto West Main Street when the City crews are cutting grass and trimming trees, and stated that the City needs to make sure someone is assigned to follow the crews to clean this landscape debris from the street. She has received complaints, she said.

Ms. Strickland asked how the City is coming on redesign of the City utility bills. Mayor Stankiewicz replied that City Clerk is handling this task, and he will ask Ms. Kelly to provide an update for the next meeting.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stankiewicz thanked the citizens for putting up with the “walkers” the previous week, and asked the council to set a date for the wastewater treatment plant groundbreaking. The official groundbreaking was then scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2018, 9 am at the plant site.

Police Chief Brian Harr asked the Council and citizens to remember the police chief of Ludowici, GA, who was recently killed, along with a 61-year old man, when he was struck during a car chase.

The Council then scheduled the second public hearing for the millage rate for 7 pm on Monday, October 1, 2018, immediately before the regular council meeting.

Adjourn

Upon motion by George Bailey, seconded by Marichal Price, the Council unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting. Mayor Bill Stankiewicz adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne S. Miller
Planning and Development Director