



## WORK SESSION

A Work Session of the Hogansville City Council was held on Monday, July 23, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stankiewicz at 5p.m.

Present were Mayor Bill Stankiewicz, Council Member Reginald Jackson, Council Member Marichal Price, Council Member Fred Higgins, and Council Member Theresa Strickland. Also present were City Manager David Milliron, City Clerk Lisa Kelly, and Sgt. Jeff Sheppard.

Strickland made a motion to add three items to the agenda; Parks & Recreation, City Finances, and Executive Session under the legal exemption, seconded by Jackson. Carried 5-0

## BUSINESS

1. Review of City Charter. Jackson asked to look at section 2E, line 297 of the City Charter. He read the section regarding Mayoral veto and affirmative vote by three members if one member abstains. He would like to add a line that reads an affirmative vote by three members if only four members are present. Strickland asked how the item should be worded. Todd stated he would like some time to properly word it but as it stands right now he has written in "or three members if any member of the Council abstains or is absent". Mayor asked if this is local ordinance or legislation? Todd explained he will need to look into it as certain things can be done by home rule and others must be handled through legislation. Strickland was not sure of the location in the charter but would like to see changes in the attendance requirement of meetings. She noted where Council Members are at the end of their terms, something should be in the charter regarding missed meetings. She feels it is unfair to the taxpayers that someone receives a check and does not come to meetings. Mayor asked for clarification if this is in general or that specific situation. He noted there is language that deals with attendance in section 2-10. Although she was not specific on how it should read, she suggested it be spelled out a little clearer, to include how many meetings are acceptable to miss. Discussion was held as to the types of excuses allowable, number of meetings allowed to miss, training, and medical reasons. Todd stated he can look at other ordinances and determine what other cities are doing. Milliron recollected in the GMA model ordinance there are provisions that force members to attend, otherwise 2/3 of voting members can remove someone from office. Price

stated if you call in once that should be excused but anything other than that should require a medical excuse. Mayor looked to Todd for the unusual nature of removal from office. Todd stated removal from office is not a common thing. Strickland stated her biggest issue is the pay; she does not feel someone should get paid if they are not serving. Todd stated many cities are paid per meeting. Strickland stated she would like to look at it from a pay standpoint. Mayor asked Todd to get some suggested language and see what other areas are doing. Todd stated a better way to do it is to have pay-per-meeting other than getting into the medical legitimacy of members. Moving on, Strickland asked to review page 13 relating to examples of powers beginning on line 371, asking when sentences are given by the municipal court, are the sentences performed working for the City? Milliron explained community service workers do work for the City through public works. Price asked if special permits relating to alcohol would come before the Council? Todd stated this is part of the code and asked for clarification of whether on public or private property. Price confirmed large parties and closing certain streets. Mayor stated he thinks no ordinances allow for alcohol off privately owned property. Milliron stated the only provision is for a catering alcohol license. Codification of the code was briefly discussed. It has been since 2016 since the last codification. Todd suggested we get in the habit of sending ordinances to Municode as they are adopted. Mayor stated line 144, section 2.11 would allow the City to come up with our own rules under that section for vacancies and absences. Milliron noted Council pay is low compared to other cities. Strickland stated she feels we should not touch pay. Price asked how long it takes to make the changes. Mayor explained the process of home rule or local legislation and how some items go before legislation in January. After the legislative session, it could be April before it gets to the Governor's desk for signature, yet there is always a chance it will not be approved. Todd will determine which direction will be required.

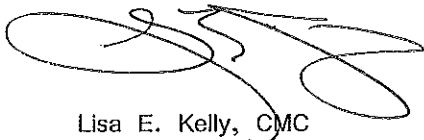
2. Parks & Recreation. Strickland discussed the need for barricades to deter parking on Pine Street. One event is expected to be really big and wants to see the area marked off before this event. Jackson stated parking signs have been placed on Pine but curious if the park on Green has signs. Strickland gave some background on her conversation with Rhodes in placing barricades. She proposes, as a result of that conversation getting barricades in place to keep people from parking on the areas and also get the area hydroseeded. Milliron stated he has spoken with Rhodes about signage but wasn't aware of any discussion regarding barriers but will follow-up. He suggested if there is a special event at one of the City parks there should probably be a special event permit issued. Strickland proposed the City go ahead and move forward with getting the barricades up to keep people from parking on the grass. She understands the cost will be around \$500. Milliron explained if it is the will of the Council he will move forward. Strickland stated she would also like to look at cameras on both courts. She further noted she is asking for the \$500 expenditure to put up barriers to keep people from parking. Jackson stated there are no-parking signs up on Pine Street. Higgins asked if the county should be expending the money. Mayor stated recreation is a county function. Jackson suggested speaking with Rhodes to fund the project. Mayor suggested finding out what the county is willing to do and report back to the council on August 6. Price stated there

needs to be grass placed on the Pine St. lot to keep dirt off the court. Mayor confirmed the Police Department is writing parking tickets. Sgt. Sheppard confirmed parking tickets are written in the City. Strickland stated these are items we knew going into these projects. Jackson and Strickland discussed the parking issues and signs currently in place. Jackson asked that the same signs be placed on both parks. The City Manager was asked to follow up with Rhodes and report back.

3. City Finances. Strickland stated one issue was the \$177k allocated for PNC Bank building improvements. There seemed to be some confusion as to the allocation of the dollars. She asked if there are any restrictions or stipulations on those dollars. Milliron stated the City is aware of no stipulations. The gift is going through the Charitable Trust and the understanding is the benefactor and the Trust will work together on the stipulations. He spoke of the original terms that the building be used for City Hall that was approved by Council. Strickland stated there were concerns of the dollars being restricted to the interior. Mayor stated he does not know of any restriction solely for the interior of the building. Members asked if the dollars can be used for the roof. Mayor stated he knows of no restrictions and does not see any reason it could not be used for the roof.
4. Motion to enter into Executive Session at 5:53 pm under the legal exemption made by Jackson, seconded by Strickland. Carried 4-0. The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 6:06pm.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at this time, on a motion made by Council Member Strickland and dually seconded by Council Member Jackson the meeting was adjourned at 6:07pm.

Respectfully,



Lisa E. Kelly, CMC  
City Clerk  
City of Hogansville

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