



MINUTES – Public Meeting
September 16, 2019 – 7 pm

Hogansville City Hall, 400 East Main Street, Hogansville GA 30230

This City of Hogansville Mayor and Council's public meeting was called to order at 7 pm, September 16, 2019 by Mayor Bill Stankiewicz.

Present were Mayor Bill Stankiewicz, Mayor Pro-Tem Theresa Strickland and Council Members George Bailey, Fred Higgins, Reginald Jackson and Marichal Price.

Also present were City Manager David Milliron, Police Chief Brian Harr, City Clerk Lisa Kelly, City Attorney Jeff Todd, and Planning and Development Director Lynne Miller.

Mayor Stankiewicz turned the meeting over to Planning and Development Director Lynne Miller to conduct the USDA public meeting.

Ms. Miller explained that:

- The purpose of this meeting is to inform the public about a grant and loan combination the City is seeking, and to invite public comments.
- This would be for one prisoner transport van. The prisoner transport van would replace the City's two aging ones, each of which has over 300,000 miles, problem doors, shot seats, and limited or no air conditioning.
- The program we are proposing to tap is the USDA Community Facilities grant and loan program for local governments. This program provides up to \$25,000 in grants to cities and counties to help them fund needed equipment.
- Each \$25,000 grant is an outright grant that requires a matching amount from the City. The City match amount is then financed by a 5-year, low interest USDA loan.
- \$25,000 is the maximum amount of each USDA grant, and each grant must be matched by an amount that is equal to or higher than the grant.
- The new prisoner transport van is needed and budgeted. The projected cost of this work van is \$25,738.50. Half of that amount, or \$12,869.25 would come from a USDA grant, and the other half from a USDA loan. The loan term would be 5 years, at 3.2% per year, with no penalty for early payoff.
- This project is not expected to negatively impact the environment.
- This project will also have positive economic impact, by stretching City funds.

- This request requires a public meeting that must be held before USDA can approve it.

Ms. Miller invited the public to comment or offer questions.

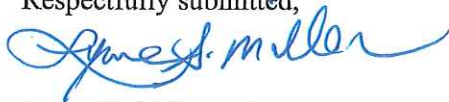
Mr. Allan Jones asked about the age of the existing vans. Ms. Miller responded that one was built in 1999, and the other in 2000.

Mr. Jones then asked if there would be warranties for the new van, to defray the costs of maintenance.

City Manager David Milliron replied that the existing vans are used and were bought with no warranties. But the new van will have a State-required 5-year warranty.

There being no additional questions, the public meeting was closed at 7:05 pm by Mayor Stankiewicz.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynne S. Miller, AICP
Planning and Development Director

I certify that these are true minutes of the City of Hogansville Public Meeting held 7 pm, September 16, 2019.



Lisa Kelly, City Clerk

9-16-2019

Date