



REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Hogansville City Council was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stankiewicz at 7:00p.m.

Present were Mayor Stankiewicz; Council Member Reginald Jackson, Council Member Mandy Neese, Council Member Mark Ayers, and Council Member Toni Striblin. Also present were City Attorney Jeff Todd, Interim City Manager Lisa Kelly, Planning and Community Development Director Lynne Miller, and Chief of Police Brian Harr. Council Member Marichal Price was absent.

Motion: Council Member Jackson moved to approve with the addition of a proposed Land Swap as Item No. 4 under New Business. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayres.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Jackson (Yea), Neese (Yea), Ayers (Yea), Striblin (Yea)

Motion Passes 4-0

Motion: Council Member Neese moved to adopt the minutes of the called meeting held on January 6, 2020. The motion was seconded by Council Member Striblin.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Neese (Yea), Ayers (Yea), Striblin (Yea), Jackson (Yea)

Motion Passes 4-0

Motion: Council Member Striblin moved to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 6, 2020. The motion was seconded by Council Member Neese.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Ayers (Yea), Striblin (Yea), Jackson (Yea), Neese (Yea)

Motion Passes 4-0

PRESENTATION

1. Interim City Manager Lisa Kelly presented Public Works Employee Jeremy Duncan with the Hogansville Employee of the Month Award. Mr. Duncan was nominated by his supervisor Andy Jones.

PRESENTATION

1. Citizen Appearance – Ms. Denise Harbin addressed the Council, thanking them for the work they do and asking the Council to continue work on infrastructure and litter problems.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. 2nd Reading & Adoption - Camera-Ready Ordinance.** Jeff Todd read the 2nd reading of the proposed Camera Ready Ordinance amendment that gives the City Manager the authority to negotiate with regard to film production.

Motion: Council Member Neese moved to adopt the ordinance amendment as written, seconded by Council Member Ayres.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Striblin (Yea), Jackson (Yea), Neese (Yea), Ayers (Yea)

Ordinance Amendment Adopted with a vote of 4-0

- 2. 2nd Reading - Amendment to Foreclosed & Vacant Property Ordinance.** Jeff Todd read the 2nd reading of the proposed amendment to the existing ordinance in order to impose an administrative fee on items associated with the ordinance.

Motion: Council Member Striblin moved to adopt the ordinance amendment as written, seconded by Council Member Jackson.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Jackson (Yea), Neese (Yea), Ayers (Yea), Striblin (Yea)

Ordinance Amendment Adopted with a vote of 4-0

- 3. 2st Reading - Amendment to Dilapidated Properties (Blight) Ordinance.** Jeff Todd read the 2nd reading of the proposed ordinance amendment which will increase the amount of fees due for violations, from its current rate that equals 3% of local property tax amount, to 7% instead.

Motion: Council Member Neese moved to adopt the ordinance amendment as written, seconded by Council Member Striblin.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Neese (Yea), Ayers (Yea), Striblin (Yea), Jackson (Yea)

Ordinance Amendment Adopted with a vote of 4-0

- 4. 2nd Reading - Creation of Assistant City Manager Position.** Jeff Todd read the 2nd reading of the proposed ordinance creating the position of Assistant City Manager.

Motion: Council Member Neese moved to adopt the ordinance amendment as written, seconded by Council Member Striblin.

Discussion: Councilman Jackson asked for an explanation of this position. Mayor Stankiewicz replied that an Assistant City Manager, if hired by the City Council, would serve as City Manager in the City Manager's absence. Mr. Stankiewicz added that creation of this position does not obligate the Council to hire anybody for Assistant City Manager position but will enable them to do so in the future if they wish.

Roll Call Vote: Ayers (Yea), Striblin (Yea), Jackson (Nay); Neese (Yea)

Ordinance Amendment Adopted with a vote of 3-1 with Jackson opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution - MEAG (Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia) Signators

Motion: Council Member Striblin moved to approve a resolution designating Mayor Stankiewicz and Interim City Manager Lisa Kelly as official signators to communicate in writing any City Council decisions and directives made to MEAG Power. The motion was seconded by Council Jackson.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Striblin (Yea), Jackson (Yea), Neese (Yea), Ayers (Yea)

Resolution Carries 4-0

2. USDA Liaison Certification.

Motion: Motion was made by Council Member Neese to designate the Mayor as official liaison with USDA for various Capital Facilities grant and loan projects funded through USDA. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jackson.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Jackson (Yea), Neese (Yea), Ayers (Yea), Striblin (Yea)

Resolution Carries 4-0

3. USDA Legal Services Agreement.

Motion: Motion was made by Council Member Neese to contract with the firm Lewis, Taylor & Todd, PC for legal services that may be needed for the USDA grant/loan projects. The motion was seconded by Council Member Striblin.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Jackson (Yea), Neese (Yea), Ayers (Yea), Striblin (Yea)

Resolution Carries 4-0

4. Land Swap between Property Owners, Tax Map No. 024-3-000-036.

Motion: Motion was made by Council Member Neese to approve a proposed land swap between property owners Travis Turner and Larry Dorrrough in Troup County and Hogansville. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jackson.

Discussion: Interim City Manager Lisa Kelly explained that Mr. Turner and Mr. Dorrrough are proposing to swap equal amounts of land (0.158 acres in each case) at Mobley Bridge and Hightower Roads. Currently, Mr. Turner and Mr. Dorrrough use one another's properties to access their sites, and this would correct that. This is considered subdivision of land because it would create a new, pie-shaped, 0.158-acre parcel at Mr. Turner's property in Hogansville. As a proposed subdivision of land, this proposal was reviewed by the Planning Commission, who are recommending approval.

Roll Call Vote: Neese (Yea), Ayers (Yea), Striblin (Yea) Jackson (Yea)

Resolution Carries 4-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 8:30 PM

- 1. Motion:** Motion was made by Council Member Striblin to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jackson.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Ayers (Yea), Striblin (Yea), Jackson (Nay), Neese (Yea),

Motion Carries 4-0

RECONVENED MEETING - 9:00 PM

1. **Motion:** Motion was made by Council Member Neese to contract with Tom Berry to help recruit a new City Manager. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jackson.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Striblin (Yea), Jackson (Nay), Neese (Yea), Ayers (Yea)

Motion Carries 4-0

ADJOURN

On a motion made and duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully,

Lynne S. Miller, AICP
Planning and Development Director
City of Hogansville

January 24, 2020