



City of Hogansville  
**City Council**  
Work Session Meeting Agenda  
**Monday, February 6, 2023**

**Meeting will be held at Hogansville City Hall,  
111 High Street, Hogansville, GA 30230**

Mayor: <i>Jake Ayers</i>	2025	Interim City Manager: <i>Lisa E. Kelly</i>
Council Post 1: <i>Michael Taylor, Jr</i>	2025	City Attorney: <i>Alex Dixon</i>
Council Post 2: <i>Matthew Morgan</i>	2025	Chief of Police: <i>Jeffrey Sheppard</i>
Council Post 3: <i>Mandy Neese*</i>	2023	
Council Post 4: <i>Mark Ayers</i>	2023	
Council Post 5: <i>Toni Striblin</i>	2023	* Mayor Pro-Tem

**Work Session Meeting – 6:00 pm**

**Order of Business**

- Update: Electric Utility
- Update: LMIG Paving Projects and Cost Projections
- Update: Sewer Monitoring and Smoke Test Results
- Update: Water System Improvements – Bass Cross Road Water Line
- Update: Street Sweeper
- Update: Isaiah Lofton Park – Brick Project



PERMANENT RECORD

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**Call to Order:** Mayor Jake Ayers called the Work Session to order at 6 pm. Present were Mayor Jake Ayers and Council Members Michael Taylor, Jr., Matthew Morgan, Mark Ayers, Mandy Neese and Toni Striblin. Also present were Interim City Manager Lisa Kelly, City Attorney Alex Dixon.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Update: Electric Utility

Interim City Manager Lisa Kelly distributed copies of an updated 2022 – 2023 City of Hogansville Electrical Finance Sheet, explaining that City electricity costs spiked this past December, coming in at more than \$439,000 against a monthly budget of \$200k. Demand was extremely high, Ms. Kelly noted. The City charges a flat rate to consumers, and doesn't change that rate if demands on the system change. Hogansville owns electric capacity, she said, but the City had to enter the open market, where the City paid 4 times more per kilowatt hour, after the pre-bought power was used up. Local governments throughout the state encountered this problem, she noted. The City pulled from an emergency budget reserve of \$239,000 intended for shortfalls in other departments.

The City's \$112,000 year-to-date profit is intact, Ms. Kelly said. She is telling department heads to limit expenses and conserve. The City will continue to deal with emergencies but watch expenses. The City be meeting with MEAG to prevent future events like this, she said. As MEAG's Plant Vogel brings more and more capacity on-line, the City will have the potential to purchase more capacity and more demand.

The City Council agreed to invite MEAG to a meeting in April or May to discuss options for Hogansville.

2. Update: LMIG Paving Projects and Cost Projections

Lisa Kelly reported that GDOT's Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) for Hogansville will total roughly \$48,000 this year. Ms. Kelly has submitted the application. She and Councilwoman Neese recently drove through town and identified 52 road sections needing patches. Most of the patches are needed as a result of utility repairs. Total cost of this patchwork will be approximately \$110,000. This project will be bid out.

3. Update: Sewer Monitoring and Smoke Test Results

Ms. Kelly reported that 16 sewer monitors are in place, and the City has borrowed a smoke testing machine, to look for stormwater infiltration and inflow (I/I) entering the sewer lines. Getting lots of results, Ms. Kelly said, but no serious I/I seen yet. When that happens, those lines and mains will be repaired to increase capacity at the City's new wastewater treatment plant. The City has funds for this in the City's current and proposed new SPLOST. One area of I/I concern is the trunkline at Huntcliff.

4. Update: Bass Cross Road Water Line

Lisa Kelly reported that this phase of the water system improvements projects extends water mains from the LaGrange water intake on US 29, all the way up to the intake for the interstate water tank, including 1,000 feet on Mountville-Hogansville Road and the entire length of Gates Rd. The construction of the line is completed but booster pumps will need to be installed prior to bringing water on-line in the system. This project will go to bid in February and could be awarded in March 2023. It is imperative to get this step completed as there are two booster pumps at Mountville Rd. and East Boyd Rd. that currently feed water to the interstate tank and one is failing. Once the new main is active, the existing boosters will only be used in an emergency.

5. Update: Street Sweeper

Ms. Kelly reported that the City has received preliminary approval from USDA for a \$200,000 street sweeper. USDA will pay 40% as grant and the rest as loan. As soon as the City is fully approved, the street sweeper will be purchased.

6. Update: Isaiah Lofton Park – Brick Project

As the final part of this park project, the City has pavers that will be engraved and installed near the monument. This originally was intended to be a fundraising effort and the City plans to implement a plan to begin that process soon. It is yet determined who will do the actual engraving, but research is underway to determine that, along with the program details. More information will be rolled out soon.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With unanimous consent, Mayor Ayers adjourned the meeting at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynne Miller, AICP

Planning & Development Director