



City of Hogansville
City Council
Public Hearing & Regular Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, September 8, 2026 – 7:00 pm

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

Mayor: <i>Jake Ayers</i>	2029	City Manager: <i>Lisa E. Kelly</i>
Council Post 1: <i>Michael Taylor, Jr</i>	2029	Assistant City Manager: <i>Oasis Nichols</i>
Council Post 2: <i>Jason Baswell</i>	2029	City Attorney: <i>Alex Dixon</i>
Council Post 3: <i>Mandy Neese *</i>	2027	Chief of Police: <i>Jeffrey Sheppard</i>
Council Post 4: <i>Mark Ayers</i>	2027	City Clerk: <i>LeAnn Lehigh</i>
Council Post 5: <i>Kandis Strickland</i>	2027	* Mayor Pro-Tem

PUBLIC HEARING 1 – 7:00 PM

1. Public Hearing to hear citizen comments on the variance request for 811 E. Main Street, Troup County Tax Parcel 0213B006006, to reduce the minimum required lot frontage from 75 feet to 66.79 feet

PUBLIC HEARING 2

1. Public Hearing to Hear Citizen Comments on the Proposed 2026 Millage Rate

REGULAR MEETING – Immediately Following Public Hearings

1. Call to Order – Mayor Jake Ayers
2. Invocation & Pledge

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be approved by one blanket motion.

1. Approval of Agenda: Regular Meeting September 8, 2026
2. Approval of Minutes: Work Session Meeting August 17, 2026
3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting August 17, 2026

PRESENTATION

1. Proclamation – Ricky Thrash Day

CITIZEN APPEARANCES

1. Jimmy Norred to Discuss Data Center Impacts
2. Michael Taylor, Sr. to Discuss Parks & Recreation Gym

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution - Extension of Data Center Moratorium
2. Resolution - Early Voting
3. Zoning Variance – 811 E. Main Street
4. Recycling Center Fencing
5. Approval of Sewer Repair - East Main Street
6. Discussion of Animal Shelter Services Agreement

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. Council Member Taylor
2. Council Member Baswell
3. Council Member Neese
4. Council Member Ayers
5. Council Member Strickland

MAYOR'S REPORT

ADJOURN

Upcoming Dates & Events

- September 15, 2026 – 5:30 – 8pm | National Night Out at Hogansville Elementary School
- September 17, 2026 – 6:00 pm | Meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission at Hogansville City Hall
- September 21, 2026 – 7:00 pm | Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council at Hogansville City Hall
- September 22, 2026 – 6:00 pm | Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority at Hogansville City Hall

The Royal Theater Happenings

- Friday, September 11, 2026 – 7:00 pm | MOVIE: A Fish Called Wanda
- Saturday, September 12, 2026 – 7:00 pm | MOVIE: Rocky
- Saturday, September 19, 2026 – 7:30 pm | LIVE EVENT: An Evening with Kathy Mattea
- Friday, September 25, 2026 – 7:00 pm | MOVIE: Doctor Zhivago

Purchase tickets online 1937royaltheater.org or call the box office 706-955-4870

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PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Ayers called the Public Hearing to order at 7:03 pm to Hear Citizen comments on the variance request for 811 E. Main Street, Troup County Tax Parcel 0213B006006, to reduce the minimum required lot frontage from 75 feet to 66.79 feet.

There were no Citizen comments, and the Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Ayers called the Public Hearing to order at 7:04 pm to Hear Citizen comments on the proposed 2026 Millage Rate. City Manager Lisa Kelly gave a presentation on the City's millage rate, which has remained the same for the past 23 years at 7.950 mills.

There were no Citizen comments, and the Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

REGULAR MEETING

September 8, 2026

Call to Order: Mayor Jake Ayers called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Present were Mayor Ayers, Council Member Michael Taylor, Council Member Jason Baswell, Council Member Mandy Neese, and Council Member Kandis Strickland. Also present were City Manager Lisa Kelly, City Attorney Alex Dixon, Assistant Police Chief James Vincent, and City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh. Council Member Mark Ayers, Assistant City Manager Oasis Nichols, and Police Chief Jeff Sheppard were not present at tonight's meeting.

Jason Baswell gave an invocation, and Mayor Ayers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Council Member Strickland moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Neese.

Motion Carries 4-0

PRESENTATION

1. Proclamation – Ricky Thrash Day

The Mayor and City Council proclaimed August 21, 2026, as Ricky Thrash Day in honor of his work in the funeral home business since 1986, a 32-year career in education, and 22 years of civic service, including 20 years as chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission

CITIZEN APPEARANCES

1. Jimmy Norred to Discuss Data Center Impacts

Jimmy Norred expressed strong public opposition to a proposed data center, stating Hogansville citizens are against it.

2. Michael Taylor, Sr. to Discuss Parks & Recreation Gym

Mrs. Sara Jenkins spoke for Michael Taylor, Sr., regarding using the Parks & Recreation Gym for Pickleball on Sundays. The Pickleball team is now being required to pay to use the county-run gym on Sundays, which was previously free for the past two and a half years. As the city has no direct authority over the county facility, the mayor and council members committed to discussing the issue with county leadership to advocate for free access. Citizens were also advised to contact their county commissioners and the parks and recreation board representative.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution – Extension of Data Center Moratorium

Motion: A motion was made by Council Member Neese to approve the Resolution extending the Data Center Moratorium for 90 days from Sept. 8, 2026. The motion was seconded by Council Member Baswell.

Discussion: None

Motion Carries 4-0

2. Resolution – Early Voting

Motion: A motion was made by Council Member Strickland to approve the Resolution allowing Early Voting for the November 3, 2026 General Election. The motion was seconded by Council Member Neese.

Discussion: Early voting will take place Saturday, October 24, 2026 and Monday – Friday, Oct 26-30, 2026 at the Municipal Annex Building.

Motion Carries 3-0 (*Council Member Taylor stepped out for a moment and was not present during the vote.*)

3. Zoning Variance – 811 E. Main Street

Motion: A motion was made by Council Member Baswell to approve the Zoning Variance at 811 E. Main Street allowing frontage of 66.79 feet instead of the required 75 feet. The motion was seconded by Council Member Neese.

Discussion: None

Motion Carries 4-0

4. Recycling Center Fencing

Motion: A motion was made by Council Member Neese to award the bid to Blackmon Fencing Company in the amount of \$4,300 to replace a portion of the fence for the new recycling center, to be funded through SPLOST - City Equipment project funds. The motion was seconded by Council Member Baswell.

Discussion: None

Motion Carries 4-0

5. Approval of Sewer Repair – East Main Street

Motion: A motion was made by Council Member Baswell to approve the \$29,092 bid from RDJE for an emergency repair on an approximately 350-foot section of compromised terracotta sewer line on East Main Street. The motion was seconded by Council Member Neese.

Discussion: The CIPP (cured-in-place pipe) lining method will be used, a trenchless approach that will not disrupt a planned GDOT paving project. The expense will be funded from SPLOST - Water & Sewer Project funds.

Motion Carries 4-0

6. Discussion of Animal Shelter Services Agreement

Discussion was held regarding a new service agreement with Animal Ark, in partnership with the City of LaGrange and Troup County. Council raised concerns about verifying resident status to prevent being billed for animals from outside city limits, correcting financial contribution allocations, and understanding termination provisions. No action was taken at tonight's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Council Member Strickland and duly seconded, Mayor Ayers adjourned the meeting at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully,



LeAnn Lehigh
City Clerk