



CITY COUNCIL MANAGER'S REPORT

City of Hogansville | David A Milliron, City Manager | 706.637.8629 | November 20, 2017

Police Department | Chief Harr is in training Nov. 19-21 in Alabama and therefore Sgt. Gates has been designated as Acting Police Chief in his absence.

Hogansville Amphitheater and Lake Jimmy Jackson Improvement projects | The City of Hogansville on Thursday (11/16) held the bid document opening for the Hogansville Amphitheater and Lake Jimmy Jackson Improvement projects. The city consultant will now review each document and make a recommendation to the City Council as to the lowest and most responsive bidder. The bid tallies have been posted to the city's website for public inspection: <https://goo.gl/pZEVYe>

Sprayfield Bush Hogging | Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk at Hogansville City Hall, 400 E. Main St., Hogansville, GA 30230, until 4:00 pm on Thursday, November 30, 2017 and then publicly opened, for furnishing the supplies, materials and/or services as described below and tabulated for presentation to the City Council on Monday, December 4, 2017. The bid document is posted at <https://goo.gl/1AYFE7>

Water Easement | Staff is working with the owners of the Hogan House regarding a water easement agreement for 804 East Main Street to improve water pressure to that location as well as others in and around the property. The City Attorney has reviewed the proposed agreement and the next steps are to secure a survey at city expense to incorporate the meets and bounds into the document. Once all parties are satisfied with the draft document, it will then be submitted to the City Council for final approval and subsequent filing with the court.

Downtown Master Plan | About 40 people attended the Public Forum for the Hogansville Downtown Master Plan on Thursday at the Hogansville Public Library, hosted by the Hogansville Downtown Development Authority, along with The Georgia Conservancy, Canvass Planning Group, and Village Green Consulting & Development Services. The purpose of the public forum was to brainstorm on the future of Hogansville through interactive workshops and group discussions.

- **Video** | Watch Video from the Public Forum - <https://goo.gl/mAF6gx>
- **Surveys** | Share Your Thoughts on the Future of Downtown Hogansville - <https://goo.gl/GSyJAd>
- **Presentation** | Download a copy of the presentation from the Public Forum - <https://goo.gl/uF1fPL>
- **Photos** | View photos and interactive feedback collected during the Public Forum - <https://goo.gl/W5vupC>

Waste Water Treatment Plant

- The Decanting Valve at the WWTP overheated and shut down on Wednesday at about 5:00 pm, forcing the licensed operator to shut down the plant. The valve assembly, which regulates the effluent level in the settling basin, consists of a lifting mechanism (operator), connecting stem, and a slip (drain) tube that travels vertically inside a fixed vertical pipe. Utilizing the operator, the slip tube is raised or lowered to maintain the desired fluid level within the containment structure. The valve is currently operational

again but could fail at any time. Therefore, a Request for Bids was drafted and will be placed out to quote later this week.

- The City notified the Environmental Protection Division, Watershed Protection Branch that its WWTP experienced noncompliance on its effluent flow from the plant. The state permit for the WTP allows a discharge limitation on total suspended solids of 50. Composite samples were pulled Nov. 14th and 15th with the latter showing suspended solids of 51.1. The state was made aware that the plant's noncompliance is the result of its septic sewage from Meriwether County and Fats, Oils and Grease in the collections system. With this combination, filamentous bacteria are high in the sequencing batch reactor (SBR) – a fill- and draw-activated sludge system for wastewater treatment that is causing the mixed liquid to settle slowly, resulting in solids being pulled from the SBR to the contact chamber. Staff is working on this problem with chemical infusion to get the filamentous bacteria under control.
- All manholes on the nine major trunk lines throughout the City have been mowed around and the trunk lines are in the process of being bush hogged ahead of the winter months. One of the Trunk Lines was determined to need support; staff is investigating options.

101 College Street | The City received correspondence from the property owners that costs to structurally support the building and save the existing brick structure far exceeds their budget. Staff is working with the owners who indicate they would prefer now to demolish the building and build anew.

Electric Rates | The City Manager met last week with Chau M. Nguyen, Director of Analytical Services for ECG (Electric Cities of Georgia) to begin an assessment of the city's electric rates. It has been several years since a rate study and the process should be wrapped up in early 2018 due to the holiday season.

Miscellaneous...

- **Tower Trail** | Two trash receptacles are on order; one will be installed closest to the picnic tables with the other near the start of the trailhead closest to the road. When the amphitheater is upgraded, staff we'll address receptacles in and around that location.
- **Fire Hydrants** | Crawford Grading & Pipeline, Inc. in Luthersville is the contractor of record to perform valve and hydrant improvements. The company has informed us that it is experiencing low staffing due to the holidays and will postpone the planned hydrant upgrades until after the holiday season.
- **Natural Gas Hedging** | City Manager inquiring with Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia on price hedging due to a forward curve opportunity.
- **Water Tanks** | Awaiting a third and final report from Clearwater Solutions prior to putting out to bid the maintenance and repair of the city's standpipes.
- **Collier Street** | The City Manager together with the County Engineer did a brief assessment of the road in the wake of a recent alcohol-involved single-vehicle rollover accident with entrapment and injuries. The consensus was to drop the speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph. The City Manager and Police Chief did a subsequent evaluation and agree with the speed reduction. The roadway shoulder is of concern, which could be addressed with 2018 LMIG matching funds.
- **2015 CDBG** | Turnipseed has informed the City that IPR has finished the paving on Oak Street, corrected the homeowner's drain issue and otherwise should be close out the project. Turnipseed is evaluating and requested any punch list addendums from the City.
- **Pine Street** | Staff pulled all manhole covers in and around the 300 block of Pine Street and checked all waste water distribution lines into the manholes. No lines were found to be damaged. Staff recalls that a company relined the older terracotta pipes several years ago. However, the road does have a bad dip in it

near 312 Pine Street that needs to be repaired, which could be addressed with 2018 LMIG matching funds.

- **Boozer Street** | Troup County is engaged with the Streets Department to address drainage issues along Boozer Street; utility locates were requested last week and the city and county met to conduct a final review of the proposed work; work ought to occur after the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Upcoming City Manager Meetings/Travel

- Nov. 21: Thanksgiving Lunch @ Hogansville Active Life
- Nov. 23 & 24: Thanksgiving Holiday; City Hall Closed
- Nov. 28: MEAG Annual Participant Transmission Review; Hogansville Downtown Development Authority @ 6:30 pm
- Nov. 29: Meeting with the Georgia Gas Authority to discuss the Meriwether Industrial Park pipeline given Liberty's purchase of Manchester
- Nov. 30: RFP Deadline and bid opening for Sprayfield Bushhogging @ 4:00 pm
- Dec. 1: City Manager on ride-along with Hogansville Police Department in evening

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