



CITY COUNCIL MANAGER'S REPORT

City of Hogansville | David A Milliron, City Manager | 706.637.8629 | December 4, 2017

Coweta County Water Line Chlorination Station: Staff has submitted the Project Submittal Form for approval from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, to extend the city's existing water system with the addition of a Chlorine Booster Station on Norwood Road. The chlorination of drinking water distribution networks is usually carried out at the supply source. However, chlorine may disappear in some portions or at distant points within a network. In this case, a booster chlorination station must be built in the network to observe detectable chlorine residual at all levels of branching in this corridor. An easement or minimum land acquisition is necessary prior to installation of the station.

Personnel: Staff is currently reviewing applications for four open positions in Public Works and is expected to schedule and conduct interviews in December with the goal of extending conditional job offers prior to the Christmas Holiday.

- Streets Department: Two open positions – Equipment Operator and Maintenance Operator I
- Water Department: One open position - Distribution Technician (Trainee)
- Waste Water Department: One open position – Collections Technician (Trainee)

Debt Service:

- Debt payments for police department vehicles (Lease No. 1) at \$1,535 per month was retired as of November 30, 2017. This was for three Ford Police Interceptor Sedans.
- Debt payments for police department vehicles (Lease No. 2) at \$2,151 per month will be retired as of May 31, 2018. This is for three Dodge Chargers and Ford Utility Explorer.
- Debt payments for the 2011 Freightliner M2 Brush Hawg Grapple Truck in the Sanitation Department at \$1,813 per month was retired as of June 30, 2017.

Hogan House: The city will soon coordinate with the property owners to have a contractor conduct a land survey necessary to move forward with a proposed utility easement for future installation of a water line interconnect that is expected to increase water pressure in and around the 800 block of East Main Street.

Interstate Ramps: The City of Hogansville is reminding drivers that it is illegal to park on an interstate highway, including on-ramps and off-ramps, except in case of an emergency. The City has received complaints of vehicles parking where they should not park. The complaints stemmed from drivers seeing commercial vehicles parked on exit ramps along Interstate 85 at the gateway to the city. Not only is it against the law, but it's also dangerous. Earlier today, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) installed "No Parking" signs at the I-85 interchange at East Main Street/Highway 54/Lone Oak Road. GDOT contractors will also address the trash that is littered about the interchange later this week. Residents can help address safety and litter concerns on I-85 and any state route in [District 3](#) by sending their non-emergency concerns to saferoadsd3@dot.ga.gov or by calling 5-1-1 in Georgia. The GDOT District Office can then track the issue and the progress of its resolution to ensure things are being handled in a timely manner.

Seasonal Leaf Pickup: The Hogansville Public Works Team operates a three-person leaf crew to rid the city of leaves throughout the autumn months. The same crew also addresses streets, fleet maintenance, bulk trash pickup, cemetery openings, and general maintenance. Therefore, the city needs your cooperation in the proper placement of leaves for the overall safety of the community:

- Leaves should be raked to the back of the curb on the grass or to the shoulder of the roadway. If you live in an area where cars are continuously parked, place the leaves at the edge of your driveway or as near to the driveway as possible.
- Do not place leaves in the street as they can block storm water inlets, obstruct traffic and hinder street maintenance.
- Sticks and other items are not to be placed in the leaf pile. Items other than leaves may cause clogs and possible equipment malfunction. Mixed piles may not be collected. Sticks should be placed in a separate pile.
- Keep leaf piles no higher than three feet for safety.
- Please keep leaves away from mailboxes, utility poles, guide wires, water valves and other obstructions.
- Do not place leaves in bags or containers during leaf vacuum season.
- Wet weather and other Public Works emergencies can delay the Leaf Crew from making rounds in the city. Therefore, we ask for your patience as it may take a week to 10 days to pick up your leaves.
- For additional information or questions, please contact Hogansville City Hall at 706-637-8629 during normal business hours.

Collier Street: Please be advised the City of Hogansville is implementing several motoring safety changes along Collier Street in the coming weeks. Among those are:

- The Speed Limit will be dropped to 25 mph
- A pole will be installed whereby the Hogansville Police Department will be able to post its radar system to collect data on speed and warn drivers who exceed the posted speed limit
- "Shoulder Drop Off" and "Low or Soft Shoulder" signs will be installed
- White reflectors will be installed along the edge of the roadway to better illuminate the sharp curve that exists in the 100 to 200 block of Collier Street
- "Sharp Curve Ahead" signs will be installed
- "Hill Blocks View" signage will be installed

Askew Avenue Striping Incident: Several weeks ago, a contractor for the City of Hogansville striped 30 streets without incident. However, a portion of Askew Avenue from Lincoln Street east towards Blue Creek Court onward to the City Limits was inadvertently missed. The contractor returned on Wednesday and striped the roadway. Normally, the water-based paint is dry within minutes, but this wasn't the case given the high humidity yesterday afternoon. To further exacerbate the issue, it rained yesterday evening and it doesn't help that a passerby decided to turn the cone-laden work zone into an obstacle course by weaving in and out of the cones, thus spewing paint all over the roadway. The city wishes to apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused and has been in direct contact with the contractor, Peek Pavement Marking, LLC. If you passed through Askew Lane within the Hogansville City Limits within the past 24 hours and got yellow paint on your vehicle, you are encouraged to document the damage with photographs and to file a claim directly with Jennifer Hammons of Peek Pavement Markings, LLC at (706) 575-3238 or jhammons@peeksafety.com. The contractor will return soon and re-stripe the roadway in good weather. As for the extraneous water-based paint spillover, please know it will dissolve on its own in the coming weeks.

Check Registry: In the spirit of being an Open and Transparent Government, the City of Hogansville now publishes a monthly check registry of all General Fund expenditures for goods and services. The monthly financial report is also being posted to the website. The check registries for January 2017 through October 2017 are now available under the blog section of the city website for public inspection. Quick link: <https://goo.gl/Nds6ba>

Tower Trail: Two trash cans have been ordered and assembled and are now being installed along Tower Trail; one near the picnic tables by the elementary school, the other closest to Oak Street by the old water plant. Two pet waste receptacles have also been ordered and will be installed later this month.

Library Playground: Representatives from Troup County Parks & Recreation last week marked off the location of the mini-playground to be retrofitted with refurbished equipment at the Hogansville Public Library. Utility locates were also called in by the county and the city assisted by engaging AT&T to bury the low-handing phone line that currently dangles overhead at the new playground site. Work began today on the playground, which will span some 2,550 square feet to be constructed in the greenspace closest to the intersection of College Avenue and Keith Street. The County obtained bids to refurbish and install the existing Miracle Playground Equipment at a cost of \$10,900. The decommissioned playground used to be part of the Pilot Club of Hogansville Park but was removed and placed in storage at the Hogansville Water Plant to make way for construction of the new library, which opened in December 2016. Once installed, the County intends to have engineered wood mulch installed as it has at its other playground sites.

Fire Hydrant Maintenance: Due to the holidays and contractor staffing shortages, Crawford Grading & Pipeline Inc. has informed the city it will begin addressing the approved valve and hydrant improvements throughout the city.

2015 CDBG: Turnipseed Engineers conducted a walk-through with IPR Southeast, LLC, the contractor of record for the 2015 CDBG distribution and collections project. IPR was provided a 19-item punch list on November 29, 2017 to address the following issues:

- 103 Burden Drive – broken concrete collar at drain pipe needs to be replaced
- 104 Burden Drive – adjust cleanout boxes to grade; could not verify the caps were installed
- 102 Wilkes Street – adjust cleanout boxes to grade; could not verify the caps were installed
- 100 Wilkes Street – adjust cleanout boxes to grade
- 104 Wilkes Street – cleanout box lid needs to be removed from inside the box and set on top of the box
- Wilkes Street – valve box at east of street needs to be adjusted to grade; the valve ring is broken and will need to be replaced
- Oak Street and Wilkes Street – valve box installed at this intersection should be adjusted to grade
- Burden Drive and Wilkes Street – settlement should be repaired where waterline was installed at this intersection; the shoulder also needs to be established in this area
- Oak Street and Wilkes Street – restore area on west side of Oak Street at this intersection to original condition
- Clean dirt from roadway
- Provide post construction video for the sewer line between manhole No. 293 and 294A
- Repair two service lines replaced on the sewer line between manhole No. 114 and 289; provide post-video to confirm offset joins have been corrected
- Sewer line replaced between manhole No. 10D and 10C has severe sag
- Provide post construction videos or low-pressure air test results for sewer lines between manhole No. 289 and 286A and between No. 294A and 294

- Several cleanouts are missing caps
- Remove silt fence adjacent to Line No. 1 and 7
- Clean up all storage areas and restore to original condition
- Final acceptance of grassing is defined as a full cover over the seeded area of live and growing grass when at least 98% of the total area has no bare spots exceeding one square foot, and the ground surface is fully stabilized against erosion; some areas do not meet this definition
- Provide as-builts for the project.

Miscellaneous:

- **City Property** – Forty combination locks have been ordered and upon arrival, will replace the older, generic water meter locks currently in place. This, together with “No Trespassing” signs, ought to make the non-public city facilities more secure.
- **Boozer Street** – Troup County Public Works has secured the necessary “Call Before You Dig” clearances and is expected to coordinate with Hogansville Public Works on drainage issues this week, staff and weather permitting.
- **Power Plant Road** – An “out of service” fire hydrant has been realigned and is now back in service

Upcoming City Manager Meetings/Travel

- Dec. 5, 2017: Hogansville Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
- Dec. 6, 2017: Meeting with Stuart Jones of MEAG (Municipal Electric and Gas) to review debt obligations
- Dec. 6, 2017: Meeting with John Giles of ECG (Electric Cities of Georgia)
- Dec. 8, 2017: Shadowing Hogansville Municipal Court
- Dec. 9, 2017: Hogansville Christmas Bazaar and Hogansville Christmas Parade
- Dec. 11, 2017: Christy Feyes from AdaptToSolve, Inc. to conduct training on Work Order system with City Manager and Public Works Superintendents
- Dec. 11, 2017: Meeting with Wayne Livingston of Diverse Power
- Dec. 12, 2017: Meeting with Meriwether Development Authority
- Dec. 14, 2017: Hogansville Planning & Zoning Board Meeting

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