



CITY MANAGER'S

COUNCIL REPORT

City of Hogansville | David A Milliron, City Manager | 706.637.8629 | May 7, 2018

Right-of-Way Ordinance: The city lacks a ROW ordinance for permitting and oversight. A draft copy based off the model Georgia Municipal Association ordinance has been edited specific to Hogansville and has been forwarded to the City Attorney to review as to form. The goal is to present a copy to the Council at its May 21st meeting and if there are no show-stoppers, to put it out for first and second reading during the June meeting cycle.

Camera-Ready Ordinance: The city lacks a camera-ready ordinance for permitting and oversight. Troup County is already camera-ready, but this is an opportunity to provide for localized permitting. A draft copy is near being finalized based off the model Georgia Municipal Association ordinance and will be provided to the City Attorney to review as to form. The goal is to present a copy to the Council in June 2018 and if there are no show-stoppers, to put it out for first and second reading during the July meeting cycle.

Sanitation: Staff has received complaints of our contract trash hauler picking up as early as 4:30 am. The contractor has been contacted and has agreed no to have sanitation pick-up prior to 6 am.

Blocked Drainage Systems: Hogansville Public Works crews work hard to ensure water flows freely through storm drains and ditches throughout our community, but some residents have been utilizing those drains and ditches as garbage cans, tossing in trash like beer bottles, plastic containers and even lawn clippings and tree limbs, making city staff work harder and polluting the environment. Residential Sanitation Guidelines were recently mailed to every utility customer in Hogansville; they are also posted on the city website. Beginning this week, Hogansville Code Compliance will be issuing warnings to all violators and then come June 1st will be issuing citations. If you see illegal dumping in the city, take a photograph and report it to (706) 637-6648 or communications@cityofhogansville.org. Thanks for your cooperation.

Elm Street Bridge: Staff on Thursday closed Elm Street from Hwy 29 (Hogansville Road) to Poplar Street after discovery of a significant water main break below the historic bridge. Rather than shut down water to the city, staff specialty ordered and had installed two insertion valves at a cost of \$9,200. Staff also re-routed new water and natural gas lines to the Asian Food Mart. The cost will be assigned to an existing FEMA project since the water and gas lines were both slated to be relocated around the bridge as part of repairs that will soon go out to bid. In December 2015 and January 2016, the City of Hogansville and surrounding communities suffered significant infrastructure damage from flooding. A Disaster Declaration was issued, and Hogansville sought and received monetary relief from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for several infrastructure projects, including the Elm Street Bridge, an historic structure built in 1938 by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) using railroad tracks/rails. FEMA approved funding to have the bridge raised and guard rails installed, among other improvements. Prior to finalizing the drawings and bid documents for the project, engineers for the city asked staff for input regarding relocation of the natural gas line on the south side of the project area. Hogansville utility crews were trenching near the bridge to unearth the natural gas line when they heard running water beneath the bridge. Hogansville Water Department crews were dispatched and removed a section of the bridge to discover the serious leak. The 4 1/2-inch water main was partially encased in concrete beneath the bridge and was apparently masked by water flow from the creek. It is estimated the water leak was spewing between 55 and 60 gallons per minute.

Upcoming City Manager Training/Travel

- May 7 – 11: Municipal Clerks Week
- May 8-10: Certified Public Manager, Macon
- May 11: Accounting for Capital Assets Webinar (LOC 235-02)
- May 14: Weekly Public Works Supervisors Meeting; Weekly Administration Meeting
- May 15: Possible Public Service Commission Hearing, re: Liberty/Manchester City Deal
- May 16: MEAG 2017 Power Supply & SEPA Review
- May 17: Hogansville Planning & Zoning Board
- May 18: Accounting for Capital Assets Webinar (LOC 235-03)
- May 18: Joint Meriwether-Hogansville Development Authority Meeting
- May 18: Annual Plan Implementation Meeting with Three Rivers Commission, West Point
- May 21: Present the proposed FY18/19 budget to the City Council, including proposed Budget Ordinance, required Public Organ advertisements, Pay Scale, Job Descriptions, Organizational Chart

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