



# CITY COUNCIL MANAGER'S REPORT

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**Elm Street Bridge:** This project is currently out for bid. Please note that once the project is let, the bridge portion of Elm Street will be closed to the public for up to 120 days. Staff will be including communication to residents via our utility bills once the Council has approved a contractor with a vendor. The Elm Street Bridge was damaged during the floods of December 2015 and January 2016; federal FEMA money is being used to repair the bridge headwall, scours and the loss of stream bed material on the downstream side of the bridge, structural damage to the bridge, install new guard rail, etc.

**Lake Jimmy Jackson/Amphitheatre:** The architects have revised the bid spec documents and staff expects to put out to bid in the next 14 days. However, there was a “not to exceed” of \$280,000 when the Council added a third bathroom stall to the Lake Jimmy Jackson portion of the project, which inadvertently caused the final quotes to come in at \$281,676. Council can either increase its SPLOST authorization by \$1,676 or reduce the overall project cost by \$41,676 and return to the staff recommendation of two restroom stalls at the lake. The thought is that if there are special events at the lake, it would make sense to require folks to provide portable bathrooms given that those restrooms are going to be in septic. Plans call using SPLOST dollars to construct restrooms, fishing dock, driveway, fencing, walking trails, etc., as part of multi-phase project at Lake Jimmy Jackson; restrooms and expansion of the Tower Trail is also planned at the amphitheater near the elementary school.

**Pedestrian Crosswalk:** The pedestrian crosswalk in front of Thrash & Sons Funeral Home on West Main Street is now complete. The project called for a GDOT encroachment permit to construct a mid-block pedestrian crossing on State Route 54 (West Main Street) adjacent to the Thrash & Son Funeral Home. The project was paid for with unrestricted interest dollars generated from SPLOST III.

**Wastewater Treatment Plant:** An individual review of the financials is being conducted by Assured Guaranty, which must approve additional debt obligations pursuant to our existing bond covenants. No contracts or “notices to proceed” have been issued until Assured Guaranty provides the city a green light in writing to proceed. This project entails construction of a 1.5MGD wastewater treatment facility to be built to serve Hogansville and Meriwether County; the county is contributing \$1.6M toward the project for 25 percent interest in the plant.

**Bush Hog:** The wastewater department was able to obtain a used John Deere bush hog using budgeted dollars. The tractor was \$9,500 and will include approximately \$3,500 additional for an industrial grade bush hog attachment. This will permit the streets department to keep its tractors/mowers operating full-time instead of continually having to loan it to wastewater for it to maintain the trunk lines.

### Upcoming City Manager Training/Travel

- May 22 – Annual MEAG Summer transmission Lunch Meeting, Forsyth
- May 22 – Hogansville Downtown Development Authority, 6:30 pm
- May 23 – Meeting with Cliff Warnock, VP/Purchasing, of Milliken
- May 23 – Meetings with Falcon Design & Associates, John Hardy Jones
- May 24 – Meeting with new tenant of former Ice House commercial property
- May 24 – Knowing Your Service Territory, MEAG Transmission Training Center, Forsyth
- May 25 – Public Alcohol Hearing (Carvels Pizza), City Hall @ 11 am
- May 28 – City Hall closed in observance of Memorial Day Holiday

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