



CITY COUNCIL MANAGER'S REPORT

City of Hogansville | David A Milliron, City Manager | 706.637.8629 | April 1, 2019

Troup County Updates: Hogansville-related happenings from Troup County Manager Eric Mosley and Staff:

- Parks & Recreation crews have mowed and cleaned the detention pond at the Hogansville Public Library and will continue to maintain the facility. A joint access combination lock is being placed on the gate to prevent unauthorized access. The County is also working on a new entranceway sign to the library as well as installation of river rock as a ground cover around the building to aid with drainage issues.
- The County has engaged a plumber to fix the water leak at the Hogansville Recreation Department. And, the Hogansville Active Life Center will unveil its new exercise room on April 23rd at 10 am.
- Troup County has been awarded \$50,000 in Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) Safety Action Program (SAP) funds and is coordinating with the local municipalities on streets in need of striping and signage. An assessment of Hogansville's eligible roads was conducted, and the following streets have been placed on the proposed project list:
 - Baugh Avenue
 - Bolee Street
 - Brooks Road
 - College Street
 - Dickinson Street
 - Elm Street
 - Frederick Avenue
 - Greenough Street
 - Hightower Street
 - Holmes Street
 - International Street
 - King Street
 - Lawrence Street
 - Lee Street
 - Maple Drive
 - Marshall Street
 - Molyneaux Street
 - Oak Street
 - Royal Avenue
 - S. Bolee Street
 - S. Lee Street
 - Scott Street
 - Taliaferro Drive
 - Ware Street
 - White Avenue

Lake Jimmy Jackson: Piedmont Paving has reduced its proposed change order by \$2,163.40 and has been otherwise instructed to move forward with asphalt paving the entrance driveway to the park. A draft set of park rules has been circulated to the City Council, City Staff and Troup County Parks & Recreation as well as posted to the city's website to receive feedback and input ahead of the April 15, 2019 Council meeting.

Speed Limits: As part of the Georgia Department of Transportation's (GDOT) ongoing process of updating speed zone ordinances, it is requesting the City of Hogansville supply GDOT by April 18, 2019 a list of roadways within the City Limits where it would like to see changes made where the Hogansville Police Department currently operates radar and/or laser speed detection devices. Chief Harr has reviewed speeds throughout the City and is requesting the following changes:

- On System (intersects with state routes) – Change of Speed Limit from 55 to 45 mph State Route 14 Northbound (US Hwy 29) at South City limits. This was a topic of discussion with GDOT in December 2018 attended by the Mayor, City Manager and Police Chief.
- Off System (local streets) – Changes of posted speed limits from 30 to 25 mph on the following residential streets where there is increased traffic since past limits were set:
 - College Street
 - Collier Street
 - Lee Street
 - Maple Drive
 - Ware Street
 - Taliaferro Drive

FY2017 CDBG: The federally-funded FY2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project is nearing completion, which included water and sewer upgrades in the low to moderate income portions of the Mill Village. The following is the current punch list necessary for closeout being submitted to Crawford Grading:

- The following cleanout boxes need to be adjusted so that the cleanout box cover seats correctly:
 - 100 Blue Creek Court
 - 102 Blue Creek Court
 - 103 Blue Creek Court
 - 106 Blue Creek Court
 - 300 Royal Avenue
 - 707 Askew Avenue
 - 503 Askew Avenue
 - Housing Authority #3A
 - Housing Authority #2D
- 105 Blue Creek Court needs a cleanout box installed
- The area near the curb and the area surrounding the cleanout installed at 104 Blue Creek Court have settled and need to be graded
- The area near the sidewalk and the area surrounding the cleanout installed at 605 Askew Avenue have settled and need to be graded
- A cleanout cap should be installed at 503 Askew Avenue
- Construction debris should be removed from the site at the Hogansville Housing Authority
- The disturbed area along Church Street should be properly stabilized
- One valve box and two manhole frame and covers need to be adjusted to grade on Blue Creek Court. The three water valves in the middle of Lincoln and Askew need to be corrected; they are below the pavement/street level and need to have a section of asphalt cut out around them and concrete poured around the valve boxes and manhole frame and covers.
- Areas along Church Street and at the Hogansville Housing Authority needs grassing. 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. The silt fence also needs to be removed when grassing is complete.

101 College Street: The property owner has engaged a company to demolish the dilapidated commercial structure. The City is awaiting a formal demolition submittal application and work plan, which will take about a week for administrative review. The goal is to have the unsafe structure demolished within 60 days.

815 East Main Street: Some six months have passed since the City Council agreed to have the City Attorney work with the Municipal Court to abate the Court Order authorizing demolition of this historic structure. There have since been no repairs to the property or permits obtained from the City to bring the structure into compliance with building codes. The City Manager has reached out to the owners and interested parties of this structure and informed them a new inspection was to be performed and will be mailed to them along with the necessary information to obtain permits. If the property remains uninhabitable and a menace to the public, Code Enforcement will seek court action to move the project forward.

Multimodal Safety & Access Project: In March 2017, the Hogansville Police Department submitted a grant proposal for three lighted crosswalk systems to be installed on East Main Street at City Hall, the Post Office and at Hogansville Elementary School. The state Department of Transportation would pay 70% of the total project cost provided the city fund the preliminary engineering, public outreach, utilities (if applicable), and right of way acquisition (if applicable). The initial grant submitted was denied because of lack of state funding. However, the City was recently contacted and informed that leftover funding has become available and the project approved upon City Council acceptance.

Code Enforcement: Code Enforcement Officer Nathan “Gabe” Smith has successfully completed Mandate School and is now a sworn Georgia Peace Officer. He is now able to enforce local ordinances and state codes with respect to code enforcement cases. Officer Smith is performing his Field Training under the supervision of Lt. Jeff Sheppard.

CDBG 2019 Submittal: The City of Hogansville, in cooperation with Allen-Smith Consulting, successfully submitted its 2019 federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs on Monday, April 1, 2019. The City is seeking a \$750,000 grant to renovate and update the water infrastructure on the west side of town, which will require a \$527,500 match from local funds. We expect to hear back on funding decisions sometime in October. Background:

The City needs to construct water system improvements to address the chronically low water pressure and lack of fire protection affecting residents within the FY2019 CDBG Target Area. Installing an elevated tank will raise water pressure and increase fire protection on the west end of town. However, before pressure throughout the system can be raised by constructing an elevated storage tank, the old, leaking and undersized water lines within the Target Area need to be replaced. If the pressure is raised before the water lines are replaced, it may damage the old, fragile system, causing additional problems for residents in the Target Area. The proposed application for a FY2019 CDBG project is part of a larger plan to rehabilitate the southwest area of Hogansville that is plagued by low pressure. Because the City sees the current project as a high priority, the City has committed to spend \$527,500 in cash match and cash leverage to address the low pressure and lack of fire protection for affected residents within the Target Area. However, the cost required to complete this work is greater than the City can fund from water and sewer rate increases without burdening low to moderate income households. Since those served by the water system in the Target Area within Hogansville are predominately low and moderate income, the City qualifies for CDBG funds administered by the state DCA to construct these improvements.

Upcoming City Manager Training/Travel/Meetings/Events

- April 2, 2019: ECG Proposed 2019-2020 Budget Meeting; 10-Year MEAG Projection Presentation by Stuart Jones
- April 3, 2019: Building Inspection @ Hogansville Police Department; Training Webinar – Engagement Strategies for Hard-to-Reach Residents
- April 4, 2019: Service Agreement Discussions with Diverse Power; Stormwater Meeting with Jones Petroleum
- April 6-14, 2019: City Manager on Vacation