



City of Hogansville City Council

*AMENDED*Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, February 19, 2024 – 7:00 pm

Meeting will be held at Hogansville City Hall,

111 High Street, Hogansville, GA 30230

Mayor: Jake Ayers	2025	City Manager: Lisa E. Kelly
Council Post 1: Michael Taylor, Jr *	2025	Assistant City Manager: Niles Ford
Council Post 2: Matthew Morgan	2025	City Attorney: Alex Dixon
Council Post 3: Mandy Neese	2027	Chief of Police: Jeffrey Sheppard
Council Post 4: Mark Ayers	2027	City Clerk: LeAnn Lehigh
Council Post 5: Kandis Strickland	2027	* Mayor Pro-Tem

Regular Meeting – 7:00 pm

1. Call to Order – Mayor Jake Ayers
2. Invocation & Pledge

Consent Agenda

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be approved by one blanket motion.

1. Approval of Agenda: Regular Meeting February 19, 2024
2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting February 5, 2024
3. Approval of Minutes: Work Session Meeting February 5, 2024

Presentation

1. Employee Recognition – LeAnn Lehigh – Georgia Certified Clerk

City Manager's Report

Chief of Police Report

Council Member Reports

1. Council Member Taylor
2. Council Member Morgan
3. Council Member Neese
4. Council Member Ayers
5. Council Member Strickland

Mayor's Report

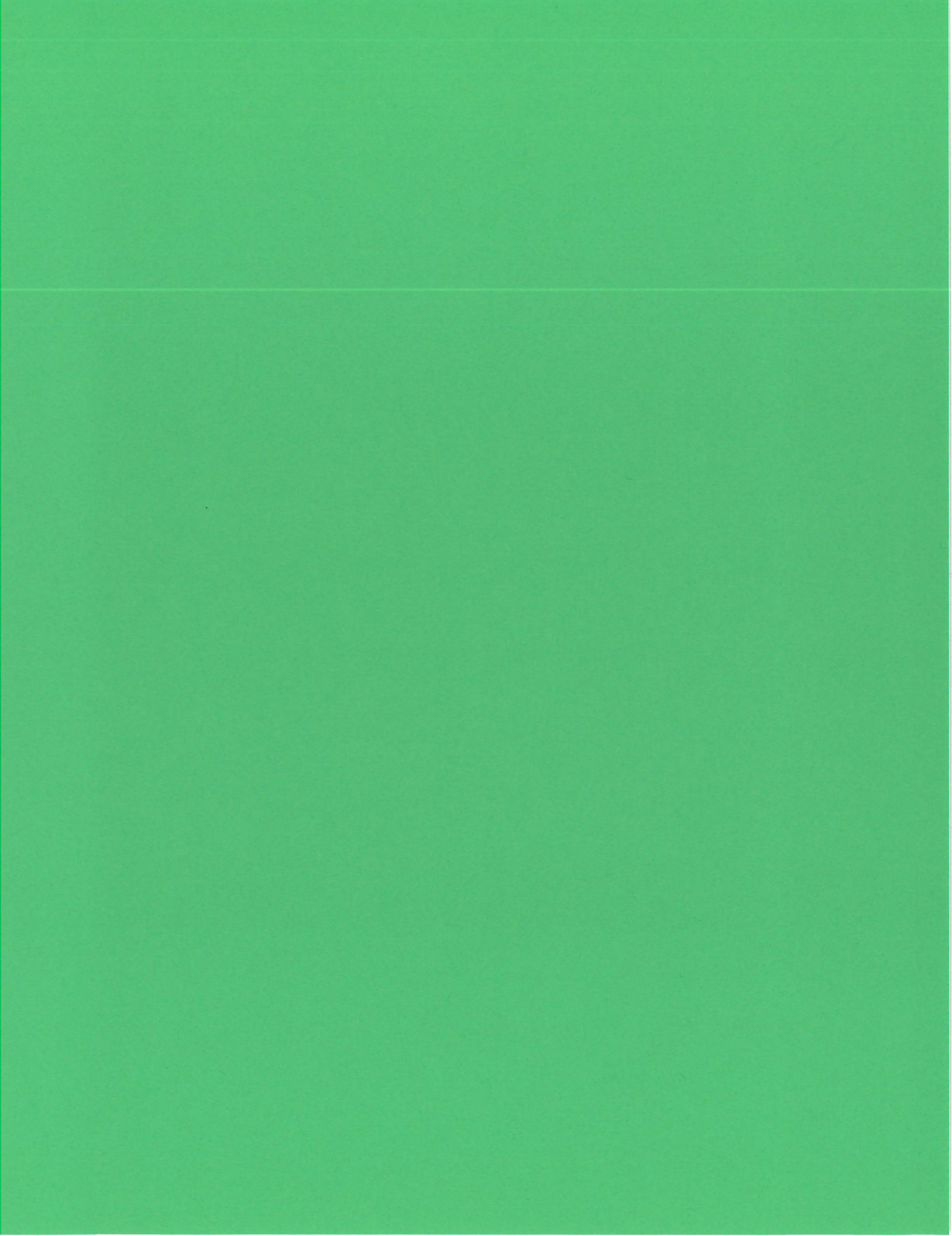
New Business

1. Lake Jimmy Jackson – LCWF Grant Funding
 2. Royal Theater Change Order – Balcony Restrooms
 3. Royal Theater Change Order – Water Mitigation
- Executive Session-Real Estate Exemption**
4. Hogansville Development Authority – IGA

Adjourn

Upcoming Dates & Events

- February 20, 2024 – 6:30 pm | Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission at Hogansville City Hall
- February 24, 2024 | 8am-5pm | Mayor and Council Retreat at Oakfuskee Conservation Center, LaGrange, GA
- February 27, 2024 – 6:30 pm | Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority at Hogansville City Hall
- March 4, 2024 – 7:00 pm | Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council at Hogansville City Hall





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Meeting held at Hogansville City Hall, 111 High Street, Hogansville GA 30230

Regular Meeting

Call to Order: Mayor Jake Ayers called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Council Member Michael Taylor, Jr., Council Member Matthew Morgan, Council Member Mandy Neese, Council Member Mark Ayers, and Council Member Kandis Strickland. Also present were City Manager Lisa Kelly, City Attorney Alex Dixon, Police Chief Jeff Sheppard, and City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh.

Council Member Taylor gave an invocation and Mayor Ayers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Council Member Ayers moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Neese.

Motion Carries 5-0

CITIZEN APPEARANCE

1. Willie Cameron to Discuss Cameras at Lofton Park and Ditch Cleanout on Poplar Street

Mr. Willie Cameron of Poplar Street addressed the Council asking for cameras to be placed at Lofton Park due to worries of vandalism. He also said the trash can is missing from the pavilion at Lofton Park as well and needs to be replaced. He is also requesting that the kudzu on the guidewire around Elm Street be cleaned up and that the ditch on Poplar Street is clogged with leaves.

PRESENTATION

1. Employee Service Award – Sgt. James Vincent, IV – 5 Years

Police Chief Jeff Sheppard presented Sgt. Vincent with his 5 Years of Service Award.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Royal Theater – AVIT Audio/Visual Equipment & Labor

Motion: A motion was made by Council Member Neese to approve the contract with AVIT for the A/V at the Royal Theater in the amount of \$400,639.29 to be funded by SPLOST 2019, City Equipment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Discussion: None.

Motion Passes – 5-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: A motion was made by Council Member Neese to enter into Executive Session under the Real Estate Exemption at 7:49 pm. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor.

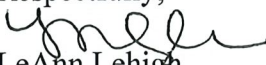
Motion Passes – 5-0

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 8:37 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Council Member Neese and duly seconded, Mayor Ayers adjourned the meeting at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully,


LeAnn Lehigh
City Clerk

February 5, 2024



02/05/2024

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Work Session Meeting

Call to Order: Mayor Jake Ayers called the Work Session to order at 5:35 pm. Present were Mayor Jake Ayers, Council Member Michael Taylor, Council Member Matthew Morgan, Council Member Mandy Neese, Council Member Mark Ayers, and Council Member Kandis Strickland. Also present were City Manager Lisa Kelly, Assistant City Manager Niles Ford, City Attorney Alex Dixon, and City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh. Police Chief Jeff Sheppard was not present at tonight's meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Economic Development Opportunity

The City has been contacted about providing natural gas to 16 poultry houses that are going to be built in the St. Marks area in Meriwether County. It could expand to approximately 40 poultry houses over time. It would require 7 miles of gas lines to be installed. City staff is asking for Council input. Matt Wilbanks with the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia was in attendance to answer questions about the gas expansion. One poultry house's gas usage is equal to 32 natural gas homes. The project costs would be around \$473k, and the developer has said they would not contribute to those costs. Council agrees that the developer should contribute some up-front costs, as other developers have had to contribute similar costs and suggested negotiations with the developer to pay for the expansion and offer a rate discount for a specified period to offset the cost of the line.

2. Royal Theater

a. AVIT Audio/Visual Equipment & Labor

As the construction of the Royal Theater continues, A/V work is ready to begin. The plan is to open the Royal Theater by October 2024. Before the scaffolding is finished, mounting racks need to be installed to hang lighting and sound equipment. The City received a proposal from AVIT in the amount of \$400,639.29, which would cover all audio and video equipment, including the big screen. Funds would be used out of a revenue overage in 2019 SPLOST funds. Staff is asking Council to take action to approve the proposal from AVIT at tonight's regular meeting using SPLOST 2019 City Equipment as the funding source.

b. Theater Director

The City is ready to begin looking for a Director for the Royal Theater. They are looking for someone with experience and knowledge in running a multi-use theater. The Director should be hired as soon as possible to start booking talent for the Theater's opening in October. City Staff recommends having a panel/team of professionals in this field of work to assist in hiring the director. Council agreed that a panel is a good idea. Staff will be posting the job position this week.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jake Ayers adjourned the Work Session at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully,

LeAnn Lehigh

City Clerk

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