



City of Hogansville

City Council

Public Hearing & Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, June 17, 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

Public Hearing – 7:00 pm

Public Hearing to Hear Citizen Comments on the 2024/2025 Proposed Budget

Regular Meeting – Immediately Following Public Hearing

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 June 14, 2024
2. Approval of Minutes: Public Hearing & Regular Meeting June 3, 2024
3. Approval of Minutes: Work Session Meeting June 3, 2024

Presentations

1. Hogansville Police Department Recognition – Jack Hollis

New Business

1. Adoption of Proposed 2024/2025 Budget

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

Adjourn

Upcoming Dates & Events

- June 18, 2024 – 6:30pm | Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission at Hogansville City Hall
- June 19, 2024 | City offices closed for Juneteenth Holiday
- June 20, 2024 – 6:00 pm | Meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission at Hogansville City Hall
- July 5, 2024 – 9:30 pm | Independence Celebration Fireworks in Downtown Hogansville

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Public Hearing

Mayor Jake Ayers called the Public Hearing to order at 7:05pm to hear citizen comments on the proposed 2024/2025 budget. There were no citizen comments, and the Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:05pm.

Regular Meeting

Call to Order: Mayor Jake Ayers called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Present were 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, Police Chief Jeff Sheppard, and City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion Carries 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2nd Reading and Adoption - Ordinance – GMEBS Retirement Plan Update

Motion: Council Member Neese moved to adopt the ordinance amending the text of the GMEBS Retirement Plan Ordinance to comply with IRS tax regulations. The motion was seconded by Council Member Strickland.

Discussion: None

Motion Carries 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

1. Demo of 301 Green Ave & 402 W. Main St. Bid Award

Motion: Council Member Neese moved to award the bid to Platinum Demo & Grading in the amount of \$10,200 for demolition of 301 Green Ave & 402 W. Main St. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Discussion: Both houses were in very poor shape due to fires. Both homes have gone through nuisance abatement.

Motion Carries 5-0

2. Hogansville Municipal Court Parking Agreement – First Baptist Church

Motion: Council Member Strickland moved to approve the agreement with First Baptist Church, that would allow use of the parking lot at First Baptist Church for monthly municipal court. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Discussion: None

Motion Carries 5-0

3. '23-'24 Budget Amendment – Community Development Director

Motion: Council Member Neese made a motion to approve the 2023/2024 budget amendment in the amount of \$2,880 to hire a new Community Development Director. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Discussion: City Manager is asking for the amendment in the amount of \$2,880 to cover payroll for the new Community Development Director for the month of June. The new Community Development Director position is budgeted in the 2024/2025 proposed budget that would begin July 1. The new Community Development Director will shadow Lynne Miller for six months until Lynne retires at the end of the year.

Motion Carries 5-0

4. *Joint Development Authority of Meriwether County & City of Hogansville – Amended and Restated Economic Development Agreement*

Motion: Council Member Neese made a motion to approve the amended and restated economic development agreement for the Joint Development Authority of Meriwether County & City of Hogansville. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Discussion: Mando is expanding their plant that would add 150 jobs to the surrounding areas. Since City of Hogansville is a member of the Joint Development Authority, they are being asked to sign the amended economic development agreement.

Motion Carries 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Council Member Neese and duly seconded, Mayor Ayers adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully,



LeAnn Lehigh
City Clerk



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Work Session Meeting

Call to Order: Mayor Jake Ayers called the Work Session to order at 5:36 pm. Present were 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, Police Chief Jeffrey Sheppard, and City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. 3-Way Stop at Winslett Drive and East Boyd Road

City Manager Lisa Kelly and Police Chief Jeff Sheppard are requesting a 3-way stop at Winslett Drive and East Boyd Road due to the amount of speeding in the area. The curve on W. Boyd Rd does not allow enough site distance to run radar. The area is also not good for speed humps/tables. Officer Vincent put out a data collector/speed sign for 14 days to collect speed data from May 20 – June 3. The top speed was 91 mph in the 35mph zone. The average speed of the vehicles from the speed data collector was 49 mph in the 35mph zone. There have been numerous complaints from residents in the area regarding the speeding. Council is good with adding the 3-way stop. There will need to be a 30-day notice before the stop signs are added and 30-day warning period before citations can be issued.

2. '23-'24 Budget Amendment – Community Development Director

City staff is asking for a budget amendment in the amount of \$2,880 to hire a new Community Development Director that will train with Lynne Miller until her retirement at the end of the year. This will cover payroll for the position until the new budget begins July 1. This item is on the Regular Meeting Agenda for approval tonight.

3. Hogansville Municipal Court Parking Agreement – First Baptist Church

Chief Sheppard had talked to the Pastor of First Baptist Church regarding the use of the church parking lot for municipal court on Fridays once a month. Somehow, it did not get communicated to other church staff and they were complaining about parking. First Baptist Church is offering an agreement with the City for using the parking lot, asking for the court schedule and asking for officers to monitor the parking lots. This item is on the regular meeting agenda for approval tonight.

4. Budget Discussion

City Manager Lisa Kelly went over the budget highlights. Revenue has increased from property taxes, new developments – construction and renovations. Also included in the budget increase is revenue from the new RedSpeed cameras that will be installed in front of the elementary school. There were also increases in fines and forfeitures due to growth.

For expenses, there is an estimated 10% increase in City property and liability insurances. An estimated 4% increase in medical premiums, the City is asking for a budgeted 3.2% COLA and merit increases less than 5%. The City is waiting on the AMR subsidy amount, but has estimated it based on a “best guess” amount of \$425k, which is on the high side.

New department has been added in the budget – Annex/Court Department. The budget also allows for 5 new Police Department positions, including adding a traffic officer. Also requested in the budget is an amount for glass to be installed at the Customer Service area at Hogansville City Hall for safety, repeater/radio systems for the public works and customer service, and a metal storage building for public works.

The estimated transfer to the general fund is \$828,139 due to the AMR subsidy estimate.

There is a public hearing before the meeting tonight at 7pm, as well as public hearings on 6/17 at 10am and 7pm to hear citizen comments on the proposed budget. Adoption of the budget will be on the Regular meeting on 6/17.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ayers adjourned the Work Session at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully,



LeAnn Lehigh
City Clerk