



City of Hogansville

City Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, February 3, 2025 – 7:00 pm

Meeting will be held at Hogansville City Hall,

111 High Street, Hogansville, GA 30230

Mayor: <i>Jake Ayers</i>	2025	City Manager: <i>Lisa E. Kelly</i>
Council Post 1: <i>Michael Taylor, Jr</i>	2025	Assistant City Manager: <i>Open</i>
Council Post 2: <i>Jason Baswell</i>	2025	City Attorney: <i>Alex Dixon</i>
Council Post 3: <i>Mandy Neese *</i>	2027	Chief of Police: <i>Jeffrey Sheppard</i>
Council Post 4: <i>Mark Ayers</i>	2027	City Clerk: <i>LeAnn Lehigh</i>
Council Post 5: <i>Kandis Strickland</i>	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 3, 2025
2. Approval of Minutes: Work Session January 6, 2025
3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting January 6, 2025

Citizen Appearance

1. Mike Johnson to Discuss Housing

New Business

1. LG Smart Poles
2. Citizen Appointments Discussion

City Manager's Report

Chief of Police Report

Council Member Reports

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

Mayor's Report

Executive Session

1. Real Estate Exemption

Adjourn

Upcoming Dates & Events

- February 17, 2025 – 7:00 pm | Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council at Hogansville City Hall
- February 18, 2025 – 6:30 pm | Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission at Hogansville City Hall
- February 20, 2025 – 6:00 pm | Meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission at Hogansville City Hall

Upcoming at the Royal Theater

- Friday, February 7, 2025 – 7:00 pm | Movie: Black Panther
- Saturday, February 8, 2025 – 7:00 pm | Movie: Wakanda Forever
- Friday, February 14, 2025 – 7:00 pm | Movie: Dirty Dancing
- Saturday, February 15, 2025 – 7:00 pm | Movie: Flashdance
- Sunday, February 16, 2025 – 7:30 pm | LIVE EVENT: NATURALLY 7 presented by BeeTV

Purchase tickets online at 1937royaltheater.org or at the box office 400 East Main Street, Hogansville, GA 30230 | (706) 250-4738



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**Work Session Meeting**  
**January 6, 2025**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Jake Ayers called the Work Session to order at 5:34 pm. Present were Council Member Michael Taylor, Interim Council Member Jason Baswell, 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 Captain Marcus Rakestraw, and City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

***1. Discussion of Holmes Street***

City Manager Lisa Kelly explained that due to the disrepair of Holmes Street, she is requesting to shut down the portion of Holmes down to just past the Church until the City can afford full-depth reclamation. City Manager believes it should be Spring 2026 before the City would get the funding from the 2025 and 2026 LMIG funding and fund the match with SPLOST dollars. Discussion was also mentioned that additional funding from developments could be used for road maintenance. Council agrees that since the street is in such bad condition, shutting it down would be the best option until full reclamation could be done. Signage and barriers would need to be put out and the public would need notification. This item will be added to the Regular Meeting agenda for a Council vote tonight.

***2. LMIG Discussion***

This item was discussed with the decision of closing Holmes Street. Using this year and next year's LMIG funds for the full-depth reclamation of Holmes Street.

***3. Surplus Vehicles***

The Police Department has three fleet vehicles that the City of Greenville are interested in purchasing. Selling these vehicles already upfitted, even though they need some work, the City will make good equity on them. Selling these vehicles now would give the Police Department the funds to go ahead and lease the new vehicles that they were having to hold off until next budget year. This item is on the Regular Meeting agenda tonight for Council action.

***3. Royal Theater Bids – Spire and Front Doors***

The City received a 50/50 Grant for the Royal Theater spire. The low bidder for the spire was the Sign Store at an amount of \$99,228. Ray Coleman approached the City wanting to donate \$35k towards the spire in memory of his late wife. With the 50/50 grant and the donation, the City would only need an additional \$14,614.

The Royal Theater door bid was a single bid from Principle Construction in the amount of \$120,523. The City only has 34K in grant funding from Fox Gives for the doors. That leaves a shortfall of \$86,523. The hardware is very expensive at an amount of \$30k. The total amount needed for the doors and the spire together is \$101,137. Remaining construction funds for the Royal are \$127,496. Council agrees that they would like to move forward with the spire bid but are not comfortable with the bid for the doors. Both items are on the Regular Meeting agenda for a vote tonight.

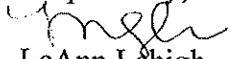
***4. Mayor and Council Retreat Discussion***

City Manager Lisa Kelly asked Council to think about when they would like to have the Mayor and Council Retreat, and how many days they would like to do it. She would like to have the City's Financial Advisors, Turnipseed Engineers, ECG, experts on property taxes to join in on the discussions. Since there is so much to discuss, one day is not enough. Council does not want to do an overnight retreat. They also agree that doing an entire Saturday in February and one in March may be the best for them instead of a

full 2-day weekend retreat. Council also discussed possibly having a moderator to keep items on track. City staff will send out a poll to Council for their availability for the retreat.

Mayor Ayers adjourned the Work Session at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully,



LeAnn Lehigh  
City Clerk



01/06/2025

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### **REGULAR MEETING**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Jake Ayers called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Mayor Ayers, Council Member Michael Taylor, Interim Council Member Jason Baswell, 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 Captain Marcus Rakestraw, and City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh. Police Chief Jeff Sheppard was not present at tonight's meeting.

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

### **SWEARING IN OF INTERIM CITY COUNCIL MEMBER JASON BASWELL – Administered by City Attorney Alex Dixon**

City Attorney Alex Dixon swore in Jason Baswell as City Council Post 2.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion:** Council Member Neese moved to approve the consent agenda, adding Item Number 10 under New Business Closing Homes Street. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor.

**Motion Carries 5-0**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### ***1. Selection of Mayor Pro-Tem for 2025***

**Motion:** Mayor Ayers asked for Council nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem. Council Member Ayers nominated Council Member Neese. Council Member Strickland nominated Council Member Taylor. The vote by show of hands was as follows:

For Council Member Neese – Council Member Ayers, Council Member Baswell, Council Member Neese (Yea)

For Council Member Taylor – Council Member Taylor and Council Member Strickland (Yea)

**Discussion:** None

**Council Member Neese is selected as Mayor Pro-Tem with a 3/2 Vote.**

#### ***2. Resolution – MEAG Municipal Competitive Trust Authorized Officials***

**Motion:** Council Member Neese moved to approve the Resolution that states the Mayor is the authorized official for the MEAG Municipal Competitive Trust and the City Manager as the alternate. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Carries 5-0**

#### ***3. Resolution – MEAG Voting Delegates***

**Motion:** Council Member Neese moved to approve the Resolution that states the Mayor is the voting delegate for MEAG (Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia) and the City Manager as the alternate. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Carries 5-0**

#### ***4. Resolution – MGAG Municipal Competitive Trust Authorized Officials***

**Motion:** Council Member Neese moved to approve the Resolution that states the Mayor is the voting delegate for MGAG (Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia) and the City Manager as the alternate. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Carries 5-0**

**5. Resolution – Election Qualifying Fees**

**Motion:** Council Member Neese moved to approve the Resolution setting Election Qualifying Fees at \$126 for Mayor and \$108 for Council Member. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor.

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Carries 5-0**

**6. Resolution – Line of Credit 2025**

**Motion:** Council Member Neese moved to approve the Resolution to establish a Line of Credit with Community Bank & Trust for 2025 in the amount of \$300,000. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Carries 5-0**

**7. Surplus Vehicles**

**Motion:** Council Member Taylor moved to surplus three police fleet vehicles that will be sold to the City of Greenville. The motion was seconded by Council Member Neese.

**Discussion:** The surplus vehicles on the list: 2020 Ford Explorers (last four of VIN # 2014) and (last four of VIN #9435), and 2018 Ford Explorer (last four of VIN # 2759).

**Motion Carries 5-0**

**8. Bid Award Royal Theater Spire**

**Motion:** Council Member Neese moved to approve the bid award for the Royal Theater Spire to the Sign Store in the amount of \$99,228. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Carries 5-0**

**9. Bid Award Royal Theater Doors**

**Motion:** Council Member Neese moved table the Bid Award for the Royal Theater Doors until a later meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Strickland.

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Carries 5-0**

**10. Closing Homes Street**

**Motion:** Council Member Neese moved to approve partially closing Homes Street to just past the Church due to failing infrastructure until full reclamation can be done and also to approve the use of the current year LMIG Funding for reclamation. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Carries 5-0**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council Member Neese moved to enter into an Executive Session under the Litigation Exemption at 7:35 pm. The motion was seconded by Council Member Strickland.

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 8:12 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

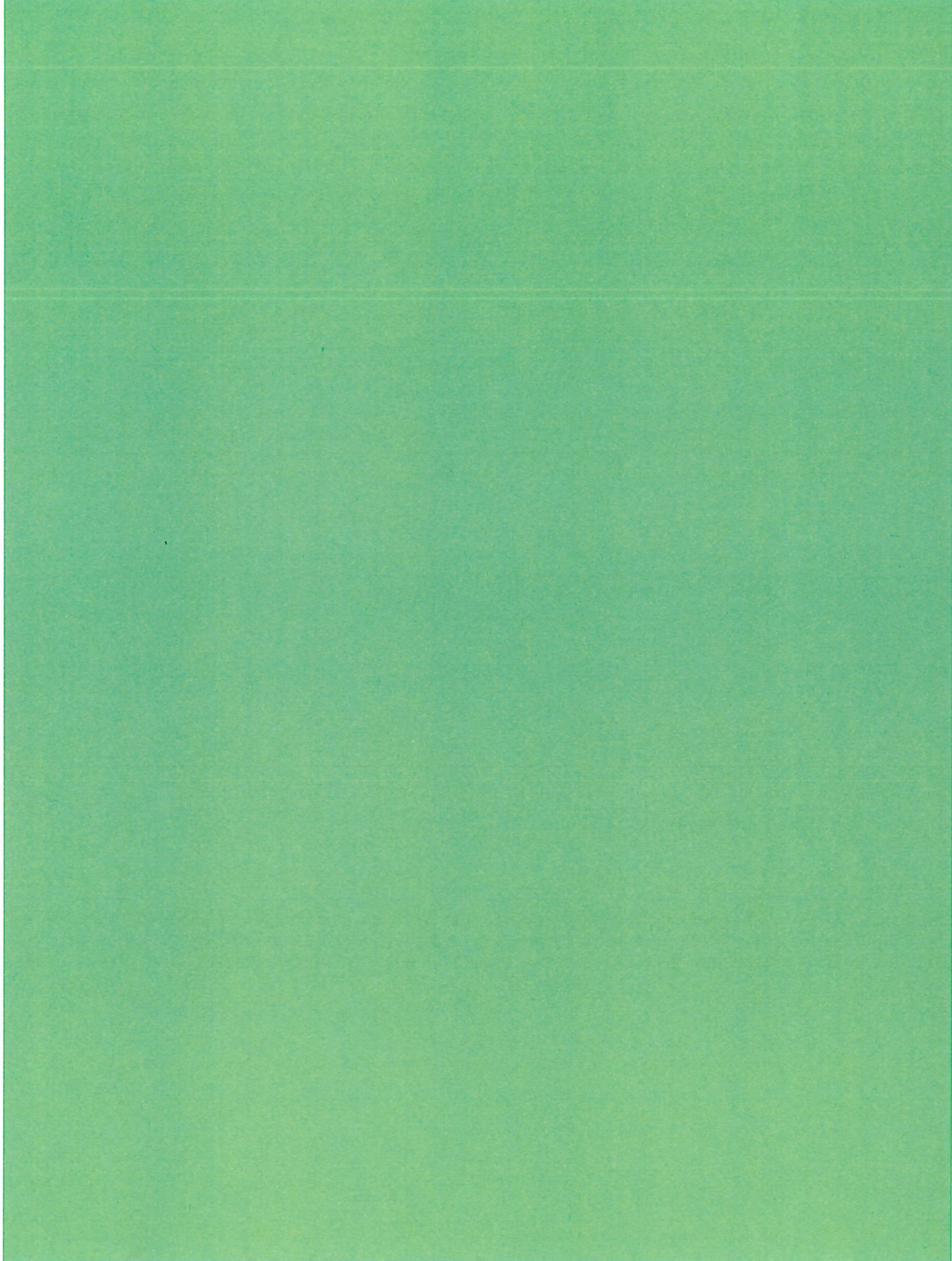
On a motion made by Council Member Neese and duly seconded, Mayor Ayers adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully,



LeAnn Lehigh  
City Clerk





If you would like to request to be placed on the City Council Agenda, please fill out the form below and submit.

**Request must be made no later than 12:00 pm the Wednesday prior to the meeting if you would like to be placed on the next meeting agenda.**

**Name**

Mike Johnson

**Phone**

(404) 909-7236

**Meeting date for which you wish to appear**

1/21/2025

**Question/Issue you wish to discuss:**

Housing

**Please describe in detail:**

**Have you previously discussed this with the City Manager?**

No

**If yes, when?**

N/A

**Have you previously discussed this with the Mayor or a member of Council?**

No

**What was the response from such discussion(s)?**

N/A

**Why was the above response not adequate?**

N/A

**What is the resolution you seek?**

Transparency

It is the intention of this process to resolve the question/issue without the necessity of an appearance at a Council meeting. I understand that such appearance requires the approval of the Mayor and that the appearance is limited to five (5) minutes.

**Signature**

**Today's Date**

1/10/2025

*Mike Johnson*