



City of Hogansville
City Council
Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, April 7, 2025 – 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: Oasis Nichols
Council Post 2: Jason Baswell	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

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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 April 7, 2025
2. Approval of Minutes: Work Session March 17, 2025
3. Approval of Minutes: Public Hearings & Regular Meeting March 17, 2025

Presentation

1. Presentation - Bill Stump – Community Bank & Trust

Citizen Appearances

1. Mike Johnson to Discuss Transparency

New Business

1. Pickleball Netting & Striping Quote
2. GDOT Interstate Lighting Agreement
3. Carp Removal at Lake Jimmy Jackson
4. Renaming Street Request - George Bailey
5. Board Appointments – Downtown Development Authority

City Manager's Report

Assistant 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

Executive Session

1. Real Estate Exemption

Mayor's Report

Adjourn

Upcoming Dates & Events – April 2025

- April 17, 2025 – 6:00 pm | Meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission at Hogansville City Hall
- April 21, 2025 – 7:00 pm | Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council at Hogansville City Hall
- April 22, 2025 – 6:30 pm | Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority at Hogansville City Hall
- April 17, 2025 – 6:00 pm | Annual Police Department Easter Egg Hunt at Hogansville Elementary School
- April 19 – 26, 2025 | Georgia Cities Week
- April 19, 2025 – 10am – 1pm | Community Clean Up, Shred, and Tire Amnesty at Calvin Hipp Park
- April 26, 2025 – 10am – 2pm | Touch-A-Truck and the Annual Celebrate Recovery Car & Bike Show – Downtown Hogansville

The Royal Theater Happenings – April 2025

- Tuesday, April 15, 2025 – 7:30 pm – LIVE EVENT: *Naturally 7*
- Thursday & Friday, April 17 & 18, 2025 – 7:00 pm – Callaway High School Theater & Choral: *Once on This Island*
- Saturday, April 19, 2025 – 2:30 pm – Callaway High School Theater & Choral: *Once on This Island*
- Friday, April 25, 2025 – 7:00 pm – MOVIE: *Grease*
- Saturday, April 26, 2025 – 7:30 pm – LIVE EVENT: *Motor City Revue (Motown Tribute)*
Purchase tickets online 1937royaltheater.org or call the box office 706-955-4870

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Call to Order: Mayor Pro-Tem Mandy Neese called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Present were Council Member Michael Taylor, Council Member Jason Baswell, Mayor Pro-Tem Member Mandy Neese, Council Member Mark Ayers and Council Member Kandis Strickland. Also present were City Manager Lisa Kelly, Assistant City Manager Oasis Nichols, City Attorney Alex Dixon, Police Major James Vincent, and City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh. Mayor Jake Ayers and Police Chief Jeffery Sheppard were not present at tonight's meeting.

Council Member Baswell gave an invocation, and Mayor Pro-Tem Neese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Motion: Council Member Ayers moved to amend the consent agenda, striking the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor.

Motion Carries 5-0

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

Motion Carries 5-0

Presentation

1. Presentation – Bill Stump – Community Bank & Trust

Community Bank & Trust Representative, Bill Stump, provided a follow-up on a successful magic show with Magician Alex Ramon for the bank's Customer Appreciation event, acknowledging Mayor Jake Ayers, City Manager Lisa Kelly, Royal Theater Director Rob Dippel, and the Royal venue team.

Citizen Appearance

1. Mike Johnson to Discuss Transparency

Mike Johnson addressed the Council for a fourth time stressing the importance of transparency and trust in local government. Mr. Johnson highlighted inconsistencies in handling blighted properties:

- Example: Property at Johnson Street and Marshall Avenue, owned by Pioneer Georgia Inc., is a long-term blight with structural failures and hazards.
- Raised concerns about selective enforcement and potential conflicts

He also noted incomplete responses to open record requests and referenced a neighboring community's \$54,000 fine for violating the Georgia Open Records Act.

New Business

1. Pickleball Netting & Striping Quote

Council Member Ayers moved to table the quote for pickleball netting and striping pending further information and additional options. The motion was seconded by Council Member Strickland.

Discussion: None

Motion Carries 5-0 - Item Tabled

2. *DGOT Interstate Lighting Agreement*

Council Member Taylor moved to approve the lighting agreement with DOT for the installation of interstate lighting as part of the roundabout construction. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Discussion: None

Motion Carries 5-0

3. *Carp Removal at Lake Jimmy Jackson*

Council Member Taylor moved to approve Jackson Adams and the Callaway High School fishing team to remove the grass carp at night at Lake Jimmy Jackson by boat, with stipulations that each member have a parent sign liability waiver and there must be adult supervision at all times. Neighboring property owners will be notified prior to the nighttime activity occurring. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Discussion: None

Motion Carries 5-0

4. *Renaming Street Request – George Bailey*

Council was given a request by Mr. George Bailey to rename the street at the entrance to Huntcliff Subdivision. This item is introductory only and no action was taken at tonight's meeting.

5. *Board Appointments – Downtown Development Authority*

Council were given the applications for the Downtown Development Authority to review based on the recommendation by the required 2-person panel. No action was taken at tonight's meeting. This item will be on the next Council Meeting Agenda for action on 5/5/25.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Council Member Ayers and duly seconded, Mayor Ayers adjourned the meeting at 7:38pm.

Respectfully,



LeAnn Lehigh

City Clerk