



City of Hogansville
City Council
Work Session Meeting Agenda
Monday, February 5, 2024 – 5:30 pm

Meeting will be held at Hogansville City Hall

Mayor: Jake Ayers	2025	City Manager: Lisa E. Kelly
Council Post 1: Michael Taylor, Jr *	2025	City Clerk: LeAnn Lehigh
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	
Council Post 5: Kandis Strickland	2027	* Mayor Pro-Tem

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Economic Development Opportunity – Natural Gas
2. Royal Theater
 - (a) AVIT Audio/Visual Equipment & Labor
 - (b) Theater Director



02/05/2024

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

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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