



11/18/2024

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 5:39 pm. Present were Council Member Michael Taylor, Council Member Matthew Morgan, 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. Council Member Mandy Neese and Council Member Mark Ayers were not present at tonight's Work Session meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Aaron Fortner – UDO Amendments

Aaron Fortner with Canvas Planning Group gave a presentation of the summary of revisions to the UDO. These changes include defining Non-Traditional Tobacco Paraphernalia and the permitted use, Commercial standards for blighted properties, changing the G-I district to G-LI (General Light Industrial), allowing vinyl siding to be used except in designated districts, adding language for unsafe electrical systems, boarded up and burned structures, approvals to plats, adding camping, campgrounds & glamping to the permitted use table, and replacing the use of Board of Commissioners references throughout the UDO to say City Council. Council Members gave their recommendations on some changes with regard to the vinyl siding and will look into discussing the quality spec and find the minimum thickness they would like to have used for any vinyl siding that would be allowed. Council also discussed the permitting of Vape shops and where they should be allowed. They would like to see more verbiage and have more discussions on where Vape shops should be allowed to open. Mr. Fortner said that Council can use verbiage that would specifically say the area that those shops could be open, such as so many feet from the interstate.

2. Engineering Services Agreement – Turnipseed Engineers – CDBG 2024

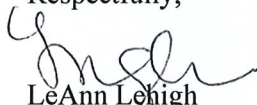
City Manager Lisa Kelly explained that this is another step in the process for CDBG 2024. The agreement would lock in Turnipseed Engineers as the CDBG 2024 project engineers. Turnipseed Engineers has been the City's engineers for every CDBG since 2009. The agreement fee is 12%. Council is good with the agreement. This item is on the Regular Meeting Agenda for action tonight.

3. Termination of Agreement with Visit LaGrange, Inc.

City Attorney Alex Dixon explained that the City has an agreement with Visit LaGrange, Inc. for handling the Hotel/Motel Tax for the City for Tourism purposes. Visit HGVL is prepared to take over as of January 1, 2025. The funds from the Hotel/Motel tax must be used for Tourism purposes. Visit LaGrange, Inc. is good with the termination of the agreement. Visit HGVL is ready and in process of getting the non-profit requirements. Visit HGVL also established their officers at their last meeting. Council is good with the idea. The item is on the Regular Meeting agenda for action tonight.

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

Respectfully,


LeAnn Lehigh
City Clerk