Meeting will be held at Hogansville City Hall

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	

WORK SESSION – 5:30 pm

ORDER OF BUSINESS
1. City Visionary Award Application
2. Resolution – GEFA Funding – LCRR
3. Preliminary Plat – Treeswift 1
4. Bid Award Water System Improvements
5. Proposal for Engineering Services – Hummingbird Lift Station and Forced Main Upgrade
6. Acceptance of Gift of Real Property – Bass Cross Road Pump Station
7. LG Smart Poles

Work Session Meeting – December 16, 2024

Call to Order: Mayor Jake Ayers called the Work Session to order at 5:31 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, City Attorney Alex Dixon, Police Chief Jeffrey Sheppard, and City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. City Visionary Award Application

City Manager Lisa Kelly wanted to give Council notice that Community Development Director Dhayna Portillo made her first application for the City Visionary Award and won it! The award will be presented at GMA in January 2025.

2. Resolution – GEFA Funding - LCRR

During the LCRR process, the Council made the decision to replace lead or copper if found during the mandatory inventory. There were only 12 found that we are unsure about. The City applied for the forgivable GEFA loan/grant, but did not adopt a Resolution. This is just a housekeeping item that is required for the forgivable GEFA loan/grant. This item is on the Regular Meeting agenda tonight for Council action.

3. Preliminary Plat - Treeswift

The Preliminary Plat for Treeswift was previously approved by Council for townhomes, then Council approved the request to change the preliminary plat to allow single family residential. However, due to the contract falling through, developers have decided to go back to the originally approved plan. They are requesting approval of the 209-townhome development that will front Mountville Road, with delineated lot lines. This item is on the Regular Meeting agenda for approval of the preliminary plat tonight.

4. Bid Award Water System Improvements

This bid is the final phase of the water system improvement project. Current funding will allow for replacement of approximately 1,500 linear feet of upsizing to a section of W. Main St. and W. Boyd Rd. from 8" to a 10" main, of which a portion of the current line is transite; install a main and re-work the current valves on Woodard Rd. where it meets Mobley Bridge Rd.; and install valves in four locations in the Village. City staff is working with Turnipseed Engineers and recommend awarding the lowest bid from Crawford Grading & Pipeline in the amount of $1,025,347.

5. Proposal of Engineering Services – Hummingbird Lift Station and Forced Main Upgrade

With the amount of new development, the City needs to prepare to make some needed upgrades to the lift station at Hummingbird Estates. In addition, the force main from Hummingbird Estates is in need of extension down to East Main St. from where it currently terminates at E. Boyd Rd. Kelly is asking Council to approve the $20k design fee for constructions designs and bidding process for both projects to Turnipseed Engineers. Funding for upsizing the lift station would be provided by revenue from tap fees. The Engineering Services agreement for the Hummingbird Lift Station and Forced Main Upgrade are on the agenda for tonight's regular meeting.

6. Acceptance of Gift of Real Property – Bass Cross Road Pump Station

Mack Reynolds previously gifted the City a piece of property for the Bass Cross Road booster pumps.Council has not formally accepted the gift. This item is on the regular meeting tonight for Council action.

7. LG Smart Poles

Mayor Ayers asked Council to postpone this item that is on the Regular meeting agenda tonight. He feels further discussions and additional information are needed from them. City Attorney Alex Dixon has some concerns about the agreement.

Other Discussion
Council discussed the resignation of Council Member Matthew Morgan. Council Member Morgan stated that it has been an honor working with all of the Council Members, but he would be out of the country for part of the year and did not want his seat to be vacant during his absence.

Mayor Ayers discussed that since Council Member Morgan's seat opening is outside of the timeframe for a special election, the Council would appoint a new Council Member to take his seat.
Council Member Taylor said he would like to interview candidates for the position and to postpone a vote until the first meeting in January.
Council Member Neese stated that the City had people who qualified and ran in the last election who were still interested in serving on the Council. She specifically stated that Jason Baswell would like to serve.
Council Member Strickland stated that she doesn't see the rush to choose.
Mayor Ayers said that he had discussed with Council about Jason Baswell and he believes the Council should consider the vote tonight instead of January so that City Staff can get him signed up for New Council Member Training. No matter what happens, that seat will be up for election in 2025.
Council Member Morgan stated that he wanted the people to know that he made this decision because he didn't want a vacant seat, since not having a quorum or majority vote could make things difficult. He wants Council to keep that in mind at the Regular Meeting tonight.

Mayor Ayers adjourned the Work Session at 6:18 pm.

Respectfully,

LeAnn Lehigh
City Clerk