



City of Hogansville

City Council

Work Session Meeting Agenda

Monday, April 7, 2025 – 5:30 pm

Meeting will be held at Hogansville City Hall

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>Oasis Nichols</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

WORK SESSION – 5:30 pm

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Jackson Adams – re: Carp at Lake Jimmy Jackson
2. Pickleball Netting & Striping Quote
3. GDOT Interstate Lighting Agreement
4. LMIG-LRA Funding Project Ideas
5. AMR Agreement
6. Hogan Cemetery



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Call to Order: Mayor Pro-Tem Mandy Neese called the Work Session to order at 5:32pm. Present were Council Member Michael Taylor, Council Member Jason Baswell, Mayor Pro-Tem 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 Jeff Sheppard were not present at the Work Session Meeting.

Order of Business

1. Jackson Adams – Re: Carp at Lake Jimmy Jackson

Jackson Adams, a 16-year-old who is part of the Callaway High School Fishing Team, addressed Council with concerns about grass carp at Lake Jimmy Jackson. After extensive research, Jackson found that the grass carp have grown up to 30-40 lbs. and are negatively impacting native fish populations at the lake. His proposal is he would like to have approval for the fishing team to remove the grass carp by bow hunting. His father said he would sign a liability waiver and an adult would be with the kids at all times while they are removing the grass carp. DNR confirmed that no permit is needed. Jackson said he would keep a diary of removal activities with dates and numbers and DNR would be informed of the information. Council members agree that they would like signed liability waivers in place for each student participating and an adult present. This item is on the Regular Meeting agenda for Council action tonight.

2. Pickleball Netting & Striping Quote

Currently, the two tennis courts at the elementary school use movable pickleball nets on wheeled frames, creating four courts; these nets are subject to wear, damage, and occasional vandalism. Consideration is being given to converting one side of a tennis court to permanent pickleball netting. Cost estimates: Permanent netting installation (\$4,800) and court re-striping (\$6,000), totaling approximately \$10,800 if both are done. Alternative: Replace existing nets with heavier duty ones for about \$2,000. Further evaluation is needed on warranty, durability of permanent nets, and impact on tennis court usage, so Council agreed to table this item at the Regular Meeting tonight.

3. GDOT Interstate Lighting Agreement

GDOT proposes a lighting agreement alongside upcoming roundabout construction, including 10 poles (30 feet high) with two lights each (20 lights total) within the bridge/roundabout area. Clarification is needed on pole dimensions, light specifications, and exact placement relative to the roundabout. The project aligns with the roundabout construction timeline and does not affect general interstate lighting. Future plans for interstate widening and additional lighting are mentioned but not finalized.

4. LMIG-LRA Funding Project Ideas

LMIG/LRA funding of about \$67,578 is available, with no match requirement this year. Potential uses: Accelerate Holmes Street improvements (sidewalks, curbing, paving) otherwise scheduled for 2026, or supplement smaller road patching projects to reduce the city's matching funds burden. A TAP grant has been secured for extending sidewalks along key corridors (from West Boyd Rd to West Main St and beyond), with design and construction phases outlined and timing coordinated with other infrastructure projects. Coordination among projects is needed to ensure immediate and long-term roadway and pedestrian improvements. Council also discussed possibly using the funding for smaller roadway patching around the City. This item will be placed on the next Work Session agenda on May 4 for more discussion.

5. AMR Agreement

AMR is asking the City to allow them to use the space in the basement of the Police Department for emergency vehicle staging. AMR is asking in the agreement to lease the space rent free. The city's priority is reducing ambulance response times. Further negotiation is needed regarding city benefits, emphasizing that "free" space is only valuable if it improves emergency service performance. Council agreed that they would like to ask AMR for \$2,500/mo. for the space, including all utilities if they can guarantee 60% ambulance presence to improve emergency response.

6. Hogan Cemetery

The Hogan Cemetery at Maple's corner is on the National Register and maintained by local descendants but faces issues like fallen trees and overgrown vegetation. The city lacks legal authority to maintain the cemetery, as it is privately owned or designated under an antiquated title. Suggestion: Encourage a community-driven Adopt-a-Cemetery program to support maintenance rather than assuming municipal responsibility.

Discussions not on Agenda:

Street Renaming

A formal application has been received by Mr. George Bailey to rename the street entering Huntcliff Subdivision, invoking council policy. Considerations include the current name's historical significance, subdivision identity alignment, and the need to consult the HOA before changes. The issue will be discussed further at the next work session; no final decision is expected at this meeting.

DDA Board Appointments

DDA board appointments are also on the agenda, with plans to gather further input before decisions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Neese adjourned the Work Session at 6:58pm.

Respectfully,



LeAnn Lehigh
City Clerk