City of Hogansville

City Council

Work Session Meeting

Monday, November 2, 2026 – 6:00 pm

MEETING WILL BE HELD AT HOGANSVILLE CITY HALL
111 HIGH STREET, HOGANSVILLE, GA 30230

Mayor: ***Jake Ayers***	*2029*	City Manager: ***Lisa E. Kelly***	
Council Post 1: ***Michael Taylor, Jr***	*2029*	Assistant City Manager: **Oasis Nichols**	
Council Post 2: ***Jason Baswell***	*2029*	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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PERMANENT RECORD

BUSINESS

1. Grant Writer Agreement

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

WORK SESSION MINUTES

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Call to Order: Mayor Jake Ayers called the Work Session to order at 6:03 p.m.

Attendance: Mayor Jake Ayers; Council Members Michael Taylor, Jr., Jason Baswell, Mandy Neese, Mark Ayers, and Kandis Strickland; City Manager Lisa E. Kelly; Assistant City Manager Oasis Nichols; City Attorney Alex Dixon; Chief of Police Jeffrey Sheppard; City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh; and Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Savage were present. Council Member Michael Taylor, Jr., arrived at 6:10 p.m.

BUSINESS

1. Grant Writer Agreement

City Manager Lisa Kelly presented the proposed agreement with Kilgore Consulting, LLC, for grant-writing services at the budgeted amount of $2,000 per month, covering November 2026 through June 2027. Services include grant research, identification, writing, compliance, administration, and management. Rachel Kilgore has worked with City departments since August and described more than 10 years of grant experience, including state-level work and compliance audits.

Council discussed the sole-source justification, including the consultant's local knowledge, accessibility, and experience. A specialized consultant will continue handling Community Development Block Grant applications. A typographical error in the agreement will be corrected from November 27 to November 26. The agreement was identified for consideration at the Regular Meeting.

Council discussed grant priorities, application requirements, matching funds, and deadlines. Seven applications have been submitted. Approximately 45 opportunities have been reviewed, with five or six pending and six or seven additional grant opportunities being monitored.

Council discussed balancing major funding priorities with smaller opportunities that could offset budgeted expenses or require no match. Formula grants, including LMIG and the scrap tire program, were discussed as likely awards when requirements and deadlines are met.

Council requested recurring updates on applications, awards, and available opportunities through a monthly overview or live tracking document. Staff encouraged Council members to forward grant leads to staff or Dhyana for Rachel to review.

Council also discussed approaching Troup County about an upfront funding commitment for parks and recreation projects, including McGee Field, pickleball courts, and other facility improvements. Discussion included reviewing agreements to improve residents' access to recreational facilities.

ADJOURNMENT

The Work Session adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully,

Stephanie Savage

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Deputy City Clerk