



City of Hogansville
City Council
Work Session Meeting Agenda

Monday, February 17, 2025 – 6:00 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	Assistant City Manager: Open
Council Post 2: Jason Baswell	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

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. OPB Grant Modification
2. Royal Theater Bid for Doors
3. Donation of Real Property – Mallard Lake



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Call to Order: Mayor Jake Ayers called the Work Session to order at 6:00pm. Present was Council Member Michael Taylor, Interim Council Member Jason Baswell, 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 Jeffery Sheppard, and City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh.

Order of Business

1. OPB Grant Modification

Police Chief Jeff Sheppard asked Council to consider allowing him to modify the OPB Grant. Part of the OPB grant was awarded to the City in early 2024 to purchase various Police safety equipment including a robotic dog. Chief Sheppard would like to reallocate the funds for that to instead purchase items needed at the police department. These include a communications center upgrade, rapid response scene trailer, mobile generated pole scene lighting, training equipment upgrades, closed circuit security surveillance system across key city locations, bullet proof vests, in-car radios, portable radios, laptop computers, AEDs, medical jump kits, and GEMA disaster phones. The grant amount for the robot dog was \$308k and we could purchase all of the items mentioned for the same amount instead. The OPB allows grant modifications. This item is on the regular meeting for Council action tonight.

2. Royal Theater Bid for Doors

This item was previously tabled because Council agreed that the bid for the Royal Theater doors came back too high. Council asked City Manager to identify ways to value down the cost. City Manager went back to the architect to see if we can use different, less expensive hardware, which originally totaled 1/3 of the cost. She also met with the County Fire Marshall, and he is good with push/pull doors. The doors will look like the original doors, 3 sets, 6 doors total, but with glass instead of wood. Contractor came back with a lower bid of \$95,331, which is much less than the original quote of \$120,523. With \$34k in grant funding from the FOX Theater, the City has enough to cover

the costs from theater construction funds. This item is on the Regular Meeting tonight for Council action.

3. Donation of Real Property – Mallard Lake

City staff had conversations with the property owner at Mallard Lake regarding the lake property and additional four lots. The property owners would like to donate the properties to the Downtown Development Authority, who in turn, would donate the lake property directly over to the HOA. Staff will speak with the HOA and make sure they are on board and understand that they will be responsible for maintaining the properties. If the DDA and HOA agree to the donations, they will take action at next week's DDA meeting. There is no action asked of Council, but their comments and conditions will be conveyed to both other parties.

4. Assistant City Manager

City Manager gave Council an update on hiring the new Assistant City Manager, Oasis Nichols. Oasis has been the City Clerk of Thomaston for the last few years and has vast knowledge and is ready for the ACM position. She will begin working on Fridays and Mondays for the first 4 weeks, and then start full time afterward.

Mayor Ayers adjourned the Work Session at 6:42pm.

Respectfully,



LeAnn Lehigh

City Clerk