



CITY COUNCIL MANAGER'S REPORT

City of Hogansville | David A Milliron, City Manager | 706.637.8629 | December 18, 2017

Sprayfields: Rooks Farms was the low-bidder and has completed the bushhogging of the wastewater treatment sprayfields on time and on budget. Total cost to the City was \$4,985.70 and current plans are that staff will maintain the fields moving forward.

Power Distribution Maintenance Agreement: City Manager met separately with Electric Cities of Georgia (ECG) and Diverse Power to discuss the existing agreement that is set to terminate. ECG is set to have a proposal back to the City no later than March 2018. In the interim, the City Manager will engage with his counterparts at area MEAG cities to explore the potential of an intergovernmental agreement for the same level of service.

Municipal Court: The City Manager observed the Court Trial sessions on December 8th and found the court to be following judicial procedures. A recommendation for the next budget cycle is that industrial carpet be installed in the courtroom to reduce noise as well as a large screen monitor be hung on the wall for presentation of court evidence.

Orientation: The Mayor and City Manager held an orientation session with the Councilman-elect M. L. Price on December 8th. The Councilman-elect is set to be sworn in come January 2018 and is registered for the upcoming Mayor's Day Training Conference in Atlanta and the Newly-Elected Local Government Officials training in Athens.

Work Order Training: Christy Feyes of Adaptosolve conducted on-site training of the vendor's Work Order system on December 11th to the Public Works superintendents as part of their management training. The superintendents now have greater ownership over their work orders for management purposes.

EAP Training: A representative from the city's Employee Assistance Program (EAP) program was onsite December 11th and presented an overview of its program to the Public Works superintendents as part of their management training. The voluntary, work-based program offers free and confidential assessments, short-term counseling, referrals, and follow-up services to employees who have personal and/or work-related issues.

Meriwether County Water & Sewerage Authority: The Mayor, City Manager and a representative of Turnipseed Engineers met with Meriwether County Water & Sewerage Authority representatives to review the Intergovernmental Agreement regarding construction of the proposed wastewater treatment plant. The Authority is contributing \$1.6M toward the construction cost in exchange for one-sixth ownership in the plant. Staff is reviewing the agreement for compliance with local and state mandates, which includes independent testing of the sewerage being sent to Hogansville for treatment.

Street Signs: Public Works staff has been canvassing the city and addressing missing, damaged or faded street signs. Work includes eliminating the older round posts and replacing them with the square breakaway posts as outlined in state Department of Transportation guidelines.

Maple Street: Utility locates have been called in and Public Works intends to install a guard rail for motoring and pedestrian safety at the creek on Maple Street closest to Taliaferro Drive. Public Works crews have already addressed the unfinished sidewalk railing that was on the opposite side of the roadway.

Tower Trail: Pet waste receptacles are now available for use along Tower Trail in Hogansville. They complement the recently installed trash receptacles.

Library Playground: The equipment is in place, the overhead telephone cable buried underground, and finally the engineered wood mulch delivered and installed at the mini-playground that has been retrofitted with refurbished equipment at the Hogansville Public Library. The Troup County Parks and Recreation playground spans some 2,550 square feet and was constructed in the greenspace closest to the intersection of College Avenue and Keith Street in Hogansville. Troup County obtained bids earlier this year to refurbish and install the existing Miracle Playground Equipment for \$10,900. The decommissioned playground used to be part of the Pilot Club of Hogansville Park but was removed and placed in storage at the Hogansville Water Plant to make way for construction of the new library, which opened in December 2016.

Miscellaneous:

- **City Property** – Forty combination locks were ordered and received to replace the older, generic water meter locks currently in place at the city's non-public facilities.
- **Boozer Street** – Troup County Public Works worked with Hogansville Public Works to improve the drainage issues on Boozer Street as well as a portion of Pine Street.
- **Decant Valve and Actuator for SBR No. 1** – All bids were rejected for Bid No. 2017-0102 and the City instead contracted with Georgia Western for \$7,250 or a savings of nearly \$3,800 from the lowest bidder using the sealed bid process.

Upcoming City Manager Meetings/Travel

- Dec. 19: The Georgia Conservancy
- Dec. 20: Job applicant interviews all day for open Public Works positions
- Dec. 22-25: City Hall closed in observance of Christmas Holiday
- Dec. 26-29: City Manager on vacation; Police Chief to serve as Chief Administrative Officer
- Jan. 1: City Hall closed in observance of New Year's Day Holiday

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