



# CITY COUNCIL MANAGER'S REPORT

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City of Hogansville | David A Milliron, City Manager | 706.637.8629 | January 16, 2018

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**FEMA Projects:** The City has several Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) E-Grants that need to be completed and closed out. Each stem from the flooding incident that occurred between December 2015 and January 2016. The City Manager has engaged Falcon Design Consultants, an engineering firm, to work on a scope document and to have the projects put out to bid. The City will file additional extension requests with FEMA and make the work a priority to complete. The projects include:

- Project No. 118 – West Boyd: washed out asphalt, washed out clay, and excessive damage to drainage pipe
- Project No. 120 – Poplar Street: washed out asphalt, washed out clay, excessive damage to drainage pipe
- Project No. 147 – Elm Street Bridge: damage to Elm Street bridge headwall, scours and the loss of stream bed material on the downstream side of the bridge, structural damage to the bridge and guard rail, etc.
- Project No. 150 – Green Avenue: subgrantee sustained damages on Green Avenue

**Cost of Service Studies:** Analysts with Electric Cities of Georgia have begun the process of gathering electric, water and sewer data as part of a comprehensive rate study. The goal is to examine actual cost versus the rates charged for those services. This information will be utilized in forming the proposed 2018/2019 fiscal budget.

**Meter Readings:** The following are the meter reading start dates for the City, weather permitting. These dates are helpful for residents who like to keep track of their utility usage by reading and recording their own meters. It takes staff about 10 days to read all the residential service meters.

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| • January 1/31/2018 | • May 5/29/2018    | • September 9/28/2018 |
| • February 3/1/2018 | • June 6/29/2018   | • October 10/29/2018  |
| • March 3/30/2018   | • July 7/30/2018   | • November 11/29/2018 |
| • April 4/30/2018   | • August 8/28/2018 | • December 12/26/2018 |

## Waste Water Treatment Plant

- The malfunctioning decanting valve at the plant has been removed and is being replaced with a new Decant Valve and Actuator for SBR No. 1. The City contracted with Georgia Western for \$7,250 to perform the work. The valve assembly, which regulates the effluent level in the settling basin, consists of a lifting mechanism (operator), connecting stem, and a slip (drain) tube that travels vertically inside a fixed vertical pipe. Utilizing the operator, the slip tube is raised or lowered to maintain the desired fluid level within the containment structure. When a decant valve malfunctions and doesn't close properly, it causes the decanter to float and potentially cause havoc for the system operators.
- The 2.2HP Flygt sludge pump failed on Thursday. The impeller and shaft are both worn out. This is an emergency repair and will cost approximately \$7,300 to have the pump rebuilt in a timely fashion to get the plant operational. Staff is currently manually operating the plant during daytime hours.

**Johnson Street:** A section of roadway between East Main Street north to Commerce Street was closed to vehicular traffic on Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> while Hogansville Public Works Crews repaired a water service line. This had been

leaking for some time but could not be repaired until staff properly researched the older sewer line that runs parallel with Johnson Street and otherwise does not appear on current city sewer maps. Now that a new water line has been installed, crews will return in the coming days to repair the shoulder and any disturbed vegetation and landscaping.

**Trespassing:** Several mobile surveillance systems have been deployed throughout the city to deter folks from trespassing and illegally hunting on city property. The use of off-road vehicles (ATVs and RTVs) have been spotted on the city's utility easements, which have caused damage to the easements after rainy conditions. The Hogansville Police Department is engaged and is patrolling the easements after hours.

**Theft of Utilities:** Staff has stepped up its efforts to audit utility records to thwart theft of utilities. Hogansville Police made an arrest Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> for utility theft and other charges after they found spliced power and water lines servicing several structures in the 100 block of Poplar Street. Utility theft and meter tampering are illegal and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

### **Upcoming City Manager Training/Travel**

- Jan. 19 - 22: Mayor's Day Conference in Atlanta
- Jan. 23: Hogansville Downtown Development Authority Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- Jan. 25: Downtown Master Plan Public Forum at Hogansville Public Library @ 6:30 pm
- Certified Public Manager Training
  - Jan. 18 in Macon
  - Jan. 29-31 in Athens
- Local Government Finance Officer Level II Training Courses
  - LOC 257-00: Taking Responsibility for Your Financial Statements (online)

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