



City of Hogansville

City Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, February 3, 2025 – 7:00 pm

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

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>Open</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

Regular Meeting –7:00 pm

1. Call to Order – Mayor Jake Ayers
2. Invocation & Pledge

Consent Agenda

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be approved by one blanket motion.

1. Approval of Agenda: Regular Meeting February 3, 2025
2. Approval of Minutes: Work Session January 6, 2025
3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting January 6, 2025

Citizen Appearance

1. Mike Johnson to Discuss Housing

New Business

1. LG Smart Poles
2. Citizen Appointments Discussion

City Manager's Report

Chief of Police Report

Council Member Reports

1. Council Member Taylor
2. Council Member Baswell
3. Council Member Neese
4. Council Member Ayers
5. Council Member Strickland

Mayor's Report

Executive Session

1. Real Estate Exemption

Adjourn

Upcoming Dates & Events

- February 17, 2025 – 7:00 pm | Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council at Hogansville City Hall
- February 18, 2025 – 6:30 pm | Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission at Hogansville City Hall
- February 20, 2025 – 6:00 pm | Meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission at Hogansville City Hall

Upcoming at the Royal Theater

- Friday, February 7, 2025 – 7:00 pm | Movie: Black Panther
- Saturday, February 8, 2025 – 7:00 pm | Movie: Wakanda Forever
- Friday, February 14, 2025 – 7:00 pm | Movie: Dirty Dancing
- Saturday, February 15, 2025 – 7:00 pm | Movie: Flashdance
- Sunday, February 16, 2025 – 7:30 pm | LIVE EVENT: NATURALLY 7 presented by BeeTV

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PERMANENT RECORD

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

Regular Meeting

February 3, 2025

Call to Order: Mayor Jake Ayers called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:03pm. 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 Community Development Director Dhayna Portillo. City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh was not present.

Council Member Taylor gave an invocation, and Mayor Ayers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Motion: Council Member Neese moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Motion Carries 5-0

Citizen Appearance

1. Mike Johnson to Discuss Housing

Mike Johnson stated that on November 4th, a demolition contract for 302 Pine Street was awarded to a single bidder, though the meeting minutes allegedly did not reflect this. He argued that both the Hogansville charter and state law prohibit awarding contracts to a sole bidder. However, the council did not approve the demolition during the November 4th meeting. He also submitted two open records requests to City Manager Lisa Kelly.

Johnson was given 90 days by the court in July to bring the house up to code, but a permit was not obtained until after the deadline had passed, resulting in the removal of his meters. Alex Dixon clarified that the court has jurisdiction over the property and that the council is not involved. He also noted that while the mayor had the authority to vote on the demolition, he chose to abstain. Mayor Ayers ended the citizen appearance as it exceeded the allotted five-minute limit.

New Business

1. LG Smart Poles

Council Member Neese moved to approve the Smart Pole Development Agreement, with a seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Discussion: None

Motion Carries 5-0

2. Citizen Appointments Discussion

Council Member Taylor motioned to reappoint Carol Smith, Ricky Thrash, and Ellen Shellabarger to the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Council Member Neese.

Discussion: None

Motion Caries 5-0

Council Member Strickland motioned to reappoint Mary Ann Neureiter and Wanda Lowe to the Historic Preservation Commission while also appointing Kristian Whisnand to serve on the commission. This motion was seconded by Council Member Neese.

Discussion: None

Motion Caries 5-0

Council Member Neese motioned to reappoint John McKibben, George Bailey, and Jimmy Russell to serve on the Joint Development Authority while also appointing Jackson Fussell and Frederick Manley to serve. This motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Discussion: None

Motion Caries 5-0

Council Member Neese motioned to reappoint Robert Leek and Jimmy Russel to the Hogansville Development Authority. This motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Discussion: None

Motion Caries 5-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Ayers moved to enter into an Executive Session under the Real Estate Exemption at 7:41pm. The motion was seconded by Council Member Neese.

The Regular Meeting was convened at 8:17pm.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Council Member Neese and duly seconded, Mayor Ayers adjourned the meeting at 8:26pm.

Respectfully,



Dhayna Portillo

Community Development Director