

**CITY OF HIRAM COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
Tuesday, September 2, 2025**



**Councilmembers in Attendance:** Mayor Frank Moran, Mayor Pro Tem Doris Devey, Councilmember Robert Tressel, Councilmember Tiffany Carroll, Councilmember Melissa R. Bayardelle, Councilmember Derrick Battle.

**Staff in Attendance:** Jody Palmer, Chief Michael Turner, Cliff McGrady, Michael Huffstetler, Kathie Stancil, Jayson Phillips, Melissa Chosewood, Chyna Pryor.

**The Regular Session Meeting for September 2, 2025 was called to order by Mayor Frank Moran at 6:00pm in the Municipal Annex.**

- Invocation and pledge led by Pastor Cliff McGrady.

**2025-70:** Councilmember Battle made a motion to approve minutes from the August 5, 2025 Regular Session and August 26, 2025 Work Session. Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion.

Post 1, Tressel – Yes      Post 2, Carroll – Yes  
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes      Post 4, Battle – Yes  
Post 5, Devey – Yes  
Motion Passes 5-0

- No one signed up for Public Participation.

**2025-71:** Councilmember Battle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Tressel seconded the motion.

- Adopting Ordinance 2025-11, amendment to the Massage/Spa Establishment
- Approving the proposed Memorandum of Agreement by Georgia Department of Transportation for the Main Street Railroad Crossing.
- Approving the cost increase of upfitting five (5) police explorers by \$5,729.77 to be paid for by savings from unfitting two police vehicles.
- Approving 2026 increase to GMA's Blue Cross Blue Shield Anthem coverage for employees.
- Approving 2025 Christmas Holiday Office Hours.
- Approving a new MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) contractor, in the amount of \$53,300.00, to be funded by Public Works (Professional Services).

Post 1, Tressel – Yes      Post 2, Carroll – Yes  
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes      Post 4, Battle – Yes  
Post 5, Devey – Yes  
Motion Passes 5-0

- No Old Business.

**2025-72:** Mayor Pro Tem Devey made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-12, Approving application annexation of 17.07 acres located on the south-side of Wendy Bagwell Parkway (HWY 278) and east of Bill Carruth Parkway, Parcel ID# 177.4.2.009.0000, Land Lot 663, District 19, Section 2. Councilmember Tressel seconded the motion.

Post 1, Tressel – Yes      Post 2, Carroll – Yes  
Post 3, Bayardelle – No      Post 4, Battle – Yes  
Post 5, Devey – Yes  
Motion Passes 4-1

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**2025-73:** Councilmember Tressel made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-13, Approving application 2025-03-Z (CoH), made by Blue River Development, proposing to re-zone approximately 50.32 acres from B-1, B-2 and R4 to MXD (Mixed-Use Development). Mayor Pro Tem Devey seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Battle had discussion with Applicant's Agent Rob Hosack regarding location, development, and timeline.
- Councilmember Bayardelle made a comment stating she has no opposition to development but to timing of development.

Post 1, Tressel – Yes      Post 2, Carroll – Yes

Post 3, Bayardelle – No      Post 4, Battle – Yes

Post 5, Devey – Yes

Motion Passes 4-1

**2025-74:** Mayor Pro Tem Devey made a motion to approve Employee Handbook updates and changes, effective October 1, 2025. Councilmember Battle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Tressel – Yes      Post 2, Carroll – Yes

Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes      Post 4, Battle – Yes

Post 5, Devey – Yes

Motion Passes 5-0

**2025-75:** Councilmember Battle made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-08, enacting Freeport Exemptions for Hiram industries. Councilmember Tressel seconded the motion.

Post 1, Tressel – Yes      Post 2, Carroll – Yes

Post 3, Bayardelle – No      Post 4, Battle – Yes

Post 5, Devey – Yes

Motion Passes 4-1

**2025-76:** Mayor Pro Tem Devey made a motion to reject all bids for the 126 Harris Drive property, which were opened on August 8, 2025. Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion.

Post 1, Tressel – Yes      Post 2, Carroll – Yes

Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes      Post 4, Battle – Yes

Post 5, Devey – Yes

Motion Passes 5-0

- Discussed changing the funding for the Seaboard Township Phase II Street Curb & Gutter Improvement Project from the General Fund to Street SPLOST.

**2025-77:** Mayor Pro Tem Devey made a motion to approve the change of funding for the Seaboard Township Phase II Street Curb & Gutter Improvement Project from the General Fund to Street SPLOST, in the total amount of \$90,937. Councilmember Battle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Tressel – Yes      Post 2, Carroll – Yes

Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes      Post 4, Battle – Yes

Post 5, Devey – Yes

Motion Passes 5-0

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- Mayor Moran mentioned upcoming events:
  - September 30, 2025: Work Session at 6PM in Municipal Annex.
- Mayor Moran stated that the meeting would adjourn from Executive Session.

**2025-78:** Councilmember Battle made a motion to enter into Executive Session for discussion of personnel. Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion.

Post 1, Tressel – Yes      Post 2, Carroll – Yes

Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes      Post 4, Battle – Yes

Post 5, Devey – Yes

Motion Passes 5-0

- Regular Session Ended.

Melissa Chosewood

City Clerk

Approved: October 7, 2025

