

**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

