

**CITY OF HIRAM COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, April 12, 2022**

Meeting Attendees: Mayor Frank Moran, Mayor Pro Tem Teresa Philyaw, Councilmember Kathy Bookout, Councilmember Melissa R. Bayardelle, Councilmember Derrick Battle, Councilmember Doris Devey, Jody Palmer, J. Jayson Phillips, Chief Michael Turner, Melissa Chosewood, Clifford McGrady, Leo Parker, Jacob Richardson, Trinie Cole, Anita Eberly, Kathy Clark, Emeka & Amara, Tyrone Griffin, Helene FitzGerald.

The Regular Session for April 12, 2022 was called to order by Mayor Frank Moran at 6:00pm in the Municipal Annex.

- Invocation and pledge of allegiance by Clifford McGrady, Hiram Police Department Chaplain.
- The Mayor and Council recognized the following Hiram Elementary School students for receiving Citizenship Awards:
 - Kindergarten: Baylor Hickerson
 - First Grade: Harmony Belt
 - Second Grade: Dhani Harris
 - Third Grade: Zoey Lewis
 - Fourth Grade: Taryn Hambrick-Crawford
 - Fifth Grade: Michael Ogbodo
- Mayor Moran read and presented the Safe Digging Month proclamation to Public Works Superintendent Leo Parker.
- Chief Turner presented the 2021 Police Department Annual Report.

22-034: Councilmember Battle made a motion to approve minutes from the March 1, 2022 Regular Session and the March 29, 2022 Work Session. Councilmember Bayardelle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – Yes Post 2, Bookout – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes Post 4, Battle – Yes
Post 5, Devey – Yes
Motion passes: 5-0

22-035: Councilmember Battle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Devey seconded the motion.

Consent Agenda:

- a) Approving request from the Hiram Rosenwald School and Museum to utilize Gray's Mill Park and the paved and grass areas of 76 Seaboard Street (old church), on June 19, 2022, for the Juneteenth Festival and Parade.
- b) Approving siding replacement at Homer Leggett Memorial Park by Contractors of West Georgia, in an amount not to exceed \$7,475.00, to be funded by Homer Leggett M&O.
- c) Authorizing emergency road repair on Nebo Road between Gorham Gates Drive and Old Nebo Road, by HNC Construction LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$23,897.54, to be funded by Street SPLOST.
- d) Approving purchase of speed reduction devices for Seaboard Township, in an amount not to exceed \$480.00, to be funded by Street SPLOST, to be installed by Hiram Public Works.

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Post 5, Devey – Yes
Motion passes: 5-0

22-036: Councilmember Devey made a motion to approve the professional engineering services agreement with Atwell LLC, for the development and design of specifications for a new parking lot behind City Hall, in an amount not to exceed \$36,808.00, to be funded by Street SPLOST. Councilmember Battle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – Yes Post 2, Bookout – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes Post 4, Battle – Yes
Post 5, Devey – Yes
Motion passes: 5-0

22-037: Councilmember Bayardelle made a motion to approve application 2022-01-V(CoH), made by TPA Group, requesting a variance to waive front and side setbacks from 6ft. to 3.4ft. on Lot 138. Property is located in Land Lots 548 & 549; District 2; Section 3; south side of Greystone Pkwy and west of Hiram Pkwy (aka Bill Carruth Pkwy); project site is The Cottages of Greystone located in the City of Hiram. Councilmember Battle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – Yes Post 2, Bookout – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes Post 4, Battle – Yes
Post 5, Devey – Yes
Motion passes: 5-0

22-038: Mayor Pro Tem Philyaw made a motion to approve application 2022-02-V(CoH), made by TPA Group, requesting a variance to waive side setback from 6ft. to 5.8ft. on Lot 66. Property is located in Land Lots 548 & 549; District 2; Section 3; south side of Greystone Pkwy and west of Hiram Pkwy (aka Bill Carruth Pkwy); project site is The Cottages of Greystone located in the City of Hiram. Councilmember Battle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – Yes Post 2, Bookout – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes Post 4, Battle – Yes
Post 5, Devey – Yes
Motion passes: 5-0

22-039: Councilmember Bayardelle made a motion to approve application 2022-03-V(CoH), made by TPA Group, requesting a variance to waive side setback from 6ft. to 5.8ft. on Lot 72. Property is located in Land Lots 548 & 549; District 2; Section 3; south side of Greystone Pkwy and west of Hiram Pkwy (aka Bill Carruth Pkwy); project site is The Cottages of Greystone located in the City of Hiram. Councilmember Battle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – Yes Post 2, Bookout – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes Post 4, Battle – Yes
Post 5, Devey – Yes
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- Discussed pyrotechnic contractor for the 2022 Red White and Boom Event.

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22-040: Councilmember Bookout made a motion to approve Pyro Shows East Coast Inc. as the pyrotechnic contractor for the 2022 Red White and Boom Event, in an amount not to exceed \$10,350.00, to be funded by the Hotel Motel Excise Tax Revenue Fund. Councilmember Devey seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – Yes

Post 2, Bookout – Yes

Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes

Post 4, Battle – Yes

Post 5, Devey – Yes

Motion passes: 5-0

22-041: Mayor Pro Tem Philyaw made a motion to approve restroom renovations at Ben Hill Strickland Sr. Memorial Park, by Contractors of West Georgia, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 (this includes an 8.2% contingency), to be funded by Recreation SPLOST. Councilmember Battle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – Yes

Post 2, Bookout – Yes

Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes

Post 4, Battle – Yes

Post 5, Devey – Yes

Motion passes: 5-0

- Discussed limiting the number of discussion items at a Work Session.

22-042: Councilmember Battle made a motion to authorize the sale of Parcel 236 (portion of 76 Seaboard Street) consisting of .026 acres in fee and .007 acres of permanent easement to the Georgia Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$3,900.00. Mayor Pro Tem Philyaw seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – Yes

Post 2, Bookout – Yes

Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes

Post 4, Battle – Yes

Post 5, Devey – Yes

Motion passes: 5-0

- Mayor Moran mentioned the following upcoming events:
 - April 15: City Hall closed in observance of Good Friday
 - April 24-30: Georgia Cities Week
 - April 26: Work Session at 6pm in the Municipal Annex
 - April 30: Be a Light in the Dark Walk 7pm at Veterans Park, by the Paulding Child Advocacy Center
- Councilmember Bayardelle mentioned Chat With Council at A Taste of Cindy's on April 24 at 3pm.
- Councilmember Bookout mentioned that the grass around the cemetery needs to be cut.
- Mayor Moran wished everyone a Happy Easter.
- Leo Parker mentioned that the Boy Scouts would be helping to spread pinestraw at Ben Hill Strickland Sr. Memorial Park at 9am on Saturday.
- Pastor Hines spoke regarding her concern for allowing the cigar shop in downtown Hiram to serve/sell alcohol for consumption on the premises.

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22-043: Councilmember Battle made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session. Councilmember Bookout seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – Yes

Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes

Post 5, Devey – Yes

Motion passes: 5-0

Post 2, Bookout – Yes

Post 4, Battle – Yes

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City Clerk

Approved: 5/3/2022

