

**CITY OF HIRAM COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
Tuesday, August 1, 2023**



**Councilmembers in Attendance:** Mayor Frank Moran, Mayor Pro Tem Teresa Philyaw, Councilmember Kathy Bookout, Councilmember Melissa R. Bayardelle, Councilmember Derrick Battle, Councilmember Doris Devey.

**Staff in Attendance:** Jody Palmer, J. Jayson Phillips, Melissa Chosewood, Chief Michael Turner, Clifford McGrady, Leo Parker, and Isabella Orr.

**The Regular Session for August 1, 2023 was called to order by Mayor Frank Moran at 6:00pm in the Municipal Annex.**

- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Clifford McGrady.
- Mayor Moran read and presented a proclamation of commendation to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Alpha Alpha Psi Omega Chapter.
- Mayor Moran presented a proclamation to Leo Parker and Clifford McGrady, proclaiming August 11, 2023 as 811 Day in the City of Hiram to raise awareness of "Call 811 Before You Dig".

**23-076:** Councilmember Battle made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 5, 2023 Regular Session and the July 25, 2023 Work Session. 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

**23-077:** Councilmember Battle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Philyaw seconded the motion.

Consent Agenda:

- a) Engaging HRC Engineering for development of Gray's Mill Park Master Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$16,875.00, to be funded by Recreation SPLOST.
- b) Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with justFOIA, in the amount of \$6,937.50 for FY24, and annually thereafter as described in the written proposal, to be funded by Administration/Court/Police Department Professional Services expenditure accounts.
- c) Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Audit Services Agreement with Mr. James Whitaker for FY2023 ARPA funds.
- d) Authorizing additional funds needed for outfitting four Ford Explorers, in an amount not to exceed \$22,000.00, to be funded by Police SPLOST.

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

- Paulding Education Foundation withdrew their request to utilize Gray's Mill Park/76 Seaboard Street (parking) on October 14, 2023.

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**23-078:** Councilmember Devey made a motion to approve the updated rental terms and conditions for The Events Place.[All: close at 10pm; \$50/hour for extra hours; \$150 cleaning fee for weekend rentals; \$350 damage deposit to be paid when key picked up. Hiram residents: \$350 rental fee. Non-Hiram residents: \$550 rental fee.] Councilmember Battle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – Yes	Post 2, Bookout – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – No	Post 4, Battle – Yes
Post 5, Devey – Yes	
Motion passes: 4-1	

**23-079:** Councilmember Devey made a motion to authorize the use of Gray's Mill Park Softball Field for the annual Masons versus Police Department charity softball game on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at time to be determined. 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	

**23-080:** Mayor Pro Tem Philyaw made a motion to table the vote on annexation of Metromont Road property until completion of all Zoning-related Public Hearings. 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	

- A representative from Kingdom World Ministries requested use of the upper level of the Camp Hornet Building.
- Scot Gutierrez with the Boy Scouts requested an alternative building to host bi-monthly scout meetings.
- Mayor Moran mentioned the upcoming Events:
  - August 22-24: Qualifying for Office Applications will be accepted between 8:30AM-12:30PM and 1:30PM-4:30PM.
  - August 29: Work Session at 6pm in the Municipal Annex
- Councilmember Bayardelle mentioned the upcoming Paulding Chamber of Commerce Diversity, Equity and Inclusion luncheon at Greystone Power August 3, 2023 at 11:30AM.
- Jody Palmer provided updates on the survey of the 12 acres, Annexation Feasibility Study, and the new Sanitation Department.

**23-081:** Councilmember Battle made a motion to adjourn the Regular 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	

*Melina Chasewal*  
City Clerk

Approved: September 05, 2023

