

**CITY OF HIRAM COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR SESSION SUMMARY MINUTES  
Tuesday, April 11, 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, Clifford McGrady, Chief Michael Turner, Melissa Chosewood, Isabella Orr, Jackie Pryor and Leo Parker.

**The Regular Session for April 11, 2023 was called to order by Mayor Frank Moran at 6:00pm in the Municipal Annex.**

- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Clifford McGrady.
- A motion to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2023 Regular Session and March 28, 2023 Work Session was withdrawn.
- Approved the minutes from the March 7, 2023 Regular Session as amended to reflect that Councilwoman Bookout was not present in the Council Chambers, however, was present on the grounds of City Hall, and the March 28, 2023 Work Session.
- Approved the Consent Agenda:
  - a) Authorizing the Mayor to enter into Intergovernmental Agreements with Paulding County Board of Commissioners for conducting of the 2023 City of Hiram Municipal Election, at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00, to be funded by General Fund.
  - b) Authorizing the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to utilize Gray's Mill Park for their Out of the Darkness Walk event at Gray's Mill Park on October 21, 2023.
  - c) Adoption of Resolution 2023-03, City of Ethics re-certification.
  - d) Adoption of City-Wide Cash Handling Policy, as an update to the Employee Handbook.
- Adopted Ordinance 2023-03, approving Land Use Permit 2023-01-LUP (CoH) at 590 Hiram Douglasville Highway.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-04, Adoption of the Paulding County Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update for 2022 - 2050.
- Discussed the creation of a Sanitation Supervisor position and two Sanitation Laborer positions, to be assigned to the operations of the Sanitation Department.
- Created and funded the positions needed to operate the in-house sanitation services including a Sanitation Supervisor position, as described in the job description, with a starting salary of \$50,000.00 per year, and two Sanitation Laborer positions, as described in the job description, with a starting salary of \$16.00 per hour; positions are to be funded by the Sanitation Enterprise Fund, with an initial transfer from Cash Reserves.
- Discussed the clarification to the vote from March 7, 2023 Council Meeting, regarding the purchase of sanitation vehicles.
- Approved the final installment payment in the fifth year for the purchase of the Sanitation Vehicles in the amount of \$137,445.54, to be funded by the Sanitation Enterprise Fund, or cash reserves, if necessary.
- LaDonna Brown from Seaboard Township spoke of the flooding in her back yard.
- Mayor Moran mentioned the Paulding County Children Advocacy Center's walk on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> and the upcoming Work Session on April 25 at 6pm in the Municipal Annex.
- Mayor Pro Tem Philyaw mentioned the Annual Fish Fry at the Rosenwald on Saturday from 12PM-3PM.
- Councilmember Devey congratulated City Clerk Melissa Chosewood for being named GMCA Clerk of the Month for January.
- Mayor Moran wished Melissa Chosewood a happy birthday (on the 22<sup>nd</sup>).
- Councilmember Bayardelle mentioned the Greystone Power Luncheon on Thursday at 11:30am

and the ribbon cutting for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. at 4pm at the Paulding Chamber of Commerce.

- Mayor Pro Tem Philyaw inquired on various construction around the City/County.
- Councilmember Bookout mentioned the light pole repair needed at Ben Hill Strickland Sr. Memorial Park.
- Councilmember Bayardelle asked about business vacancies downtown.
- Adjourned the Regular Session.

Melissa Chosewood  
City Clerk  
04/13/2023

