

# CITY OF HIRAM COUNCIL MEETING REGULAR SESSION SUMMARY 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”.
- Approved minutes from the July 5, 2023 Regular Session and the July 25, 2023 Work Session.
- Approved the Consent Agenda:
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Audit Services Agreement with Mr. James Whitaker for FY2023 ARPA funds.
  - Authorizing additional funds needed for outfitting four Ford Explorers, in an amount not to exceed \$22,000.00, to be funded by Police SPLOST.
- Paulding Education Foundation withdrew their request to utilize Gray's Mill Park/76 Seaboard Street (parking) on October 14, 2023.
- Approved updated rental terms and conditions for The Events Place.
- Authorized 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.
- Tabled the vote on annexation of Metromont Road property until completion of all Zoning-related Public Hearings.
- 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.
- Adjourned the Regular Session.

Melissa Chosewood  
City Clerk  
08/02/2023

