

**CITY OF HIRAM COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR SESSION SUMMARY MINUTES  
Tuesday, December 5, 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, Deputy Chief Josh Lonergan, Officer Nicolas Bartlett, Leo Parker, and Isabella Orr.

**The Regular Session for December 5, 2023 was called to order by Mayor Frank Moran at 6:00pm in the Municipal Annex.**

- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Jody Palmer.
- Mayor recognized Post II Commissioner Sandy Keacher for being in the audience.
- Chief Michael Turner and Deputy Chief Josh Lonergan presented the Life Saving Award to Police Officer Nicolas Bartlett for his quick action in saving a wounded person's life.
- Mayor presented Kathy Bookout with a plaque to commemorate her time as councilmember.
- Approved minutes from the November 8, 2023 Regular Session and the November 28, 2023 Work Session.
- Approved the Consent Agenda:
  - Awarding the FY2024 City Mowing/Landscape Contract to Outdoor Solutions.
  - Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Talley, Richardson & Cable for City Attorney services for 2024.
  - Approving the lease/purchase and up-fitting of two Ford F-150 Special Police Vehicles for the Hiram Police Department from Hardy Ford, at a total cost of \$131,709.33, to be financed over three years at an amortized cost of \$43,903.11 per year, to be funded by Police SPLOST.
  - Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Debt Book to be our "subscription based IT arrangements" software, in compliance with GASB 96, for three years at an annual cost of \$7,400.00 plus 5% after year one, to be funded by General Fund.
- Mayor and Council entered into Executive Session to discuss property acquisition.
- Mayor and Council entered back into Regular Session.
- No action was taken on what was discussed in Executive Session.
- Discussed the current agreement with Paulding Chamber of Commerce regarding hotel/motel excise tax disbursement.
- Voted to terminate the agreement with the Paulding Chamber of Commerce regarding hotel/motel excise tax disbursement with a 30 days' notice.
- No Visitor Business.
- Mayor Moran mentioned upcoming Events:
  - Christmas Tree Lighting: December 9th
  - State of the City Presentation: December 14th at 10AM at Greystone Power.
  - City Hall Closed for Christmas: December 25-26.
- Councilmember Bayardelle mentioned the Hiram Police Department Photo Class on December 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30PM-8PM and the Paulding Chamber Luncheon on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM at the Paulding airport.
- Councilmember Devey thanked Jody and Mayor for working with Georgia Power on repairing Christmas lights and recognized Councilmembers Philyaw and Bookout for their service on City Council.
- Chief Turner mentioned road closures for the Tree Lighting on December 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Jody thanked Public Works for their work on repairing the water tower.
- Adjourned the Regular Session.

Melissa Chosewood  
City Clerk  
12/6/2023