

**CITY OF HIRAM COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

**Tuesday, February 7, 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 and Leo Parker.

**The Regular Session for February 7, 2023 was called to order by Mayor Frank Moran at 6:00pm in the Municipal Annex.**

- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Clifford McGrady, Police Department Chaplain.
- Chief Turner delayed the presentation of eight (8) Life-Saving Commendations to members of the Hiram Police Department until the next Regular Session.

**23-014:** Councilmember Battle made a motion to approve minutes from the January 3, 2023 Regular Session; January 26, 2023 Joint Board Meeting; and the January 31, 2023 Work Session. 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

**23-015:** Councilmember Battle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Philyaw seconded the motion.

Consent Agenda:

- a) Authorizing the replacement of the HVAC unit in the basement of the 76 Seaboard Street building by Ronald Smith Heating & Cooling, in an amount not to exceed \$7,615.00, to be funded by Public Works M&O.
- b) Authorizing \$6,547.91 in additional funds for the upfitting of two police vehicles, to be funded by Police SPLOST.
- c) Authorizing use of Gray's Mill Park the weekend of October 6 to October 9 for Faith & Blue Weekend.

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

**23-016:** Councilmember Devey made a motion to table the vote on Ordinance 2023-01, Rezoning of 1680 Hiram Douglasville Highway (Compass Storage) from B2 to I1, until the Regular Session on March 7, 2023. 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

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**23-017:** Councilmember Bayardelle made a motion to authorize the purchase the Ford F-150 that was stolen and then recovered from Gallagher Bassett for \$28,791.67, 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

- Discussed the request from Boy Scouts Troop 7 to use 76 Seaboard Street as a pickup location for their pinestraw fundraiser on March 17 and 18.
- A Boy Scout representative answered questions pertaining to the cost of the pinestraw.

**23-018:** Mayor Pro Tem Teresa Philyaw made a motion to authorize the Boy Scouts Troop 7 to use 76 Seaboard Street as a pickup location for their pinestraw fundraiser on March 17 and 18, 2023. 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

- Mayor Moran mentioned upcoming news and events:
  - February 28: Work session at 6PM in Municipal Annex.
- Councilmember Bayardelle mentioned two upcoming events at the Hiram Rosenwald.
- Ross Downin, owner of Blow and Go, voiced opposition to the rezoning of 1680 Hiram Douglasville Highway (Compass Storage) from B2 to I1, specifying that he and two other business owners at 1680 Hiram Douglasville Highway, Dawn Bostock (owner of We Care Home Care) and Ron Lane (owner of Purple Haze Studios), would like the 1.2 acre parcel to remain zoned as B2.

**23-019:** 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 Chosewood*  
City Clerk

Approved: March 7, 2023

