

**CITY OF HIRAM COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR SESSION SUMMARY MINUTES  
Tuesday, March 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, Officer Andre Morrison, Sergeant Matthew Winfrey, Officer Wyatt McCall, Detective David McCloud, Officer Shawn Alarid, Sergeant David Calhoun, Officer Tyler O'Connor, Kathie Stancil and Leo Parker.  
\*Councilmember Kathy Bookout was not in attendance until 6:14PM

**The Regular Session for March 7, 2023 was called to order by Mayor Frank Moran at 6:03pm in the Municipal Annex.**

- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Clifford McGrady.
- Approved the minutes from the February 7, 2023 Regular Session and the February 28, 2023 Work Session.
- Approved the Consent Agenda:
  - a) Authorized the purchase and installation of lighting in the new downtown parking lot from Georgia Power, in an amount not to exceed \$52,500.00, to be funded by Street SPLOST, and a monthly cost of \$446.85, to be funded by General Fund Public Works Street Lighting.
  - b) Authorized FY23 mid-year budget amendments.
  - c) Authorized the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Mr. James Whitaker to conduct the FY2023, FY2024, FY2025 and FY2026 audits, for an amount not to exceed \$23,000.00 per audit, to be funded by Administration Audit CPA Services.
- Discussed request from International Association of Fire Fighters to hold a blood drive in Hiram on June 9, 2023.
- Authorized the International Association of Firefighters to use either The Events Place or 186 Oak Street Building for a blood drive on June 9, 2023.
- Adopted Ordinance 2023-01, City of Hiram Zoning Ordinance.
- Adopted Ordinance 2023-02, Re-zoning of the property located at 1680 Hiram Douglasville Highway, from B2 to I1, with stipulations.
- Authorized the termination of services with GFL for sanitation service to the City of Hiram and begin servicing sanitation in-house effective July 1, 2023.
- Authorized staff to facilitate all necessary actions to promulgate in-house sanitation, including but not limited to the drafting of rules and policies, hiring staff, organizing routes, and enforcement of existing sanitation ordinance.
- Entered into a finance agreement with Republic First National and Environmental Products Group for a four-year term for the financing of the two sanitation vehicles as outlined on the attached quotes, not to exceed a yearly fee of \$131,000.00, to include the yearly maintenance program and interest charged for the term of four years, to be funded by Cash Reserve.
- Purchased an Auto Lube System for Sanitation Trucks, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, to be funded by Cash Reserves.
- Authorized purchase of sanitation cans and labels, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, to be funded by Cash Reserves.
- Set Sanitation Rates for in-house sanitation services as follows: Curbside \$20.00, Backyard \$24.00, Backyard Medical \$20.00, 65+Curbside \$17.50, 65+ Backyard \$20.00, 65+Backyard Medical \$17.50, 70+Curbside \$15.50, 70+Backyard \$17.00, 70+Backyard Medical \$15.50, Extra Can \$15.00.
- Councilmember Bookout entered the Public Meeting.
- Discussed contracting of Professional Services for State Certification documentation.

- Authorized the Mayor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with "Contracted Accreditation Managers" for the purpose of State re-certification of the Hiram Police Department, in an amount not to exceed \$25,600.00, to be funded by Police Department Professional Services with a budget amendment at a later date.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-02, Civility Resolution.
- Chief Turner presented Officer Andre Morrison, Sergeant Matthew Winfrey, Officer Wyatt McCall, and Detective David McCloud Life-Saving Commendations for the use of NARCAN.
- Chief Turner presented Officer Wyatt McCall, Officer Shawn Alarid, and Sergeant David Calhoun Life-Saving Commendations for their bravery during a house fire last December.
- Chief Turner announced the promotion of Officer Tyler O'Connor to Sergeant.
- Chief Turner recognized of Lt. Michael Wilson for 20 years of service in the Hiram Police Department, and announced his designation as a Captain.
- Mayor Pro Tem Philyaw asked to re-vote on agenda items.
- Mayor Moran was informed by City Attorney J. Jayson Phillips that the votes had already been cast.
- Councilmember Bayardelle mentioned the upcoming shuffle skate this weekend.
- Councilmember Bookout apologized for not voting.
- Councilmember Devey mentioned the upcoming Shepherd's Rest Gala on March 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Councilmember Battle asked Jody for an update on hauling franchise.
- Adjourned the Regular Session.

Melissa Chosewood  
 City Clerk  
 03/09/2023

