

**CITY OF HIRAM COUNCIL MEETING  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
Tuesday, November 28, 2023**



**Councilmembers in Attendance:** Mayor Frank Moran, Mayor Pro Tem Teresa Philyaw, Councilmember Derrick Battle, Councilmember Doris Devey, Councilmember Kathy Bookout, Councilmember Bayardelle.

**Staff in Attendance:** Jody Palmer, J. Jayson Phillips, Melissa Chosewood, Leo Parker, Kathie Stancil, Jackie Pryor, Chief Michael Turner, Sally Butterworth, Isabella Orr.

**The Work Session for November 28, 2023 was called to order by Mayor Frank Moran at 6:00PM in the Municipal Annex.**

- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Pastor Wayne Meadows from Poplar Springs Baptist Church
- Mayor and Council recognized Hiram Elementary School Citizenship Award recipients:
  - Kindergarten: Toni Ciceron & Aaryn Smith
  - First Grade: Michael Lyttle & Carter Kershaw
  - Second Grade: Kalani Banks & Jordyn Bennett
  - Third Grade: Kendrick Lewis & Racquel Calloway
  - Fourth Grade: Cameron Lewis & Logan Tribble
  - Fifth Grade: Amber Smith & Cameron Williams
- Discussed awarding the FY2024 City Mowing/Landscape Contract.
- Discussed Work Session for December.
- Discussed the 2024 appointments for Mayor Pro Tem, City Attorney, Municipal Court Judge, Stand-by Judges, Prosecuting Attorney, and Indigent Defense Attorney.
- Discussed GASB 96 compliance and the use of Debt Book for our subscription Management Software.
- Discussed 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.
- Reviewed Consent Agenda with City Clerk:
  - 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 use of Debt Book for our subscription Management Software to maintain GASB 96 compliance.
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- Mayor and Council decided to change the Christmas Tree Lighting Event to December 9<sup>th</sup> due to inclement weather.
- Mayor Moran mentioned upcoming events:
  - Christmas Tree Lighting: December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6PM in Downtown Hiram
  - Rotary Christmas Parade: December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm in Downtown Dallas
  - Regular Session: December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Municipal Annex
- Councilmember Bayardelle mentioned the upcoming Santa and His Reindeer Event at Hardy Superstore on December 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:30PM-7PM.
- Leo Parker reported that the Veterans Memorial Monuments will be delivered by Christmas.
- Residents from Arnold Lane area expressed concerns over the construction being done on Arnold Lane.
- Mayor Moran announced that the Work Session would be adjourned upon the adjournment of Executive Session.

**23-105:** Councilmember Battle made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss property acquisition. 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	

*Melina Chosewood*

City Clerk

Approved: December 05, 2023

