

**CITY OF HIRAM COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, October 3, 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, Tom Cable, Melissa Chosewood, Chief Michael Turner, Clifford McGrady, Leo Parker, Kathie Stancil, Jennifer Prater, and Isabella Orr.

The Regular Session for October 3, 2023 was called to order by Mayor Frank Moran at 6:00pm in the Municipal Annex.

- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Pastor Clifford McGrady.
- Kathie Stancil and Jennifer Prater received the GMA Health & Wellness Grant on behalf of the City of Hiram for 2024.
- The Red Ribbon Week Proclamation was rescheduled for the October 24, 2023 Work Session.

23-093: Councilmember Battle made a motion to approve the minutes from September 5, 2023 Regular Session and the September 26, 2023 Work Session. Mayor Pro Tem Philyaw 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	

23-094: Councilmember Battle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Devey seconded the motion.

Consent Agenda:

- Authorizing the purchase and financing of Taser 10 devices for the Hiram Police Department from Axon Enterprise Inc., in 5 annual payments of \$24,647.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$123,234.96, to be funded by Police SPLOST.
- Granting permission for the Police Department to use the following facilities for the Faith and Blue Weekend from Friday, October 6 to Monday, October 9, 2023: Rear Parking Lot of City Hall, Ben Hill Strickland Sr. Memorial Park Basketball Courts, Gray's Mill Park, and The Events Place.
- Granting permission for the Police Department to use Gray's Mill Park for the annual Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday, October 28, 2023.

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 purchase of Christmas Garland.

23-095: Councilmember Devey made a motion authorize the purchase of Lighted Garland from Holiday Designs, in an amount not to exceed \$15,500.00 which includes a contingency amount of \$455.46, to be funded by Hotel Motel Excise Tax Fund. Councilmember Bookout seconded the motion. Councilmember Bayardelle voiced concerns about the purchase of more holiday decorations.

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Post 3, Bayardelle – No
Post 5, Devey – Yes
Motion passes: 4-1

Post 2, Bookout – Yes
Post 4, Battle – Yes

23-096: Councilmember Devey made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-06, Re-Zoning of 619 Main Street. Councilmember Battle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes
Post 5, Devey – Yes
Motion passes: 4-1

Post 2, Bookout – No
Post 4, Battle – Yes

- Tim Weaver thanked Kathy Bookout for her service as Councilmember and voiced his concerns regarding the project on Arnold Lane.
- Chief Turner provided additional information regarding the upcoming National Faith & Blue Weekend Event, an update on the grant and informed Mayor and Council of the Police Department's involvement with Hearts 4 Heroes on Saturday, November 11th.
- Mayor Moran mentioned the upcoming Events:
 - National Faith and Blue Weekend: October 6th-9th around the City of Hiram.
 - Health & Wellness Fair: October 11th at City Hall Parking Lot from 10AM-3PM
 - Work Session: October 24, 2023 at 6pm in Municipal Annex.
 - Trunk or Treat: October 28th at Gray's Mill Park from 5PM-9PM
- Melissa Chosewood announced that the City of Hiram passed the GBI Audit with 100%.
- Councilmember Bayardelle mentioned the upcoming Greystone Power Luncheon on October 12th and DD & Company's 6 year Anniversary on October 13th.
- Clifford McGrady mentioned the City Chili Cook-Off on November 3rd.

23-097: Councilmember Devey made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session. Councilmember Bayardelle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes
Post 5, Devey – Yes
Motion passes: 5-0

Post 2, Bookout – Yes
Post 4, Battle – Yes

City Clerk
Approved: 11/08/2023

