

**CITY OF HIRAM COUNCIL MEETING  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
Tuesday, September 26, 2023**



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

\*Councilmember Bayardelle was absent due to Leadership Institute Training.

**Staff in Attendance:** J. Jayson Phillips, Melissa Chosewood, Leo Parker, Clifford McGrady, Deputy Chief Joshua Lonergan, Kathie Stancil, Isabella Orr.

**The Work Session for September 26, 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.
- Mayor Moran read the Public Hearing Procedures.
- The City of Hiram held a Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment on application 2023-19-Z (CoH) by Terry J. Cole/ Joel L. Larkin (Sams, Larkin & Huff, LLP), requesting to re-zone a tract of 1.5 acres and a portion of 3.6 acres of R-2 (Suburban Residential) and B-1 (General Business) to I-1 (Light Industrial) for the purpose of expanding an existing business with the construction of an 80'x140' climate controlled, self-storage facility; the property is located in Land Lot 754 along the north side of Main Street, West of the railroad tracks at 619 Main Street in Hiram, Georgia.
- Clifford McGrady read the staff recommendation.
- Joel Larkin spoke in favor of the re-zoning.
- No one spoke in opposition.
- The Public Hearing closed.
- Discussed Veterans Memorial.
- Discussed Severe Weather Warning Siren.
- Discussed the purchase and financing of Taser 10 devices for the Hiram Police Department.
- Discussed 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.
- Discussed granting permission for the Police Department to use Gray's Mill Park for the annual Trunk or-Treat on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 5pm until 10pm.
- Discussed 2023 Christmas Tree Lighting Event.
- Discussed 2024 Employee Benefits.

**23-091:** Councilmember Devey made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with GMEBS for 2024 Employee Benefits, as proposed. Councilmember Battle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – Yes                      Post 2, Bookout – Yes

Post 3, Bayardelle – Absent      Post 4, Battle – Yes

Post 5, Devey – Yes

Motion passes: 4-0

- Reviewed Consent Agenda with City Clerk:
  - Authorizing the purchase and financing of Taser 10 devices for the Hiram Police Department.
  - Granting permission for the Police Department to use the following facilities for the Faith and Blue Weekend from Friday, October 6 to Sunday, 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
- Mayor Moran mentioned upcoming events:
  - Regular Session: October 3, 2023 at 6pm in Municipal Annex
  - National Faith and Blue Weekend: October 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> around the City.
  - Health Wellness Fair: October 11<sup>th</sup> in the new City Hall Parking Lot.
- Clifford McGrady provided date and details about the upcoming Faith and Blue event.
- Councilmember Devey mentioned the Shepherd's Rest Candlelight Vigil Walk on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 5PM.

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- Leo Parker was recognized for completing the Advanced Certificate of Public Works Management program from the American Public Works Association.

**23-092:** Councilmember Battle made a motion to adjourn the Work Session. Mayor Pro Tem Philyaw seconded the motion.

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

*Melina Chosewood*

City Clerk  
Approved: 10/3/2023

