

**CITY OF HIRAM COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, September 5, 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, Melissa Chosewood, Chief Michael Turner, Clifford McGrady, Leo Parker, and Isabella Orr.

The Regular Session for September 5, 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 recognized Post 3 Commissioner Virginia Galloway in attendance.
- Mayor Moran read and presented a proclamation to Amelia Belford and Boyd Monk for CareLink of Northwest Georgia Day.

23-084: Councilmember Battle made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2023 Regular Session and the August 29, 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

23-085: Councilmember Battle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Bookout seconded the motion.

Consent Agenda:

- a) Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Point & Pay as the new credit card processing vendor, effective January 1, 2024.
- b) Accepting and expending \$30,000.00 grant from the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police for the purchase and installation of five (5) mobile data tablets for the Hiram Police Department.
- c) Authorizing and selecting HNC Construction LLC as the contractor, to repair the street and sidewalk at the intersection of Oak Street and Dallas Street, in an amount not to exceed \$7,572.50, to be funded by Public Works M & O, plus a 10% contingency cost of \$757.25, for a total of \$8,329.75.

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

23-086: Councilmember Bayardelle made a motion to allow the use of The Events Place for non-profits with a damage deposit and a nominal usage fee as determined by the governing body. Councilmember Bookout seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – No Post 2, Bookout – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes Post 4, Battle – Yes
Post 5, Devey – No
Motion passes: 3-2

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23-087: Councilmember Bayardelle made a motion to charge non-profit organizations a \$20.00 usage fee for two hours maximum length of time and a damage deposit of \$350.00, for use of The Events Place. Councilmember Battle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – No Post 2, Bookout – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes Post 4, Battle – Yes
Post 5, Devey – No
Motion passes: 3-2

23-088: Councilmember Devey made a motion to purchase of flag poles and lights for the Veterans Memorial, from Global Flags Unlimited, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$46,201.81, to be funded by Recreation SPLOST. Councilmember Battle seconded the motion. Councilmember Devey provided an updated investment inventory and amount. Councilmember Bayardelle suggested a Parks Master Plan for future plans.

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

23-089: Councilmember Battle made a motion to table to authorize and select D&M Tree Service as the contractor for demolition of the 186 Oak Street building, in an amount not to exceed \$27,375.00, to be funded by Recreation SPLOST, plus a 10% contingency cost of \$ 2,737.50, for a total of \$30,112.50. Councilmember Devey seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – Yes Post 2, Bookout – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – No Post 4, Battle – Yes
Post 5, Devey – Yes
Motion passes: 4-1

- Mayor Moran mentioned the upcoming Events:
 - September 7: Paulding Chamber's Public Safety Awards luncheon at Greystone Power Headquarters, 11am-1pm
 - September 11: Patriot Day; 8:40am at Mt. Tabor Park (9/11 memorial site)
 - September 13: Hiram High School Homecoming Parade
 - September 26: Work Session at 6pm in the Municipal Annex.
 - Jody Palmer will be out of town
- Councilmember Bayardelle mentioned the upcoming Events:
 - September 16: Light the Way Charity Gala at the Dallas Civic Center from 6PM-10PM
 - September 19: The Hiram Rosenwald Museum Voter Registration Drive from 4PM-8PM
 - September 20: Slice of Learning from 12:00PM-2:00PM at the Paulding Child Advocacy Center
 - September 29: The Shepherd's Rest Candlelight Vigil from 5PM-8PM at the Downtown Dallas Fountain.
- Councilmember Devey mentioned the upcoming CareLink of Northwest Georgia Cattle Barons's Ball from 6PM-10PM at the Paulding Airport on September 16th.
- Clifford McGrady mentioned the upcoming Faith and Blue weekend on October 6th-9th.
- Chief Turner mentioned that the City of Hiram Police Department received a 100% for their re-certification score.

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23-090: Councilmember Battle 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

Melina Chosewood
City Clerk

Approved: 10/3/2023

