

**CITY OF HIRAM COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, February 6, 2024**



Councilmembers in Attendance: Mayor Frank Moran, Mayor Pro Tem Melissa R. Bayardelle, Councilmember Robert Tressel, Councilmember Tiffany Carroll, Councilmember Derrick Battle, Councilmember Doris Devey.

Staff in Attendance: Jody Palmer, J. Jayson Phillips, Leo Parker, Deputy Chief Joshua Lonergan, Captain Mike Wilson and Lieutenant Tyler Third.

The Regular Session for February 6, 2024 was called to order by Mayor Frank Moran at 6:00pm in the Municipal Annex.

- Mayor Moran recognized Post 2 Commissioner Sandy Kaecher in attendance.
- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by Pastor Robert Endicott from Welcome Home Baptist Church.
- Deputy Chief Joshua Lonergan presented Certification Manager Savannah Carder a Certificate of Appreciation for her hard work during the Police Department State re-Certification process that was completed in 2023.
- Deputy Chief Joshua Lonergan presented the State Certification Plaque for the Hiram Police Department.

24-015: Councilmember Battle made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2, 2024 Regular Session and the January 30, 2024 Work Session. Councilmember Tressel seconded the motion.

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

24-016: Councilmember Battle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Devey seconded the motion.

Consent Agenda:

- a) Approving the purchase of a Leach 2R3 25-yard rear loader sanitation truck, from Environmental Products Group, in the amount of \$238,748.00, to be funded by General Fund Cash Reserve, with a maintenance service agreement, to be paid annually at a rate of \$15,800.00 per year, with the first year to be funded by General Fund Cash Reserve, with three additional years to be funded by Sanitation Operating Fund.
- b) Approving the schedule of City Events for 2024 as follows:
 - Red White & Boom: June 29 at Gray's Mill Park
 - Tree Lighting: December 7 in downtown Hiram
 - New Year's Eve event: December 31/January 1 at Gray's Mill Park

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

- Discussed asbestos removal at the 186 Oak Street building.

24-017: Councilmember Devey made a motion to approve an agreement with Advanced Cleaning and Restoration to provide mitigation services for asbestos removal from the 186 Oak Street building, in an amount not to exceed \$14,850.00, to be funded by Recreation SPLOST. Councilmember Battle seconded the motion.

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

24-018: Mayor Pro Tem Bayardelle made a motion to authorize the Mayor or City Manager to enter into an agreement to finance the purchase and up-fitting of two 2023 Ford Explorers for the Police Department, with a purchase price of \$42,344.00 each and up-fitting cost of \$19,750.15 each; financing to be provided by Ford Credit Municipal Finance for two vehicles at \$124,733.30, which includes an Underwriting Fee of \$545.00, for three years at 8.94% interest, with an annual payment of \$45,184.32, to be funded by Police SPLOST. Councilmember Battle seconded the motion.

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

- Jody Palmer explained that the up-fitting of the Public Works truck in the following agenda item was not included in the agenda as it was not available at the time; the quote has now been received and will cost \$6,242.50.

24-019: Councilmember Devey made a motion to authorize the purchase of a 2023 Ford F-150 for Public Works from Hardy Family Ford, in the amount of \$48,795.00, plus up-fitting in the amount of \$6,242.50, totaling \$55,037.50, to be funded by Street SPLOST. Councilmember Battle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Tressel– Yes Post 2, Carroll – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes Post 4, Battle – Yes
Post 5, Devey – Yes

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Motion passes: 5-0

24-020: Councilmember Carroll made a motion to approve the addition of Veterans Day as a City Holiday. Mayor Pro Tem Bayardelle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Tressel – Yes	Post 2, Carroll – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes	Post 4, Battle – No
Post 5, Devey – No	

Motion passes: 3-2

24-021: Councilmember Tressel made a motion to approve all City Holidays from last year, plus Juneteenth, plus closing at 12:30pm on Thanksgiving eve and Christmas Eve. Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion.

Post 1, Tressel – Yes	Post 2, Carroll – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes	Post 4, Battle – Yes
Post 5, Devey – Yes	

Motion passes: 5-0

24-022: Mayor Pro Tem Bayardelle made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-03, Mayor Pro Tem appointment method sequentially by Post number. Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion.

Post 1, Tressel – Yes	Post 2, Carroll – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes	Post 4, Battle – No
Post 5, Devey – Yes	

Motion passes: 4-1

24-023: Councilmember Devey made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-01, approving an increase of the City Manager's spending limit from \$5,000.00 to \$25,000.00. Councilmember Battle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Tressel – Yes	Post 2, Carroll – No
Post 3, Bayardelle – No	Post 4, Battle – Yes
Post 5, Devey – Yes	

Motion passes: 3-2

24-024: Councilmember Battle made a motion to purchase a table to the Paulding Chamber Gala. Mayor Pro Tem seconded the motion.

Post 1, Tressel – Yes	Post 2, Carroll – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes	Post 4, Battle – Yes
Post 5, Devey – No	

Motion passes: 4-1

- No Visitor Business.
- Mayor Moran mentioned upcoming news and events:
 - Monday, February 26: Work Session at 6pm in the Municipal Annex
- Councilmember Battle requested an update on annexation legislation, Barnwell Street property and former night club property.
- Mayor Pro Tem Bayardelle mention upcoming events:
 - Paulding Chamber Leadership Luncheon at New Season Church on Thursday
 - Ribbon cutting on February 12 at 12pm at Zen Alive
 - Paulding Chamber Non-Profit Industry Roundtable on February 22
 - Paulding Chamber Spark panel on February 27
 - Paulding Chamber Max 101 on February 28
 - Paulding Chamber Healthcare Industry Roundtable on February 29
 - Screening of the movie *Till* at Hiram Rosenwald at 7pm on Saturday
 - All Faith Collaborative meeting on February 29 at The Events Place at 11:30am

24-025: Councilmember Battle made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session. Mayor Pro Tem Bayardelle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Tressel – Yes	Post 2, Carroll – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes	Post 4, Battle – Yes
Post 5, Devey – Yes	

Motion passes: 5-0

Melina Chaeval

City Clerk

Approved: March 5, 2024