

**CITY OF HIRAM COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION SUMMARY MINUTES
Tuesday, January 2, 2024**



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

Staff in Attendance: Jody Palmer, J. Jayson Phillips, Melissa Chosewood, Leo Parker, Chief Michael Turner, Deputy Chief Joshua Lonergan, Sergeant Wyatt McCall, Corporal Nicolas Bartlett, Isabella Orr.

The Regular Session for January 2, 2024 was called to order by Mayor Frank Moran at 6:00pm in the Municipal Annex.

- Mayor recognized guests Post 3 Commissioner Virginia Galloway, Judge Dean Bucci and Sally Haymen.
- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Pastor Derek Berry from Tabernacle Baptist Church.
- City Clerk administered oaths to Mayor Moran.
- Mayor Moran administered oaths to Councilmembers Tiffany Carroll and Robert Tressel.
- Chief Michael Turner announced the promotion of Wyatt McCall to Police Sergeant and Nicolas Bartlett to Police Corporal.
- Approved minutes from the December 5, 2023 Regular Session, December 14, 2023 State of Paulding Address, and the December 21, 2023 Special Session.
- Appointed Melissa R. Bayardelle as Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Hiram.
- Appointed Chad Plumley as the Municipal Court Judge for the City of Hiram.
- Appointed C. David Mecklin, Jr. and Tim McCreary as Standby Judges for the Hiram Municipal Court.
- Appointed Victoria Aronow as the Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Hiram.
- Appointed Linda Caldwell as the Indigent Defense Attorney for the City of Hiram.
- Appointed J. Jayson Phillips as the City Attorney for the City of Hiram.
- Mayor Moran administered oaths to Mayor Pro Tem, Municipal Court Judge, and the City Attorney.
- Mayor Moran announced that the oaths for the Prosecuting Attorney, Indigent Defense Attorney and standby judges would be administered at a later date.
- Discussed new Mayor Pro Tem to be able to sign all banking materials.
- Authorized the new Mayor Pro Tem to sign banking materials.
- Discussed Ga Fund 1 Resolution update.
- Adopted Resolution 2024-01, authorizing the new Mayor Pro Tem to sign all paperwork for the Ga Fund One General Fund account.
- Adopted Resolution 2024-02, authorizing the Mayor Pro Tem to sign all paperwork for the Ga Fund One Water Fund account.
- Authorized the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Metromont, LLC to purchase the property known as 150 Oak Street, in the amount of \$290,000.00, to be funded by American Recovery Plan Act Funds.
- No visitor business.
- Mayor Moran mentioned upcoming news and events:
 - **January 15:** City Hall closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
 - **January 30:** Work session at 6PM in Municipal Annex.
- Councilmember Carroll expressed appreciation to her supporters throughout her campaign.
- Mayor Pro Tem Bayardelle mentioned the upcoming MLK JR. Day Charity Event at The Rosenwald on January 15th from 1PM-3PM.
- Councilmember Battle thanked staff for their hard work in putting together the New Year's Eve Event.
- Councilmember Devey expressed the same appreciation.
- Mayor Moran also thanked staff for the event and Dennis Law from The Philly Steak Spot.
- Adjourned the Regular Session.

Melissa Chosewood
City Clerk
01/04/2024