

**CITY OF HIRAM COUNCIL MEETING
WORK SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday May 28, 2024**



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

Staff in Attendance: Jody Palmer, J. Jayson Phillips, Melissa Chosewood, Jackie Pryor, Leo Parker, Chief Michael Turner, Saundra Touchstone, Cliff McGrady.

The Work Session for May 28, 2024 was called to order by Mayor Frank Moran at 6:00pm in the Municipal Annex.

- Invocation and Pledge of allegiance led by Clifford McGrady, Hiram Police Department Chaplain.
- Mayor Moran and Freddie Broome recognized Mayor Pro Tem Melissa Bayardelle for successfully completing the Municipal Leader Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Certificate Program, offered by Georgia City Solutions, a Georgia Municipal Association nonprofit.
- Mayor Moran and Council presented a \$2,000 sponsorship check to Hiram Rosenwald; Ms. Battle was in attendance to accept the check on behalf of Hiram Rosenwald.
- Mayor Moran and Council presented a \$2,000 sponsorship check to Hiram Elementary School; Principal Black was in attendance to accept the check.
- Mayor Moran read the Public Hearing Procedures.
- The City of Hiram held a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment regarding Application 2024-02-Z (CoH) by Stephen W. Brooks to rezone a 1.37 acre property within the City of Hiram from R-2(Suburban Residential District) to B-2 (Highway Business District); property address 29 Dallas Street.
- Mr. Stephen Brooks, applicant, spoke in favor of the application.
- Mr. Nathaniel Rhodes, from Rhodes Contracting, spoke in opposition of the application.
- Public Hearing closed.
- Mayor Moran read the Public Hearing procedures for the Budget Public Hearing.
- The City of Hiram held a public hearing to receive public comment regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.
- No public comment was made.
- Public Hearing was closed.
- Discussed the petition by Jerry Moody to annex 1.0 acres, located at 3401 Nebo Road, into the City limits of Hiram.
- Discussed replacing the existing City phone system with a new VOIP phone system.
- Discussed adopting an indemnification ordinance.
- Discussed Strategic Planning.
- Discussed hotel/motel excise tax.
- A representative of Olde Towne Hiram Business Association read their Mission Statement.
- Reviewed Consent Agenda with City Clerk:
 - Purchase of a road grinder and post driver system for Public Works.
 - Purchase of a 2023 F-550 dump truck instead of the 2024 F-550 dump truck that was approved by Council on March 5, 2024.

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24-055: Councilmember Devey made a motion to table consideration of the vote to approve the rezoning of the property located at 29 Dallas Street to the June 4, 2024 Regular Session. 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

24-056: Councilmember Battle made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with RDS for the installation of a VOIP phone system and a 60-month service subscription, with a one-time installation cost of \$930.00 and monthly cost of \$551.15, at the terms and rates if the agreement; to be funded by the General Fund. Councilmember Devey seconded the motion.

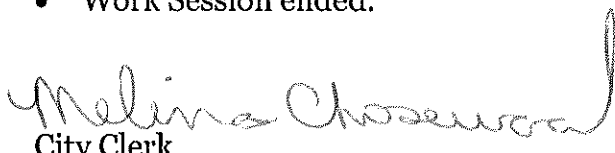
Post 1, Tressel-Yes Post 2, Carroll-Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle- Yes Post 4, Battle- Yes
Post 5, Devey-Yes
Motion Passes: 5-0

- Mayor Moran mentioned upcoming news and events:
 - Regular Session Meeting-Budget adoption on June 4, 2024 in Municipal Annex
- Cliff McGrady gave an update on the Arnold Lane project.
- Mayor Moran announced that the meeting would adjourn from Executive Session.

24-057: Councilmember Tressel made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss real estate. 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

- Work Session ended.



City Clerk
Approved: June 4, 2024