

June 7, 2011

Work Session of the City of Hiram, Georgia
217 Main Street, Hiram, Georgia
Hiram City Hall

The work session for June 7, 2011 of the City of Hiram was called to order by Mayor Rollins at 5:30 pm.

Work Session attendees: Mayor Carmen C. Rollins, Mayor Pro Tem Jack Paris, Councilman Derrick Battle, Councilwoman Earlene Graham, Councilwoman Teresa Philyaw, Councilwoman Helena Williams, City Clerk Terri Holley, Deputy City Clerk Jill Head, City Operations Manager Jody Palmer, Police Chief Gary Yandura, Angela Wingers, Richard Grant, Cynthia Geyer, Melinda McGuire, Keith Graham, Hugh Smith, Jim Croft, Tanja Patterson, Brandy Bray, Heather Peacon-Corn, Catherine Fox, Jamie Gilbert, Gary Davis

1. Jim Croft of Croft & Associates discussed a proposal for the 855 Hiram Douglasville Hwy. building. Councilperson Helena Williams expressed concern regarding the septic system and asked Mr. Croft to make sure that it is capable of handling a multipurpose function building that involves food and potential high-volume water usage. Mr. Croft explained that blueprints for the building are not available; therefore, further utility research needs to be conducted including the septic system. City Operations Manager Jody Palmer stated that the purchase of the building and the lot allows for additional parking for downtown Hiram as well as provide possible endeavors into providing tunnel access to Ben Hill Strickland Sr. Memorial Park. Mayor Rollins suggested that the remaining funds from the redeemed CD's earmarked for the City Hall renovation be used to partially cover the cost of renovations to the 855 Hiram Douglasville Hwy. building.
2. Discussion took place regarding the Gateway Sign that welcomes guests to Hiram and/or Paulding County. FL Graphix submitted an estimate of \$60,000.00. Mayor Rollins explained that she has asked Chairman David Austin if Paulding County would like to contribute \$20,000.00 to the project, and she believes a contribution is unlikely because of the County's budget concerns. The addition of electricity and irrigation are not included in the estimate. Councilperson Helena Williams asked how the City has permission to use the land for the proposed sign. Mayor Rollins explained that the owners, Fairway Investments, have a written document providing the right-of-way to the City of Hiram at no charge.
3. Mayor Rollins asked the Council to read the Municode proposal in order to be ready to discuss it at a future special called meeting or the next council meeting.
4. Chief Gary Yandura explained to the Mayor and Council that the State of Georgia passed Senate Bill 10 a new Sunday Sale Alcohol bill which allows local governments to call for referendums in order for voters to determine Sunday sale of alcohol. This will need to be further researched and placed on a future agenda for the Council to vote for the referendum to be placed on the ballot for the November elections.
5. Discussion took place regarding a code enforcement issue on a piece of property that is

potentially hazardous that Chief Yandura has had several complaints about. Chief stated that he has contacted the Fire Department and the Paulding County Marshal's Office, both of which told him to refer to Georgia State law.

Jill Head
Deputy City Clerk