February 09, 2012
Work Session Meeting of the City of Hiram, Georgia
217 Main Street, Hiram, Georgia
Hiram City Hall

The Work Session for February 9, 2012 of the City of Hiram was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Derrick Battle.

Work Session attendees: Mayor Pro Tem Derrick Battle, Councilperson Teresa Philyaw, Councilperson Earlene Graham, Councilperson Kathy Bookout, Councilperson Prather Rollins, City Attorney Glen Stinson, City Administrator/Clerk Cynthia Geyer, City Operations Manager Jody Palmer, Chief Gary Yandura, Don Brown, Bob Bookout, Jon Gargis, Mary Hood, Randy Logan, Jamie Gilbert, Hugh Smith, Jim Croft, and Richard Grant.

1. During the January 3, 2012 Regular Session Meeting, the Agreement to reinstate/renew the Georgia Municipal Employee Benefit System was tabled. Randy Logan, GMA Employee Benefits Counselor, provided an informational presentation overviewing Hiram's current Retirement/Pension program. The 2012 GMEBS Adoption Agreement will be presented at the February 14, 2012 Regular Session for signature by the Mayor Pro Tem and City Attorney.

2. During the January 3, 2012 Regular Session Meeting, the signing of the 2012 Paulding Economic Development Organization Contract was tabled. Jamie Gilbert, EDO Director and Hiram Representatives Hugh Smith and Jim Croft presented an update to the accomplishments of the EDO in 2011, future planning for the Paulding Economic program and the role the EDO plays specifically in Hiram. They presented information on how funding for 2011 was invested. The 2012 EDO Contract for the City of Hiram will be presented at the February 14, 2012 Regular session meeting for signature by the Mayor Pro Tem.

3. Jody Palmer and Chief Yandura presented their department's Surplus Declaration Forms requesting authorization to sell, salvage or trade the identified items. Vote to approve requested at the February 14, 2012 Regular Session meeting.

4. Chief Yandura presented information on the new Radio System proposed by Paulding County which is scheduled to be implemented over the next year. Hiram Police Department and Public Works are requesting to purchase and implement the same system so that we remain compatible with communications systems used by the Paulding Sheriff and Emergency 911 system as well as improve communications with outside the county jurisdictions. Chief requested approval of SPLOST Project for this radio system and the commitment of SPLOST funds up to $210,000.00. Vote to approve requested at the February 14, 2012 Regular Session meeting.

5. Chief Yandura presented information on the Byrne Grant for $10,000 that was awarded to the Police Department for the purchase of the License Plate

Recognition System. Chief Yandura requested SPLOST expenditure of $6980.00 necessary to complete purchase of LPR system. Vote to approve requested at the February 14, 2012 Regular Session meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Battle adjourned the Work Session Meeting.

Cynthia Geyer
City Administrator/Clerk

Minutes Approved February 14, 2012