

CITY OF BREMEN
Council Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2014

Meeting Location: Public Safety Complex • 191 Georgia Avenue North • Bremen, GA 30110

Officials Present: Mayor Sharon Sewell
Council Member W.O. (Sonny) Parrish
Council Member Terry Crawford
Council Member Jane Wilson
Council Member Kyle Shepherd

6:00 P.M.
Work Session
Mayor & City Council
Informal Discussions Session

*Informal discussion among Mayor Sewell, City Council Members, Department Heads and City Attorney.
No action taken during work session. The discussed items are listed below.*

§ Habitat for Humanity
§ Agenda Items
§ Department Head Updates

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session at 6:55 p.m. to begin the regular council meeting.

7:00 P.M.
City Council Meeting
Mayor & Council Members
Regularly Scheduled Session

1. *Call to Order*
2. *Pledge of Allegiance*
3. *Invocation*
4. *Review and Modification of the Agenda*
5. *Approval of the March 17, 2014 Regular Council Meeting*
6. *Habitat for Humanity*
7. *Haralson County SDS Agreement*
7. *Open to the Public*
8. *Adjourn*

Call to Order

Mayor Sewell called the council meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

Agenda Changes

Mayor Sewell added agenda number 6a for JR Tumi to address the council regarding a program he has put together which helps people in need of food & shelter.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2014 regular council meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Crawford seconded by Council Member Shepherd to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on March 17, 2014. The motion carried.

Habitat for Humanity

Mayor Sewell stated that this is a request for a waiver of the building permit fees and also the water & sewer tap fees on four houses that Habitat for Humanity will be building on North Georgia Avenue.

Jennifer Shunn, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity spoke briefly and explained the type of families that are chosen for each of the homes. She stated that family purchases the home on a low monthly payment which is interest free. Mrs. Shunn stated to the Mayor and Council that they have already paid the material costs for the taps and asked if they will consider waiving the city's fee for each of those tap fees and also the permit fees.

Mayor Sewell stated that the city would not be out any money for this if Habitat for Humanity is going to pay the material cost of the taps for these four homes. She asked for a motion to waive the building permit fees as well as the water & sewer tap fees on the four homes that Habitat for Humanity is planning to build on North Georgia Avenue with the understanding that they will pay the material costs for each.

A motion was made by Council Member Crawford seconded by Council Member Parrish to waive the building permit fees as well as the water & sewer tap fees for the four homes on North Georgia Avenue being built by Habitat for Humanity with the understanding that they will pay the material costs for each. The motion carried unanimously.

J.R. Tumi - Save to Serve

Chief Keith Pesnell stated that J.R. Tumi, a 12 year old boy, came to him with an idea to help the homeless people that we see along the roadways holding up signs. He has come to present his *Save to Serve* program to the Mayor and Council.

J.R. Tumi addressed the Mayor and Council and stated that he has begun a *Save to Serve* program to help the homeless. With the help of donations, I will put care packets together for the police officers and anyone else who may like to keep them in their vehicles to pass along to homeless people that they see them standing on the roads holding up signs. There will also be a scripture note placed into the bag so that these people can learn about Jesus as some of them may not have had the opportunity to learn the word of God. He had one of the packages with him to show the Mayor and Council and said that he is here to ask for approval from the council to place a donation drop box at City Hall and at the Police Department. These drop boxes will be for people who wish to donate any of the items for the care packages; they will be able to drop them off at one of these locations. J.R. also read the list of items that are placed into the care packages which would be the items needed if anyone wished to donate.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve Save to Serve drop boxes be placed at both the City Hall and Police Department.

A motion made by Council Member Wilson seconded by Council Member Crawford for the approval of placing a Save to Serve drop box at City Hall and also at the Police Department. The motion carried unanimously.

Haralson County SDS Agreement

Mayor Sewell stated that this is the same agreement that has already been approved by the Council. There are some editorial issues but there is no change to the content of the agreement.

A motion was made by Council Member Wilson seconded by Council Member Crawford to approve the Haralson County SDS Agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

Open to the Public

There was no business to be brought before the mayor and council from the floor.

Adjourn

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to adjourn the regular council meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Crawford to adjourn the regular council meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.