

CITY OF BREMEN
Council Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2015

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 following items were discussed during the work session.

School Bonds
Supplemental Lease Program with GMA
Waste Industries / Collection Agreement
Purchase of Building Located at 131 Pacific Avenue
Department Head Updates

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session at 7:00 p.m. to begin the regular council meeting.

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

Agenda

1. *Call to Order*
2. *Pledge of Allegiance*
3. *Invocation*
4. *Review and Modification of the Agenda*
5. *Approval of the June 15, 2015 Regular Council Meeting*
6. *School Bonds*
7. *Supplemental Lease Ordinance*
8. *Solid Waste Collection Agreement*
9. *Purchasing Card Policy*
10. *Open to the Public*
11. *Adjourn*

Call to Order

Mayor Sewell called the council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

Review & Modification of the Agenda

Mayor Sewell removed item #9 from the agenda. She added item #9 back to the agenda for the approval to purchase the building located at 131 Pacific Avenue. Mayor Sewell also added item #9a to the agenda for an economic development update.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on June 15, 2015.

A motion was made by Council Member Crawford seconded by Council Member Shepherd to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on June 15, 2015. The motion carried.

School Bonds

Bremen School Superintendent, David Hicks presented the Mayor and Council with a Referendum which would allow the school to issue bonds for the purpose of building a new gymnasium at the Bremen High School. The cost of

the gymnasium is estimated to cost between 6 and 7 million dollars. Should the Mayor and Council approve this referendum, the question would be voted on at the general election on November 3, 2015 to ask whether or not the Bremen School Board should be allowed to issue bonds for the purpose of building a new gymnasium.

Council Member Crawford made a motion to approve the referendum as presented by David Hicks. Council Member Shepherd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Supplemental Lease Ordinance with GMA

City Manager, Perry Hicks stated that this ordinance would be an exhibit attached to the master lease that we have with GMA (which was approved in 2005) and would allow an authorized agent of the city to execute a lease supplement pursuant to the master lease for the purposes of leasing various heavy equipment. We have appropriated funds for equipment purchases in the FY2016 budget that was recently adopted.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the supplemental lease ordinance.

A motion was made by Council Member Parrish seconded by Council Member Shepherd to approve the supplemental lease ordinance as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Solid Waste Collection Transportation and Disposal Agreement

Perry Hicks stated that this is an agreement with waste industries to include the collection of yard debris along with the agreed upon garbage and recycle services that we currently receive. He stated that the recommended garbage rate for each customer would be \$14.50 and that is an increase of \$1.86 per month to our residential customers.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the Solid Waste Collection Transportation and Disposal Agreement between the City of Bremen and Waste Industries.

A motion was made by Council Member Crawford to approve the agreement with Waste Industries as presented and to include the city's charge per customer be \$14.50 per month. Council Member Parrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Purchasing of the Property Located at 131 Pacific Avenue (Adjoining the Old Police & Fire Building)

Mayor Sewell stated that the building located at 131 Pacific Avenue which is owned by the Ramps, adjoins our old police and fire building. The Ramps are willing to sell the building to the city for \$5,400.00.

Mayor Sewell stated that we are trying to have those old buildings torn down and it would look better if we do not leave this one building standing since the purpose of the demolition is to make it look better.

Council member Parrish made a motion seconded by Council Member Crawford to purchase the property located at 131 Pacific Avenue from the Ramps for the sum of \$5,400 for the purposes of demolishing the building at the time that the demolition takes place on the old police and fire building which is adjoined to. The motion carried unanimously.

Economic Development Update

Eric McDonald with the Haralson County Chamber of Commerce spoke briefly to the Mayor and Council and gave them an update on economic development in our area.

Open to the Public

John Cartwright asked for clarification of a sign ordinance issue.

Mayor Sewell stated that the sign ordinance issues are taken up with the zoning board but we will try to answer the question.

City Attorney, Sam Price was able to answer his question.

There was no further business to come before the Mayor and Council.

Adjourn

Mayor Sewell requested 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 8:16 p.m.