

CITY OF BREMEN  
Council Meeting Minutes  
November 16, 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 Jane Wilson  
Council Member Terry Crawford

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

The Work Session is an informal discussion among Mayor Sewell, City Council Members, City Manager, Department Heads and the City Attorney. There is no action taken during the work session. The following items were discussed.

*Agenda Items*

*Haralson County Service Delivery Strategy Update*

*Library Board Appointments*

*Special Election March 1, 2016 for Council Post 3*

*Department Head Updates*

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session at 6:50 p.m. to begin the regular council meeting.

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**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 October 19, 2015 Regular Council Meeting*
6. *Resolution - General Obligation School Bond*
7. *Quit Claim Deed - Five Notch Drive*
8. *Keep Haralson Beautiful Funding Request ;(\$946)*
9. *Recognition - District 5 GRPA Innovation Program of the Year Award*
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 stated that we have four additions to the agenda for tonight. Item #7a. is being added for the approval of a Resolution for the Haralson County Service Delivery Strategy Update. Item #8a. will be added for Library Board appointments. Item #8b. is being added for the approval of Holiday Bonuses and item #9a. is being added for the purposes of recognizing one of our police officers.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on October 19, 2015.

Council Member Crawford made a motion to approve the October 19, 2015 minutes. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**General Obligation School Bonds - Resolution**

City Manager, Perry Hicks stated that this is a resolution to approve the election results for the purposes of selling bonds.

Council Member Wilson made a motion seconded by Council Member Crawford to approve the resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Five Notch Drive - Quit Claim Deed**

City Attorney, Sam Price stated that the Quit Claim deed for Five Notch Drive is simply the city stating that we never accepted this street as a city street and we have never maintained the street. We are deeding it to the four adjoining property owners.

Council Member Parrish made a motion seconded by Council Member Crawford to approve the Quit Claim deed for Five Notch Drive. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Haralson County Service Delivery Strategy Update - Resolution**

Perry Hicks stated that this is just a resolution for the service delivery agreement that we already have an intergovernmental agreement on.

A motion was made by Council Member Crawford seconded by Council Member Wilson to approve the Resolution for the Haralson County Service Delivery Strategy Update. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Keep Haralson Beautiful Funding Request**

Ann Crim with the Keep Haralson Beautiful Program was present and she spoke briefly to the mayor and council. She stated that Keep Haralson Beautiful has been approved for the Alice Huffard Richards Foundation Environmental Grant. The grant requires matching funds in the amount of \$5,000 and will be used to continue the current abatement programs/projects and to implement new ones. She stated that she is here to request funding from the City of Bremen in the amount of \$946 to help match the \$5,000. The amount requested from each city is based on the same percentage that is used for the SPLOST distribution.

Mayor Sewell asked City Manager Perry Hicks if we can afford to do this amount.

Perry Hicks stated that we have an economic development line within our budget that has the available funds and can be used for this request.

Council Member Wilson made a motion to approve the funding request to Keep Haralson Beautiful in the amount of \$946. Council Member Crawford seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Library Board Appointments**

Mayor Sewell stated that we have three appointments to the Library Board for three-year terms ending June 30, 2018. She asked for a motion to reappoint Diane (Dee) Dorch to the Library Board.

Council Member Parrish seconded by Council Member Crawford made a motion to reappoint Diane (Dee) Dorch to the Library Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to reappoint Richard Wagner to the Library Board.

A motion was made by Council Member Wilson seconded by Council Member Crawford to reappoint Richard Wagner to the Library Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to appoint Pam Rabern to the Library Board.

Council Member Parrish seconded by Council Member Crawford made a motion to appoint Pam Rabern to the Library Board. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Holiday Bonuses**

City Manager Perry Hicks stated that last year's holiday bonuses were \$300 for all full time employees who have been with the city for at least 6 months and \$150 for those who have been with the city for less than 6 months.

Council Member Wilson made a motion to approve the holiday bonuses for this year. Council Member Crawford seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Recognition - District 5 GRPA Innovation Program of the Year Award**

Matthew Cody recognized Police Officers Casey Vann and Jennifer Moore for helping with the recreation program and expressed appreciation to both of them for taking part and helping the Bremen Recreation Department receive the GRPA Innovation of the Year Award. He also thanked Chief Pesnell for allowing them to come and be a part of the programs.

### **Recognition - Officer Brandon Harrison / Top of Class at Police Academy**

Chief Pesnell stated that the newest member of the Police Department is Brandon Harrison who has just finished with Police Academy. He stated that while he was at Police Academy, Brandon finished at the top of his class in academics and shooting. Chief Pesnell stated that they are very proud of him and believe that he will fit in with the rest of the team at the Bremen Police Department.

**Open to the Public**

Mayor Sewell asked if there was anyone from the public to come before the Mayor and Council.

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

Mayor Sewell stated that we will change the meeting date for January's meeting because the regularly scheduled 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday falls on the Martin Luther King holiday so we will change that meeting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in January instead of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday.

**Adjourn**

Mayor Sewell requested a motion to adjourn the regular council meeting.

Council Member Parrish made a motion to adjourn the regular council meeting and it adjourned at 7:45 p.m.