

CITY OF BREMEN
Council Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2016

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

Officials Present: Mayor Sharon Sewell
Council Member Dobson Harrison
Council Member Sally Thomason
Council Member Terry Crawford

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 and Agenda Additions
Department Head Updates

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session at 6:50 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 January 11, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes*
6. *Northwest Georgia Regional Commission / Comprehensive Plan Update*
7. *Rick Hartley / Audit Presentation*
8. *Open to the Public*
9. *Executive Session*
10. *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 are adding number 6a to the agenda for the purposes of making an appointment to the Tanner Hospital Authority.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2016 council meeting.

Council Member Crawford made a motion seconded by Council Member Harris to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2016 council meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Northwest Georgia Regional Commission / Comprehensive Plan Update

Julie Meadows with the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission was present, addressed the Mayor and Council briefly regarding the Joint Comprehensive Plan update, and stated the time line in which the plan would need to be completed. She stated that the Steering Committee in which the Mayor and Council appointed at last months meeting, would meet around 3 or 4 times throughout the next year in order to get the process completed.

Mayor Sewell thanked Mrs. Meadows for taking the time to come and share her information with us.

Tanner Hospital Authority

Mayor Sewell stated that Anita Price is retiring and will need replaced on the Hospital Authority. She stated that Gelan Wasdin is the recommendation for the Tanner Hospital Authority. She stated that he meets all of the requirements to serve and she asked for a motion to appoint Mr. Wasdin to the Tanner Hospital Authority.

A motion was made by Council Member Thomason seconded by Council member Crawford to appoint Gelan Wasdin to the Tanner Hospital Authority. The motion carried unanimously.

Rick Hartley / Audit Presentation

The city's Financial Consultant, Rick Hartley, was present and presented the Mayor and Council with the highlights from the Fiscal Year 2015 Audit, which was completed by Will M. Robinson, CPA, out of Carrollton, GA.

Open to the Public

Robert League introduced himself to the new council members and then asked council if they have any plans for the property site of the old police department and the property site of the old boarding house on Buchanan Street.

Mayor Sewell stated that we do not have any plans yet due to the fact, we spent our money getting the buildings torn down. She stated that we would be open to public input on that whenever the time comes that we are ready to do something with the property site of the old police department.

City Manager, Perry Hicks stated that the city does not own the Buchanan Street property; we only have a lien against the property.

Robert League also made mention of the city workers and stated that they do a good job and its worth making mention of. He stated that he sees them throughout the workdays and they are always working hard to take care of the city.

Mayor Sewell thanked Mr. League for his kind words and for noticing the good job that the city employees are doing.

Executive Session

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to go into executive session.

A motion was made by Council Member Crawford seconded by Council Member Harris to adjourn into executive session. The motion carried.

Council Member Crawford made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting. Council Member Thomason seconded the motion and the motion to reconvene the regular meeting carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Crawford seconded by Council Member Thomason to approve Mayor Sewell to sign the affidavit regarding Executive Session for discussing real estate matters. The motion carried.

Adjourn

Council Member Crawford made a motion to adjourn the regular council meeting. Council Member Harris seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

AFFIDAVIT
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths, Sharon Sewell, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and on oath states the following:

1. I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the Bremen City Council held on the 15th day of February, 2016.

2. That it is my understanding that O.C.G.A 50-14-4(b) provides as follows:

When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a) of this code section, the chairperson or other person presiding over such meeting shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion hereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions providing by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.

3. This subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 15th day of February, 2016, which was closed for the purpose(s) of Real Estate as allowed by O.C.G.A, Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with mandate of O.C.G.A 50-14-4(b) that such affidavit be executed. This 15th day of February, 2016.

Sharon Sewell, Mayor / Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____
day of _____, 2016

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: _____