

CITY OF BREMEN
Council Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2016

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

Officials Present: Mayor Sewell
Council Member Harris
Council Member Thomason
Council Member Otwell
Council Member Crawford

Admin Present: Perry Hicks, City Manager
Sam Price, City Attorney
Mike Thompson, Operations Manager
Amy Ridley, City Clerk
Jay Hurley, Fire Chief
Keith Pesnell, Police Chief
Richard Harrison, Police Captain
Matthew Cody, Recreation Director
Russell Collier, Recreation

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 the topics of discussion during the work session.

Norfolk Southern - Allegedly Planning to Cut Trees Along RR Tracks
Agenda Items
Department Head Updates
FY 2017 Budget

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
Regular Scheduled Session

Agenda

1. *Call to Order*
2. *Pledge of Allegiance*
3. *Invocation*
4. *Review and Modification of the Agenda*
5. *Approval of Minutes from the June 20, 2016 Regular Council Meeting*
6. *Public Hearing: Proposed Amendments & Revisions of Chapters 1, 2, and 62 of the Official Code of the City Bremen*
7. *Bremen Girls Softball 6 & Under - Dizzy Dean State Champions*
8. *Open to the Public*
9. *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 will be changing the order of the agenda and placing item number 7 before item number 6 in order to honor the girls state champions first.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on June 20, 2016.

Council Member Otwell made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on June 20, 2016. Council Member Crawford seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Bremen Girls Softball 6 & Under - Dizzy Dean State Champions

Recreation Director, Matt Cody stated that the Bremen Girls Softball 6 & Under are not only Dizzy Dean State Champions but they are the very first Dizzy Dean State Champions as this is the first year it has been awarded for this age group. He stated how proud we are of these girls and he asked Mayor Sewell to join him on the floor so as he represents each player as well as each coach with a plaque.

Mayor Sewell had a photo made with each of the players as they received their plaque from Matt Cody.

After each of the team players were called, Mr. Cody then asked all of the players and coaches to come forward for a group photo with Mayor Sewell.

Mayor Sewell and all of the Council Members congratulated the team for winning the State Championship.

Public Hearing - Proposed Amendments & Revisions to Chapters 1, 2, and 62 of the Official Code of Bremen

City Attorney, Sam Price stated the revisions in which is being proposed in each of these three chapters and he stated that this is the second hearing as required for these amendments and revisions to be approved.

Mayor Sewell asked if there was any discussion and/or a motion to approve the amendments and revisions of Chapter 1 of the Official Code of Bremen as presented by City Attorney, Sam Price.

Council Member Crawford made a motion that was seconded by Council Member Otwell to approve the amendments and revisions of Chapter 1 of the Official Code of Bremen as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sewell asked if there was any discussion and/or a motion to approve the amendments and revisions of Chapter 2 of the Official Code of Bremen as presented by City Attorney, Sam Price.

Council Member Thomason stated that she doesn't feel comfortable with the Library Board of Trustees serving life terms and she feels like we should reconsider that and make it consistent with other boards. Council Member Harris agreed with Council Member Thomason and once discussed the agreement was to change the wording to state that the Library Board of Trustees will serve six-year terms and allowed to serve two consecutive terms.

Council Member Harris made a motion that was seconded by Council Member Otwell to approve the amendments and revisions to Chapter 2 of the Official Code of Bremen with the change being made to state that the Library Board will serve six-year terms and two consecutive terms. The motion carried.

Mayor Sewell asked if there was any discussion and/or a motion to approve the amendments and revisions of Chapter 62 of the Official Code of Bremen as presented by City Attorney, Sam Price.

Council Member Crawford made a motion to accept Chapter 62 amendments and revisions as presented by City Attorney, Sam Price. Council Member Thomason seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Open to the Public

There was no further business to come before the mayor and council.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Council Member Crawford to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:40 p.m. The regular meeting of the mayor and council was adjourned at 7:40 pm.