

City of Bremen Council Meeting

March 20, 2017

Bremen Public Safety Complex

191 Georgia Avenue North

Bremen, Georgia 30110

City Officials in Attendance: Mayor Sewell and Council Members: Dobby Harris, Salli Thomason, Jai Otwell and Terry Crawford

Administration in Attendance: City Manager Perry Hicks, City Attorney Sam Price, Operations Manager Mike Thompson, City Clerk Amy Ridley, Codes Enforcement Officer Steve Muse, Recreation Director Matt Cody, Police Chief Keith Pesnell, Fire Chief Jay Hurley, Librarian Lisa Walton-Cagle

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.

Mayor Sewell called the workshop to order at 6:00 pm and the following items were the topics of discussion.

Department Head Updates

People Pleaser Alcohol License Violation

Hospital Authority Appointments

Jail Housing Agreement

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session in order to begin the regular scheduled 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: February 20, 2017 Regular Council Meeting*
February 27, 2017 Special Called Meeting
March 13, 2017 Called Workshop
6. *People Pleaser Alcohol License Violation*
7. *Hospital Authority Appointments*
8. *Jail Housing Agreement*
9. *Open to the Public*
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

There were no changes made to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Crawford stated that there is a correction needed in the "Open to the Public" section of the February 20, 2017 minutes; the preacher that was present and spoke was with the *Sanctuary Pentecostal of West Georgia* rather than *Covenant Life*.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on February 20, 2017 with the correction to change the name of the church.

Council Member Crawford made a motion seconded by Council Member Thomason to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on February 20, 2017 with the correction to state that the preacher was from the *Sanctuary Pentecostal of West Georgia* rather than *Covenant Life*. The motion carried.

Mayor Sewell asked if there are any corrections to be made to the minutes from the called meeting held on February 27, 2017. There were no corrections needed and she asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Council Member Crawford made a motion to approve the minutes from the called meeting held on February 27, 2017. Council Member Otwell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mayor Sewell asked for any changes or corrections to the called workshop held on March 13, 2017.

Council Member Crawford stated that the minutes currently read that the Mayor met with Terry Dewberry but that should be changed to state it was Greg Dewberry rather than Terry Dewberry. He then made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Council Member Thomason seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the called workshop on March 13, 2017 with the change made to read "Greg" rather than "Terry" for Mr. Dewberry. The motion carried.

Hospital Authority Appointments

Mayor Sewell stated that we have 2 appointments to the Hospital Authority and she asked for a motion to appoint Leroy Strickland to fill the unexpired term of Ann Hembree.

Council Member Crawford made a motion seconded by Council Member Harris to appoint Leroy Strickland to the Hospital Authority to fill the unexpired term of Ann Hembree. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to appoint Cassie Witcher to the Hospital Authority.

A motion was made by Council Member Crawford and seconded by Council Member Thomason to appoint Cassie Witcher to the Hospital Authority. The motion carried unanimously.

Jail Housing Agreement

Perry Hicks explained the jail housing agreement and stated this is an agreement with Haralson County to house municipal prisoners at the rate of \$35 per day with the first day free.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the jail housing agreement.

Council Member Thomason made a motion seconded by Council Member Otwell to approve the jail housing agreement. The motion carried.

People Pleaser Alcohol Violation

Mayor Sewell stated that People Pleaser had a recent violation for underage alcohol sales. The employee who made the sale was fined and then found guilty in city court.

The owner of people pleaser, Uday Patel was present and stated that he takes underage sales very seriously and stated that he has met with all of his employees since the incident occurred. He stated that he has gone through training with the staff and he believes this will not happen again.

Mayor Sewell stated that she and the Council Members do not take this lightly and stated that we want to ensure things like this do not happen in Bremen and therefore, we are considering a six month probation period for your city alcohol license.

Council Member Otwell made a motion seconded by Council Member Crawford to place the People Pleaser's alcohol license on six months' probation to end on October 1, 2017. Motion carried.

Open to the Public

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

Adjourn

Council Member Crawford made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:15 p.m. and the meeting adjourned.