

City of Bremen Council Meeting

September 18, 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

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

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.

Resignation of Council Member Terry Crawford

Land & Water Conservation Fund Resolution

Refinancing of the Public Safety Complex

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session at 6:50 pm.

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: August 21, 2017 Regular Council Meeting*
6. *Resolution - Tax Exempt Debt Policy*
7. *Public Hearing - Refinancing Bremen Public Safety Facility*
8. *Resolution - Installment Sale 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

Mayor Sewell added item number 5a. to the agenda for a Land & Water Conservation Resolution. She also added number 9a. to the agenda for an executive session to discuss litigation.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on August 21, 2017.

Council Member Thomason made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on August 21, 2017. Council Member Harris seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Land & Water Conservation Fund Resolution

Matt Cody stated that this resolution is part of the pre-application for a Grant from the Department of Natural Resources to ensure that the city has the ability to finance the 50% match requirement if approved.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the Land & Water Conservation Fund resolution.

A motion was made by Council Member Harris seconded by Council Member Otwell to approve the Land & Water Conservation Fund resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

Tax Exempt Debt Policy Resolution

Mayor Sewell stated that this is a resolution that says we will make sure we do not violate the rules and we will follow the law. She asked for a motion to approve the Tax Exempt Debit Policy Resolution.

Council Member Otwell made a motion seconded by Council Member Thomason to approve the Tax Exempt Debt Policy. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing - Refinancing Public Safety Facility

Mayor Sewell opened the floor for a public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or in opposition of the refinancing of the public safety facility.

Installment Sale Agreement Resolution

After discussing the options available, the recommendation is to go with the callable option with a 2.16% rate, which allows for more flexibility and the option to redeem the loan and pay it off early.

Council Member Otwell made a motion to accept the callable option at 2.16% rate. Council Member Thomason seconded the motion. Council Member Harris abstained due to his wife being employed by SunTrust Bank. Mayor Sewell voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried.

Open to the Public

Mayor Sewell opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone had anything to come before the mayor and council. There was no business from the floor to come before the mayor and council.

Executive Session

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss litigation.

A motion was made by Council Member Thomason seconded by Council Member Harris to enter into executive session.

Reconvene the Regular Meeting

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to reconvene the regular meeting.

Council Member Thomason made a motion seconded by Council Member Harris to reconvene the regular council meeting.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion authorizing City Attorney Sam Price to dismiss litigation on the property owned by A&E Investments on Cross Street with condemned mobile homes.

A motion was made by Council Member Otwell seconded by Council Member Harris to authorize City Attorney Sam Price to dismiss litigation on the property owned by A&E Investments on Cross Street with condemned mobile homes. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Thomason made a motion seconded by Council Member Otwell to authorize Mayor Sewell to sign the affidavit for executive session for the purposes of litigation. The motion carried.

Adjourn

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to adjourn the regular meeting.

Council Member Harris made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. and the meeting adjourned.