

City of Bremen Council Meeting

December 18, 2017

Bremen Public Safety Complex

191 Georgia Avenue North

Bremen, Georgia 30110

City Officials in Attendance: Mayor Sharon Sewell and Council Members: Dobby Harris, Jai Otwell, Sally Thomason and Lin Clayton

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

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

Agenda Items

FY 2017 Financial Summary / Rick Hartley

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session at 6:55 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: November 13, 2017 Regular Council Meeting*
6. *FY2017 Audit Presentation - Rick Hartley*
7. *Open to the Public*
8. *Executive Session - Real Estate*
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

There are no changes to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2017 regular council meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Thomason seconded by Council Member Otwell to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2017 regular council meeting. The motion carried.

FY2017 Audit / Financial Summary

Rick Hartley, Financial Advisor for the City of Bremen, stated that the city is doing well. The fund balance for the General Fund increased by \$60k this year. We need to look at water rates in the future on the Water/Sewer Fund. He stated that the audit should be completed by next week.

Open to the Public

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

Council Member Harris stated that he appreciates all of the hard work that was put in by the city workers during the winter storm. Council Harris also stated that downtown Christmas decorations look great and he thanked everyone who helped get those up.

Executive Session

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

A motion was made by Council Member Harris seconded by Council Member Clayton to enter into executive session to discuss real estate. The motion carried.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to end executive session and reconvene the regular council meeting.

Council Member Harris made a motion, seconded by Council Member Thomason to end executive session and reconvene the regular council meeting. The motion carried.

Regular Meeting Reconvened

Council Member Harris made a motion seconded by Council Member Otwell to authorize Mayor Sewell to sign the Affidavit for Executive Session for the purposes of discussing real estate. The motion carried.

Council Member Harris made a motion to accept an offer per the proposed contract discussed in executive session. Council Member Otwell seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to adjourn.

Council Member Clayton made a motion to adjourn the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

**AFFIDAVIT
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

I was the Presiding Officer of a meeting of the Bremen City Council held on: December 18, 2017 and
That it is my understanding that O.C.G.A. 50-14-4(b) provides as follows: When any meeting of any 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.

The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting which was held on December 18, 2017, by the Bremen City Council and was closed for the purpose(s) of Discussing Real Estate as allowed by O.C.G.A. Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to the matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

This Affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. 50-14-4(b) and is to be filed with the Official Minutes for the aforementioned meeting.

This ___ Day of _____, 20___

Sharon Sewell, Mayor/Presiding Officer

Sworn to and Subscribed before me
this _____ day of _____, 20___

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: _____