

City of Bremen Council Meeting

May 21, 2018

Public Safety Complex
191 N Georgia Avenue
Bremen, Georgia 30110

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

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

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.

Downtown Development Authority
Tax Advisory Committee
Department Head Updates
Carroll County T-SPLOST

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session at 6:55 pm.

7:00 PM
City Council Meeting
Mayor & Council Members
Re-Scheduled Regular Council 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 April 16, 2018 Regular Meeting*
6. *Downtown Development Authority Appointments*
7. *Tax Advisory Committee Appointments*
8. *Carroll County T-SPLOST Discussion*
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

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on April 16, 2018.

A motion was made by Council Member Otwell and seconded by Council Member Clayton to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on April 16, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

Downtown Development Authority Appointments

Mayor Sewell stated that we are revitalizing our downtown development authority and we have two seats on the board that are vacant. She asked for a motion to appoint Kyle Williamson to the downtown development authority.

A motion was made by Council Member Thomason and seconded by Council Member Harris to appoint Kyle Williamson to the downtown development authority. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to appoint Daniel Weller to the downtown development authority.

Council Member Clayton made a motion to appoint Daniel Weller to the downtown development authority and Council Member Otwell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Tax Advisory Committee Apointments

Mayor Sewell stated that we also have two seats that need to be filled on the Tax Advisory Committee. She stated that Joe Couch is willing to serve on that committee and she asked for a motion to appoint Mr. Couch to the Tax Advisory Committee.

A motion was made by Council Member Thomason and seconded by Council Member Harris to appoint Joe Couch to the Tax Advisory Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sewell stated that Ashley Sanders has been nominated to serve the remaining seat and she asked for a motion to appoint Ashley to the Tax Advisory Committee.

A motion was made by Council Member Clayton, which was seconded by Council Member Otwell to appoint Ashley Sanders to the Tax Advisory Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Carroll County TSPLOST

City Manager, Perry Hicks stated that the Carroll County TSPLOST referendum will be on the November general election ballot. The projected revenue amount is \$82,500,000 and Bremen's share would be 3.49% or \$2,880,000 of the projected amount.

There is no action needed at this time regarding the Carroll County TSPLOST.

Open to the Public

Cathy Hancock addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the city cemetery. She stated that the grounds have not been kept up as they should be.

Mike Thompson, Operations Manager, stated that the city is currently short staffed in the maintenance department and therefore, we have not had anybody to cut the grass as often as it should be. He stated that he met with the maintenance supervisor and they had a crew working at the cemetery last week and it looks much better.

Mayor Sewell thanked Ms. Hancock for letting them know about the problem.

Jack Ward of Tennessee Avenue addressed the mayor and council regarding the cost of the train observation deck. He was concerned about the city spending money to build that when there are streets and sidewalks that need to be repaired.

Mayor Sewell explained that there are certain funds the city receives such as hotel/motel tax that are not allowed to be spent on fixing roads but rather can only be spent on tourism. She stated that we have to use those funds for the allowed purposes or we risk losing them. Mayor Sewell also stated that we are limited to what we can use that piece of land for due to the fact that it sits right at the railroad track.

Mayor Sewell told Mr. Ward that he can get a total cost of the project from City Hall.

Adjourn

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Council Member Thomason made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:25 p.m. and the meeting adjourned.