

June 18, 2018

City of Bremen Council Meeting

Public Safety Complex 191 N Georgia Ave. Bremen, GA 30110

City Officials in Attendance: Mayor Sewell and Council Members: Jai Otwell, Salli Thomason, Lin Clayton
City Officials Absent: Council Members Dobby Harris
Administration in Attendance: City Manager Perry Hicks, Operations Manager Mike Thompson, City Clerk Amy Ridley, Librarian Lisa Walton-Cagle, City Attorney Sam Price, Fire Chief Jay Hurley, Police Chief Keith Pesnell, Recreation Director Matt Cody, Library Assistant Pat Johnson

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
FY 2019 Budget
Carroll County TSPLOST

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

7:00 PM
City Council Meeting
Mayor & Council Members
Regular Scheduled 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 May 21, 2018 Regular Meeting*
6. *Haralson County Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan Update Resolution*
7. *FY 2019 Budget Ordinance*
8. *Carroll County TSPLOST Intergovernmental 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 stated that we will be removing item number 6 from the agenda because we do not have a copy of the final mitigation plan and we cannot approve the resolution until we've had time to review the plan.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on May 21, 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 May 21, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

FY 2019 Budget Ordinance

City Manager, Perry Hicks stated the proposed FY 2019 budget for the General Fund is \$4,650,635, the Water/Sewer Fund is \$2,822,000 and Tourism is proposed at \$245,000. He stated that the SPLOST is \$578,520 and the new Haralson County TSPLOST is proposed at \$524,700. He stated that we have met our advertisement and public hearing requirements. He also said that the budget ordinance reflects not only the requirements of our city charter but also the requirements of the state statute. Detailed copies of the budget are available at city hall if anyone would like to get a copy.

Mayor Sewell stated that a copy of the preliminary budget was given to each member at last month's meeting and everyone has had time to review it. She asked for a motion to approve the FY 2019 Budget as presented.

Council Member Otwell made a motion to approve the FY 2019 Budget as presented and Council Member Thomason seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Carroll County TSPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement

City Manager, Perry Hicks stated that Carroll County is calling for a TSPLOST referendum 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.

Mayor Sewell stated that we have all received copies of the Carroll County TSPLOST intergovernmental agreement and have had a chance to review it. She then asked for a motion to approve the agreement as presented.

Council Member Thomason made a motion, which was seconded by Council Member Otwell to approve the Carroll County TSPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Open to the Public

Mayor Sewell opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone has any business to come before the mayor and council.

Tim Higgins of Hickory Street was present and had questions regarding executive sessions and comments regarding the train watching deck.

Mayor Sewell and council members explained to Mr. Higgins that there are certain topics discussed in executive session such as real estate and personnel but no decisions nor votes ever happen in executive session.

Mayor Sewell as well as council members responded to Mr. Higgins comments regarding the train platform and tried to explain that the train platform came to existence due to the limited use of that property since it is on the railroad right of way. Mayor Sewell also stated that the funds used on that structure were funds received from hotel/motel tax that we are required to spend on promoting tourism and we cannot use those funds for other purposes.

Mr. Higgins continued to make comments regarding the train platform.

Mayor Sewell stated that we understand he does not like the train deck and we will be glad to answer any questions he has regarding the issue. She told Mr. Higgins that she would be happy to sit down with him and tell him anything he would like to know regarding the issue.

Mayor Sewell asked if anyone else has any business to come before the council.

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

Mayor Sewell stated that she wants to commend Fire Chief Jay Hurley and all of the firefighters for the excellent job they did on the apartment fire last week. She stated that she had several people tell her how well the fire was handled and under control and we appreciate all of our firefighters as well as all of the backup assistance received from Haralson and Carroll counties. The mayor and council thanked Chief Hurley for all of the efforts that went into containing the fire without any injuries.

Adjourn

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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