

CITY OF BREMEN  
Council Meeting Minutes  
October 21, 2013

Meeting Location: Public Safety Complex • 191 Georgia Avenue North • Bremen, GA 30110

Officials Present: Mayor Sharon Sewell  
Council Member W.O. (Sonny) Parrish  
Council Member Terry Crawford  
Council Member Kyle Shepherd  
Council Member Jane Wilson

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**6:00 P.M.**  
**Work Session**  
**Mayor & City Council**  
**Informal Discussions Session**

*Informal discussion among Mayor Sewell, City Council Members, Department Heads and City Attorney.  
No action taken during work session. The discussed items are listed below.*

- § Agenda Items
- § Department Head Updates
- § Haralson County Service Delivery
- § Carroll County Service Delivery
- § SPLOST
- § Safe Route Sidewalk Project

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session at 6:56 p.m. to begin the regular council meeting.

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**7:00 P.M.**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Mayor & Council Members**  
**Regularly Scheduled Session**

- Agenda:**
1. *Call to Order*
  2. *Pledge of Allegiance*
  3. *Invocation*
  4. *Review and Modification of the Agenda*
  5. *Approval of the September 16, 2013 Regular Council Meeting*
  6. *Municipal Court of the City of Bremen Ordinance*
  7. *Open to the Public*
  8. *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.

**Agenda Changes**

Mayor Sewell modified the agenda by adding 5a – *Recognition of Recreation Awards* and also adding 7a. – *Executive Session*.

A motion was made by Council Member Crawford seconded by Council Member Wilson to accept the modification of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2013 regular council meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Parrish seconded by Council Member Crawford to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on September 16, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

**Recognition of Recreation Department Awards**

Mayor Sewell requested the members of our recreation department to please sit on the front

row. She questioned each individually regarding recreation and their job performance. She asked Martin Cheatham if he has anything else to add.

Martin Cheatham announced that Russ Collier is receiving the "Al Richards Athletic Staff Member Award" at the GRPA District 6, Class C Awards Banquet. He stated that Russ Collier will also be receiving the "Athletic Section Distinguished Professional Award" at the GRPA State Awards Banquet. Sandra Merritt has been awarded the "Administrative Support Staff Award" at the District Level. Cheatham stated that Bremen Recreation Department has been awarded the "GRPA State Agency of the Year Award" for population under 20,000.

#### **Municipal Court of the City of Bremen Ordinance**

City Attorney, Sam Price stated that the ordinance governing the Municipal Court of the City of Bremen is in need of being modified. He presented the new ordinance to the council for consideration. Price stated that the ordinance can be adopted at the next council meeting unless changes are made or if the council should need more time to review the proposed ordinance.

#### **Open to the Public**

Mayor Sewell opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone had anything to bring before the Mayor and Council.

There was no one from the public who wished to speak.

#### **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Council Member Crawford seconded by Council Member Wilson to enter into executive session to discuss personnel.

Council Member Parrish made a motion seconded by Council Member Crawford to resume the regular council meeting. Motion carried.

Council Member Parrish made a motion seconded by Council Member Crawford to authorize Mayor Sewell to sign the Affidavit of Executive Session for discussing personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Crawford seconded by Council Member Shepherd to award a bonus, as discussed in executive session, to the City Manager and also to the Operations Manager in appreciation of their efforts. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Adjourn**

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

A motion was made by Council Member Crawford seconded by Council Member Wilson to adjourn the regular council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

**AFFIDAVIT**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

1. I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the Bremen City Council held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2013.

2. That it is my understanding that O.C.G.A 50-14-4(b) provides as follows:

When any meeting of an 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.

3. This subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2013, which was closed for the purpose(s) of Personnel as allowed by O.C.G.A, Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with mandate of O.C.G.A 50-14-4(b) that such affidavit be executed. This 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2013.

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Sharon Sewell, Mayor / Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

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Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_