

CITY OF BREMEN
Council Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2014

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 Jane Wilson
Council Member Kyle Shepherd

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.*

§ Sunday Sales Referendum
§ SPLOST
§ Agenda Items
§ Department Head Updates

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session at 6:55 p.m. to begin the regular council meeting.

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

1. *Call to Order*
2. *Pledge of Allegiance*
3. *Invocation*
4. *Review and Modification of the Agenda*
5. *Approval of the February 17, 2014 Regular Council Meeting*
6. *Bremen Junior Women's Club – Magnolia Park Playground Update*
7. *GMA Agreement for Cable & Telecommunications Management Services*
7. *Open to the Public*
8. *Adjourn*

Call to Order

Mayor Sewell called the council meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

Agenda Changes

Mayor Sewell added agenda number 5a for a Sunday Alcohol Sales Referendum which comes at the request of the Planning and Zoning. She also added agenda number 7a for council to approve a letter to be written to Haralson County Commissioners.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2014 regular council meeting.

Council Member Crawford stated there is an error in the date which should read January 13 instead of January 17 in last month's minutes. A motion was made by Council Member Crawford seconded by Council Member Shepherd to approve the minutes as corrected for the regular council meeting held on February 17, 2014. The motion carried.

Sunday Alcohol Sales Referendum

Mayor Sewell stated that the Sunday sales alcohol referendum is being brought before council at the request of the planning and zoning board. She asked for comments from the floor.

David Tarpley stated that he will benefit nothing from Sunday sales of alcohol but times are changing. If it is our desire to ever get a big chain restaurant to locate in the City of Bremen, we will need to change with the times. He asked the mayor and council to give the people of Bremen the option to vote on the issue. Mr. Tarpley's formal request to the council was to approve the request to call a referendum for Sunday alcohol sales.

A motion was made by Council Member Crawford seconded by Council Member Parrish to approve a request to call a referendum for Sunday alcohol sales on the May 20, 2014 ballot. No one opposed and the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Jane Wilson had to leave at this point in the meeting due to another obligation.

Magnolia Park Playground Update

Faith Mallory presented the mayor and council with drawings for the Magnolia Park Playground which is being made possible through the Bremen Junior Women's Club who have received grants for the project. Mallory stated that this is coming at no cost to the tax payers of Bremen. It is being handled through grants and donations.

GMA Agreement for Cable & Telecommunications Management Services

City Manager, Perry Hicks stated that the GMA Agreement is an agreement for us to participate with GMA for their technical expertise for cable & telecommunications management services. He told council that GMA has already looked at our Verizon Wireless Water Tower Lease Agreement and offered their advice on that.

Mayor Sewell stated that council has had time to review the GMA Agreement and asked if there is a motion to accept the agreement as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Shepherd seconded by Council Member Crawford to accept the GMA Agreement for Cable & Telecommunications Management Services. The motion carried.

Letter to Haralson County Commissioners

Mayor Sewell asked council to approve a letter to be written, in partnership with Tallapoosa, to the Haralson County Commissioners.

Mayor Sewell stated that the offers we've made to the Haralson County Commissioners are still confidential at this time under the laws of mediation. She stated that she will notify the citizens of Bremen of the offers made throughout mediation as soon as law permits.

Council Member Crawford made a motion seconded by Council Member Parrish to approve Mayor Sewell to write a letter, in partnership with the City of Tallapoosa, to the Haralson County Board of Commissioners. The motion carried.

Open to the Public

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

Adjourn

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

A motion was made by Council Member Crawford to adjourn the regular council meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.