

**October 16, 2018**

**City of Bremen Downtown Development Authority**

Bremen City Hall 232 Tallapoosa St. Bremen, GA 30110

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**Board Members in Attendance:** Gelon Wasdin, Jessi Rush, Toni Lovvorn, Matthew McClure, Kyle Williamson

**Administration in Attendance:** Mayor Sewell, City Council Member Jai Otwell, & Leisure Coordinator Amber Wolfe

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**6:00 P.M.**

**DDA Meeting**

**Mayor Sewell, Jai Otwell, Leisure Coordinator Amber Wolfe, & Board Members  
Regular Scheduled Session**

**AGENDA**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 REGULAR MEETING
3. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL
4. WALKING TOUR OF DOWNTOWN
5. CITY COUNCIL NEWS
6. COMMITTEES & OPERATIONS
7. BUSINESS RECEPTION
8. BREMEN TOWN FESTIVAL
9. SIGNATURE CARD
10. SITE VISIT TO CARTERSVILLE AND/OR CALHOUN
11. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**Call to Order**

Downtown Development Authority Chairmen, Gelon Wasdin called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Approval of the Minutes**

The Chairmen , Gelon Wasdin, requested a motion to approve the minutes from the September 18th meeting. The motion was carried by Kyle Williamson. Motion was seconded by Toni Lovvorn.

**Amendment to the Agenda to Include the Downtown Redevelopment Proposal**

The Mayor stated that the Hubbard Building would be vacant in January. Mayor Sewell talked about this being an excellent opportunity for the City of Bremen and the City Council to Partner with the Downtown Development Authority on the Redevelopment of the 119 Hamilton Avenue property. Mayor Sewell and City Council Member Jai Otwell submitted a Proposed Downtown Re-Development Plan to the Downtown Development Authority that will initiate the transfer of the 119 Hamilton Avenue property to the DDA. This document states that the City will transfer the 119 Hamilton Avenue property to the Downtown Development Authority with the understanding that any proceeds beyond the City's purchase investment become funds available to the Authority. The

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document further states that the property and funds are to be used to spur economic development, improve the aesthetic environment of downtown, and in furtherance of the Authority's goals and objectives. Chairmen Wasdin asked the board if all were in agreeance with the Proposed Re-Development Plan for the 119 Hamilton Avenue property. All present members agreed and the Chairmen Signed the Proposal.

**Walking Tour of Downtown**

The Authority walked around Downtown Bremen. The members generally discusses past owners, current owner, and present appearance of the Downtown buildings.

**City Council News**

Chairmen Wasdin asked Matthew McClure for an update on the October City Council Meeting. Matthew McClure gave an update on the meeting, stated that he introduce the Authority to the Council, and informed the Council of the Authority's re-establishment. Kyle Williamson elected to attend the November meeting.

**Committees & Operations**

Chairmen Gelon Wasdin informed the board of the committees each member had been assigned.

**Business Reception**

Chairmen Wasdin talked about an informal reception with all of the Downtown Business Owners, Operators, and Managers to be held on January 28<sup>th</sup>. The board members discussed and agreed that 6 – 8 pm would be best for the event. The Chairmen asked Amber Wolfe to get in touch with Phoebe Ericson about the use of Sewell Mill for the reception and to work on a list of owners, operators, and managers of each downtown business.

**Bremen Town Festival**

Chairmen Wasdin asked Jessi Rush for an update on the Festival. Jessi Rush presented the survey and logo she created for the event. Mrs. Rush stated that she would also like to have things to hand out to children. The board members agreed and discussed that Mrs. Rush could purchase the materials necessary and be reimbursed by the Authority. The board also discussed and decided on the schedule of attendance for the festival.

**Signature Card**

Chairmen Gelon Wasdin motioned for Amber Wolfe to get new signature cards from Bank of the Ozarks for the Downtown Development Authority of Bremen. Vice Chairmen Jessi Rush seconded the motion. Chairmen Wasdin motioned for Aletha Smith, Wendy Bennett, and Linda Bulifant to be removed from Bank of the Ozarks accounts XXXX and XXXX. Toni Lovvorn seconded the motion. Chairmen Wasdin motioned for the new officers including Chairmen Gelon Wasdin, Vice Chairmen Jessi Rush, and

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Secretary/Treasurer Matthew McClure to be added to Bank of the Ozarks accounts XXXX and XXXX. Kyle Williamson seconded the motion.

### **Site Visit to Cartersville/Calhoun**

Chairmen Gelon Wasdin stated that he set up a meeting with the downtown director of Cartersville and requested dates that the Authority was available. Kyle Williamson proposed the 19 of November. Jessi Rush, Toni Lovvorn, and Amber Wolfe approved the 19<sup>th</sup>. Matthew McClure stated that he would check his schedule. Toni Lovvorn requested that Amber Wolfe get in touch with Bobby Mehan and Daniel Weller to see if they could attend the meeting.

### **Open to the Public**

There was no other business to come before the board.

### **Adjourn**

Chairmen Gelon Wasdin requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Matthew McClure carried the motion.