

February 17, 2020

City of Bremen Council Meeting

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

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

Administration in Attendance: City Manager Perry Hicks, Chief Keith Pesnell, Recreation Director Matt Cody, Codes Enforcement Todd Files, City Attorney Sam Price, IT Director Roy Andrews, City Clerk Amy Ridley, Fire Chief Jay Hurley, Librarian Lisa Walton-Cagle, Library Ass't Pat Johnson

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

Mayor Sewell called the work session to order at 6:00 pm and the below listed items were the topics of discussion. This session is a period of informal comments and questioning among the Mayor and Council Members as well as the Department Heads and the City Attorney. There are no actions taken during the work session.

*Haralson County SPLOST Draft
Department Head Updates
Agenda Items*

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session at 6:50 pm.

**7:00 PM
City Council Meeting
Mayor & Council Members
Regular Scheduled Council Session**

Meeting Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation
3. Review and Modification of the Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes of the January 13, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting
5. Public Hearing for Code Amendment / Alcoholic Beverage Licensing
6. a.) Annexation Request by Jessi Rush for 769 Waddell Street
b.) Requested Zoning for 769 Waddell Street: R-40
7. Re-zoning Request by JHC Properties for 300 Carrollton Street fro O-1 to R-1 Zoning
8. Public Hearing - Hotel/Motel Ordinance Code Amendment
9. Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System Retirement Plan
 - a.) Ordinance to Amend & Restate the Benefit Retirement Plan for the City of Bremen Employees
 - b.) Addendum to the GMEBS Retirement Plan Adoption Agreement
10. Open to the Public
11. Adjourn

Call to Order

Mayor Sewell called the regular scheduled council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

Review & Modification of the Agenda

There were three additions to the agenda. The first addition to the agenda, item number 4a, to authorize Mayor Sewell to sign the final draft of the SPLOST agreement with Haralson County. The second addition to the agenda, item number 7a, to authorize Mayor Sewell to sign the final settlement agreement in the Thompson vs. City of Bremen case and the last addition was added for Executive Session to discuss real estate.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on January 13, 2020.

A motion was made by Council Member Otwell and seconded by Council Member Clayton to approve the minutes of the regular city council meeting that was held on January 13, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

Authorization to Sign SPLOST Agreement

Council Member Thomason made a motion to authorize Mayor Sewell to sign the final draft of the Haralson County SPLOST agreement once our Attorney has approved it. Council Member Otwell seconded the motion to authorize Mayor Sewell to sign the final SPLOST draft and the motion carried unanimously.

Annexation Request / 769 Waddell Street

Mayor Sewell opened the floor for a public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or in opposition of the annexation request at 769 Waddell Street.

Jessi Rush, owner of the property, stated that her children attend Bremen City Schools and she said that her family has always lived in Bremen City before purchasing the property on Waddell Street and they would just like to be back in the city.

There was no one to speak in opposition.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to annex the property at 769 Waddell Street into the city limits of Bremen.

There was a motion was made by Council Member Harris, seconded by Council Member Otwell to annex the property at 769 Waddell Street. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sewell opened the floor for a public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or in opposition of the requested R-40 zoning for 769 Waddell Street.

There was no one to speak in opposition to the requested R-40 zoning for 769 Waddell Street.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to zone the property at 769 Waddell Street to R-40

A motion, made by Council Member Thomason, seconded by Council Member Clayton to zone the property at 769 Waddell Street to R-40 and the motion carried unanimously.

Re-Zoning Request / 300 Carrollton Street

Mayor Sewell opened the floor for a public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or in opposition of the re-zoning request for 300 Carrollton Street.

John Cartwright, owner of 300 Carrollton Street spoke to the mayor and council and stated that his plan for the property is to build residential town homes.

There was no one to speak in opposition of the rezoning request for 300 Carrollton Street.

There was a motion made by Council Member Thomason and seconded by Council Member Harris to rezone the property at 300 Carrollton Street from O-1 to R-1 and the motion carried unanimously.

Authorization to Sign Final Settlement Agreement

Sam Price, City Attorney stated that all parties have dropped the lawsuit relating to the rezoning on Pacific Avenue at Wade Brothers. He stated that we need an authorization for Mayor Sewell to sign the final settlement agreement.

A motion was made by Council Member Otwell and seconded by Council Member Clayton to authorize Mayor Sewell to sign the final settlement agreement relating to the lawsuit regarding the rezoning on Pacific Avenue at Wade Brothers. The motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Sam Price stated that this is the first hearing for the code amendment to the Hotel Motel Ordinance. He summarized the changes and stated that copies are available to the public if anyone wishes to have a copy. He stated that the final hearing will be at the March city council meeting.

Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System Retirement Plan Amendment & Restatement

City Clerk, Amy Ridley stated that this is a first hearing of a required update to the city's retirement plan with Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit Systems. This update incorporates required federal law updates as well as administrative updates adopted by the board of trustees over the last couple of years.

There is no vote on this tonight. It will be heard for a second time at the March 16th council meeting.

Open to the Public

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

Executive Session

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss real estate.

Council Member Otwell, seconded by Council Member Thomason made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss real estate.

There was a motion made by Council Member Otwell and seconded by Council Member Thomason to reconvene the regular council meeting.

Council Member Harris made a motion to authorize Mayor Sewell to sign the affidavit for executive session to discuss real estate. Council Member Thomason seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Meeting Adjourn

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Council Member Clayton made a motion to adjourn and the meeting and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.