

March 16, 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, 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.

*Department Head Updates
Financial Update / Rick Hartley
Agenda Items*

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session at 6:55 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: (a.) February 17, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting
(b.) March 9, 2020 Special Called Meeting
5. Public Hearing - Hotel/Motel Ordinance Code Amendment
6. Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System Retirement Plan Ordinance & Addendum
7. Re-Appointment of Elmira Barrow to the Housing Authority Board
8. Open to the Public
9. 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 no changes to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on February 17, 2020.

A motion made by Council Member Thomason and seconded by Council Member Otwell to approve the minutes of the regular city council meeting held on February 17, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the special called meeting on March 9, 2020.

Council Member Harris made a motion, seconded by Council Member Otwell to approve the minutes from the special called meeting held on March 9, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

Hotel Motel Ordinance Code Amendment

Mayor Sewell stated that this is the second hearing for the code amendment to the Hotel Motel Ordinance.

City Attorney, Sam Price, summarized the changes and stated that this is the final hearing for this ordinance amendment.

Council Member Thomason made a motion to approve the hotel/motel code amendment as presented. A second to the motion made by Council Member Harris to approve the hotel/motel code amendment as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System Retirement Plan Amendment & Restatement

Mayor Sewell stated that this is a second hearing on the GMEBS retirement plan amendment and restatement.

City Manager, Perry Hicks stated that this is a required amendment to the retirement plan and failure to approve this may result in IRS penalties.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the GMEBS retirement plan amendment and restatement.

A motion was made by Council Member Otwell seconded by Council Member Clayton to approve the GMEBS retirement plan amendment and restatement. The motion carried unanimously.

Housing Authority Re-Appointment

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to reappoint Elmira Barrow to the housing authority for a 5-year term retroactive to February 1, 2020.

Council Member Thomason made a motion to reappoint Elmira Barrow to the housing authority for a 5-year term retroactive to February 1, 2020. Council Member Otwell seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Open to the Public

Randy Carver with Bremen Tire Center was present and addressed the mayor and council regarding abandoned vehicles left at his business. He stated that he has moved nine cars this week and will continue to get it cleaned up. He asked the mayor and council if they could work with him.

Mayor Sewell thanked Mr. Carver for coming and told him that she and the council still have some work to do on the ordinances for local businesses. She told him to continue working and cleaning up the cars and we will be back in touch with him after council has some meetings to discuss it a little more.

Michael White of Auto Repair Unlimited addressed the council and stated that he's here for basically the same thing as Mr. Carver and he's also been trying to clean up his place of business. He stated they are hauling junk out of the business location and taking it to some land out in the county that his family owns.

Mayor Sewell told Mr. White to continue cleaning up and we will be back in touch with him once the council have meetings to discuss the ordinances further.

Matthew Edmondson of Mt Zion Street was present and addressed the mayor and council regarding chickens that he has at his residence. He stated the chickens were there when he bought the property and he just decided to keep them to use for egg production for personal use.

Mayor Sewell stated that we have had this discussion in the past and the reason we decided against chickens due to a report received from the center for disease control was showing that chickens were the carrier of a disease.

After discussion among the mayor, city council and the codes enforcement officer, Todd Files, Mayor Sewell stated that we will need to do a little more research before we make this decision regarding the chickens and then we will be in touch.

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

Meeting Adjourn

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Council Member Harris made a motion to adjourn and the meeting and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.