

September 16, 2019

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
City Officials Absent: Council Member Lin Clayton
Administration in Attendance: City Manager Perry Hicks, Operations Manager Mike Thompson, City Clerk Amy Ridley, Fire Chief Jay Hurley, Police Chief Keith Pesnell, Recreation Director Matt Cody, Library Assistant Pat Johnson, Codes Enforcement Todd Files, City Attorney Sam Price, IT Director Roy Andrews

**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

Agenda Items

Building Permit Fees

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session at 6:59 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 the Minutes from the August 19, 2019 Regular Meeting
5. 2019 Tax Millage Ordinances
6. Public Hearing-Small Cell SWFAA Proposed Ordinance
7. Open to the Public
8. 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

Mayor Sewell added Item # 6a to the agenda for the purpose of setting building permit fees.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on August 19, 2019.

A motion was made by Council Member Otwell, seconded by Council Member Harris to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on August 19, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing - Small Cell SWFAA Proposed Ordinance

City Attorney, Sam Price stated that this is the second public hearing for the small cell ordinance and if adopted, this ordinance will put us in compliance with the state on October 1 when this all goes into effect.

Mayor Sewell opened the floor for comments and asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of or in opposition of the proposed Small Cell SWFAA ordinance.

There was no one to speak regarding the small cell ordinance and Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the ordinance.

A motion was made by Council Member Thomason and seconded by Council Member Otwell to approve the small cell ordinance as presented and the motion carried.

2019 Tax Millage Ordinances

City Manager, Perry Hicks stated that we have ran the required advertisements and held the public hearings on the proposed tax millage rates for both Haralson County and Carroll County. He stated that no one was present at either of the public hearings. He stated that the proposed 2019 tax millage rates are 6.133 for Haralson County and 8.528 for Carroll County.

Council Member Harris made a motion to approve the 2019 millage rate for the Haralson County section of Bremen at 6.133 as presented. Council Member Otwell seconded the motion as stated by Harris and the motion carried.

Council Member Thomason made a motion that was seconded by Council Member Harris to approve the 2019 millage rate for the Carroll County section of Bremen at 8.528 as presented. The motion carried.

Building Permit Fees

Codes Officer, Todd Files stated that he has researched the permitting fees charged by other cities in our area and Bremen is the lowest of everyone for permitting fees. He made a recommendation to raise the City of Bremen permit fees to be at least equivalent to Carroll County.

After discussion of the fees in other areas, a motion was made by Council Member Thomason to update the current City of Bremen permitting fee schedule to be equivalent to Carroll County's fee schedule. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris and the motion carried.

Open to the Public

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

Meeting Adjourn

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Council Member Otwell made a motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm