

**MINUTES
CITY OF BREMEN, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
November 21, 2011**

Meeting Location: Public Safety Complex, 516 Tallapoosa Street

Officials Present: Mayor Sharon Sewell
W.O. (Sonny) Parrish
Council Member Jane Wilson
Council Member Bill Hightower
Council Member Kyle Shepherd

**6:00 P.M.
Work Session
Mayor & Council Members
Department Heads**

City Council Informal 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.

- \$ Agenda Items
- \$ Department Head Updates
- \$ Kristal Lively – Insurance Broker
- \$ Carroll County SPLOST
- \$ Planning & Zoning Board Member Appointment
- \$

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 Monthly Session

- Agenda:*
1. *Call to Order*
 2. *Pledge of Allegiance*
 3. *Invocation*
 4. *Review and Modification of the Agenda*
 5. *Approval of Minutes from the October 17, 2011 Regular Meeting*
 6. *Carroll County SPLOST*
 7. *GMA Pension Plan*
 8. *Planning & Zoning Board Appointment*
 9. *Open to the Public*
 10. *Adjourn*

Call to Order

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

Agenda Changes

Mayor Sewell stated that we need to remove item #6 from the agenda because Carroll County has removed their SPLOST Referendum and there is no need for our Resolution. We need to add item #6 back to the agenda for the approval of the Election Count. We need to add item #8a to the agenda for the purpose of putting a 90 day moratorium in place.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 17, 2011.

Motion by Council Member Parrish seconded by Council Member Wilson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 17, 2011. Motion carried.

Election Count Approval

Amy Ridley read the final election count to the mayor and council and they were also given a hard copy of the results to look over.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the election count as presented.

Motion by Council Member Shepherd seconded by Council Member Hightower to approve the election results as presented. Motion carried.

GMA Pension Plan

Perry Hicks updated the Mayor and Council on the Pension Plan for the city employees. He stated that this is a renewal and must be approved by the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the GMA Pension Plan.

Motion by Council Member Wilson seconded by Council Member Parrish to approve the GMA Pension Plan as presented. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning Board Appointment

Mayor Sewell stated that John Denney has been highly recommended and is willing to fill an unexpired term on the Planning & Zoning Board and is also willing to serve the next term. She asked for a motion to appoint John Denney to the Planning & Zoning Board to fill and unexpired term ending December 31, 2011.

Motion by Council Member Hightower seconded by Council Member Shepherd to appoint John Denney to the Planning & Zoning Board to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to re-appoint John Denney to the Planning & Zoning Board for another term beginning January 1, 2012 and expiring on December 31, 2015.

Motion by Council Member Wilson seconded by Council Member Parrish to re-appoint John Denney to the Planning & Zoning Board for another term beginning January 1, 2012 and expiring on December 31, 2015. Motion carried.

90 Day Moratorium

Mayor Sewell stated that we are moving to amend our comprehensive zoning plan to change the allowable uses under zoning classification M-1. To preserve the status until such amendment can be brought before the council, we need to put a 90 day moratorium in place on the issuance of all new occupational tax certificates or business licenses for the operation of any junk yard or salvage yard beginning today and continuing for 90 days.

A motion was made by Council Member Hightower seconded by Council Member Shepherd to approve a 90 day moratorium on the issuance of all new occupational tax certificates or business licenses for the operation of any junk yard or salvage yard beginning today and continuing for 90 days. Motion carried unanimously.

Open to the Public

Mayor Sewell opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone had any business to be brought before the Mayor and Council.

David Wright was present and spoke to the Mayor and Council about a sign tree that has been placed at the corner of the Hwy 27 Bypass and Business 27. He felt it was too small and could not be easily seen.

Mayor Sewell stated that the city had to do what they could afford to do and also had to stay within the DOT road sign rules. She stated that it is a small sign and Steve Muse is working with DOT and the sign company to see if we can get one that is a little bit bigger and still stay within our budget.

Mr. Wright thanked the mayor and council for their time.

There was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Council.

Adjourn

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Parrish to adjourn the regular council meeting. There is no second to the motion required. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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