

CITY OF BREMEN
Council Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2014

Meeting Location: Public Safety Complex • 191 Georgia Avenue North • Bremen, GA 30110

Officials Present: Mayor Sharon Sewell
Council Member W.O. (Sonny) Parrish
Council Member Terry Crawford
Council Member Jane Wilson
Officials Absent: Council Member Kyle Shepherd

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

Budget
Agenda Items
SPLOST
Department Head Updates

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 Session

AGENDA

1. *Call to Order*
2. *Pledge of Allegiance*
3. *Invocation*
4. *Review and Modification of the Agenda*
5. *Approval of the May 19, 2014 Regular Council Meeting*
6. *Approval of May 20, 2014 Special Election Results (Sunday Sales Referendum)*
7. *Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Adoption*
8. *Public Hearing – Alcohol Ordinance Update*
9. *Public Hearing – Zoning Ordinance Update*
10. *Open to the Public*
11. *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

Removed Item #9 for the Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing and added Item #9 back to the agenda for SPLOST Discussion.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Sewell stated that there is a correction to be made to the May minutes. The minutes for May show Council Member Crawford being present but he was absent. She asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2014 regular council meeting with the correction as stated.

A motion was made by Council Member Wilson seconded by Council Member Parrish to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on May 19, 2014 with the correction being made. The motion carried.

Approval of the May 20, 2014 Special Election Results

Mayor Sewell read the election results for both questions from the Alcohol Sunday Sales Referendum and asked for a motion to approve the final results.

A motion was made by Council Member Crawford seconded by Council Member Wilson to approve the final results of the May 20, 2014 Special Election for the Alcohol Sunday Sales Referendum. The motion carried.

Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Adoption

City Manager Perry Hicks summarized the proposed FY-15 Budget and stated that we have advertised and gone through the public hearing process. He stated there is one change to the budget since the Mayor and Council received copies of it. We split the vehicle tax line with title ad valorem tax line. This is a new revenue line for us because of the way car tags and vehicle sales tax is handled now in Georgia. This is the first year that we've received TAVT revenues and those are currently included in the vehicle tax revenue line. We split them to show the amount of title ad valorem tax vs. the vehicle tax for the new budget.

Council Member Parrish seconded by Council Member Crawford made a motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget. The motion carried.

Public Hearing - Alcohol Ordinance Update

City Attorney Sam Price stated the changes within the new Alcohol Ordinance.

Mayor Sewell opened the floor to a public hearing and asked if there is anyone to speak in favor of the Alcohol Ordinance update. There was no one to speak in favor. She asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition of the Alcohol Ordinance update. There was no opposition to the Alcohol Ordinance update.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the Alcohol Ordinance update.

A motion was made by Council Member Crawford seconded by Council Member Wilson. The motion carried.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve July 1, 2014 to be the effective date of the new Alcohol Ordinance as discussed.

Council Member Parrish made the motion seconded by Council Member Wilson to make the Alcohol Ordinance update to become effective July 1, 2014. Motion carried.

SPLOST Discussion

Mayor Sewell stated that we have a verbal agreement with the county that will take care of the jail and give the cities what we need to handle our capital projects. She stated that she did tell Mr. Poole that she will support the county in a GO Bond to help them get their funds quicker so that they can get the jail underway. Also, in this agreement, the county will receive the excess funds over the projected \$21 million amount. A meeting is set up for June 23, 2014 to approve this verbal agreement.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the agreement which has been verbally agreed upon by the county and to support and encourage a GO Bond that is not in excess of \$8.5 million.

Council Member Wilson made a motion to approve the verbal agreement as it stands. Council Member Parrish seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Open to the Public

Harry Kent was present and asked about the millage rate differential for the city residents on their county tax bill.

Mayor Sewell stated that the agreement for the millage rate differential was agreed to by the county commissioners but it is still in the working.

Open to the Public (continued)

Mayor Sewell asked if there is any other business to be brought before the Mayor and Council.

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

Adjourn

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to adjourn the regular council meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Crawford to adjourn the regular council meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.