

CITY OF BREMEN
Council Meeting Minutes
October 20, 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
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 following items were discussed during the work session.

School Board Bond Refinance
City Alley Closing Request
Department Head Updates

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session at 6:45 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 September 15, 2014 Regular Council Meeting
6. School Board Bond Refinance
7. City Alley Closing / Abandonment Request - Greg Dewberry
7. Open to the Public
8. 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.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2014 regular council meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Crawford seconded by Council Member Shepherd to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on September 15, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

School Bond Refinance

Mayor Sewell stated that the next item on the agenda is a resolution to be approved in order for the Bremen School Board to proceed with the refinancing of their bonds. She asked School Superintendent David Hicks to come forward and speak regarding the bond refinancing and to also answer any questions that may come from the floor.

David Hicks, Bremen School Superintendent stated that the school board is refinancing a 2006 bond series that had been used to build the new Bremen Academy. By refinancing, we

are saving approximately \$225k and will be keeping the same maturity date. It lowers the monthly obligation amount. He stated that the money saved will be used toward some summer programs or maybe the Dell program. Mr. Hicks stated that the board plans very conservatively and the bonds are paid back using ELOST rather than property tax dollars.

David Tarpley asked Mr. Hicks how the bonds would be paid in the event there ever was a shortage of ELOST.

David Hicks stated that the school board has excess funds that they would use in the event that there was a shortage of ELOST funds. He stated that he does not expect that to ever become an issue due to the conservative planning by the Bremen School Board. He stated that the tax millage rate has remained the same for the past several years even when the economy was at its worse.

There were no further questions regarding the refinancing of the school bonds. Mayor Sewell read and asked for a motion to approve the resolution.

A motion was made by Council Member Parrish seconded by Council Member Crawford to approve the resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

City Alley Closing / Abandonments Request - Greg Dewberry

Greg Dewberry was present and stated that the request is to have the city close an alley located in Block 16 of the old city map. He gave the mayor and council a copy of the survey showing the alley.

City Attorney, Sam Price stated that we will need to notify the adjoining property owners before we can vote to close the alley. He stated that the motion would need to be a motion to notify the property owners of the surrounding property and let them know that the city is planning to abandon that 12 foot alley.

A motion was made by Council Member Crawford seconded by Council Member Parrish to notify the property owners that adjoin the 12 foot alley located in block 16 of the old city map. The motion carried unanimously.

Open to the Public

Mayor Sewell opened the floor to the public and asked if there was any further business to come before the mayor and council.

There was no one from the floor with any further business to be brought before the mayor and council.

Adjourn

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:25 pm.

A motion was made by Council Member Parrish to adjourn the regular council meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.