

City of Bremen Council Meeting

October 17, 2016

Bremen Public Safety Complex

191 Georgia Avenue North

Bremen, Georgia 30110

City Officials and Administration in Attendance: Mayor Sewell, Council Member Sally Thomason, Council Member Jai Otwell, City Manager Perry Hicks, City Attorney Sam Price, City Clerk Amy Ridley, Codes Enforcement Officer Steve Muse, Recreation Director Matt Cody, Police Chief Keith Pesnell, Fire Chief Jay Hurley, Librarian Lisa Walton-Cagle & Library Staff

Council Members Dobbie Harris and Terry Crawford were absent.

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

The Work Session is an informal discussion among Mayor Sewell, City Council Members, City Manager, Department Heads and the City Attorney. There is no action taken during the work session.

Mayor Sewell called the workshop to order at 6:00 pm and the following items were the topics of discussion.

DNR Trail Grant
Gym Floor Proposal
Department Head Updates
Skyline Drive / Chris Bridges

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session at 7:00 pm in order to begin the regular scheduled council meeting.

7:00 P.M.
City Council Meeting
Mayor & Council Members
Regular Scheduled Session

Agenda

1. *Call to Order*
2. *Pledge of Allegiance*
3. *Invocation*
4. *Review and Modification of the Agenda*
5. *Approval of Minutes: (a.) September 19, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
(b.) October 6, 2016 Special Called Meeting*
6. *Public Hearing - Revisions to Chapter 78 of the Official Code of Bremen*
7. *Resolution - Request of Local Legislation to increase the Lodging Tax*
8. *DNR Trail Grant*
9. *Gym Floor Proposal*
10. *Open to the Public*
11. *Adjourn*

Call to Order

Mayor Sewell called the council meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

Review & Modification of the Agenda

Mayor Sewell stated that we are removing item #8 from the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on September 19, 2016.

Council Member Otwell made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on September 19, 2016. Council Member Thomason seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the special called meeting on October 6, 2016.

Motioned by Council Member Otwell and seconded by Council Member Thomason to approve the minutes from the special called meeting on October 6, 2016. Motion carried.

Public Hearing - Revisions to Chapter 78 of the Official Code of Bremen

City Attorney, Sam Price stated that this is the second hearing of the revisions to chapter 78 of the official code of Bremen. He stated that this chapter pertains to streets; sidewalks and public right of ways and provides the use of motorized carts.

Mayor Sewell opened the floor for a public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of or in opposition of Chapter 78 of the official code of Bremen.

There was no one to speak in favor of nor in opposition of the revision to the Bremen code chapter 78.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the revisions to chapter 78 of the official code of Bremen.

A motion was made by Council Member Otwell, seconded by Council Member Thomason to approve the revisions to chapter 78 as presented. The motion carried.

Resolution - Request of Local Legislation to Increase Lodging Tax

City Attorney, Sam Price stated that this is a resolution for the presentation of local legislation to authorize the City of Bremen to increase its excise tax on lodging to a rate not to exceed 8%.

Council Member Otwell made a motion to adopt the resolution for the presentation of local legislation to authorize the City of Bremen to increase its excise tax on lodging to a rate not to exceed 8%. Council Member Thomason seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Gym Floor Proposal

Recreation Director Matthew Cody explained the proposal for the gym floor and asked the mayor and council to accept the bid from CBA Sports valued at \$166,908.64.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to accept the bid for the gym floor from CBA Sports.

A motion was made by Council Member Otwell seconded by Council Member Thomason to accept the bid from CBA Sports as presented by the recreation director. The motion carried.

Open to the Public

City Manager Perry Hicks suggested we make mention of the water and fire bans.

Mayor Sewell stated that we are on a total outside watering ban and a total fire ban. The fire ban includes pit fires as well. She stated that we need to do everything we can to conserve water and we do not want to use any water to put out fires.

David Wright of Wright Way BBQ stated that he has to have his hood vent cleaned every three months and someone comes on sight to clean it by pressure washing it from the outside. He asked if that would be included in the total outside watering ban as well.

Mayor Sewell and Council Members stated that it would be exempt due to a health hazard and potential fire hazard if it were to not periodically cleaned as required by the health department.

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

Adjourn

Council Member Otwell made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:35 p.m. and the meeting adjourned.