

# City of Bremen Council Meeting

May 15, 2017

Bremen Public Safety Complex

191 Georgia Avenue North

Bremen, Georgia 30110

**City Officials in Attendance:** Mayor Sewell and Council Members: Dobby Harris, Salli Thomason, Jai Otwell and Terry Crawford

**Administration in Attendance:** City Manager Perry Hicks, City Attorney Sam Price, Operations Manager Mike Thompson, City Clerk Amy Ridley, Codes Enforcement Officer Steve Muse, Recreation Director Matt Cody, Police Captain Richard Harrison, Fire Chief Jay Hurley, Librarian Lisa Walton-Cagle, Library Clerk Pat Johnson,

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**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 6:05 pm and the following items were the topics of discussion.

*Department Head Updates*

*DDA Appointment*

*Mutual Aid Agreement/Haralson County*

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session at 6:55 pm.

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**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: April 17, 2017 Regular Council Meeting*
6. *Recognitions for West Georgia Regional Library System Awards:*
  - (a.) *Excellence Award - Small Business Category & Community Organization Category*
  - (b.) *Customer Service Star of the Quarter Award*
7. *Zoning Map Update - Adoption*
8. *Verizon Lease Agreement - Amendment*
9. *Mutual Automatic Aid Response, Fire & Emergency Services; Haralson County*
10. *Open to the Public*
11. *Adjourn*

## **Call to Order**

Mayor Sewell called the council meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

## **Review & Modification of the Agenda**

Mayor Sewell added item # 9a to the agenda for an appointment to the Downtown Development Authority.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on April 17, 2017.

Council Member Crawford made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 17, 2017.  
Council Member Otwell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

## **West Georgia Regional Library System Awards Recognition**

Mayor Sewell turned the floor over to our Librarian, Lisa Walton-Cagle.

Lisa introduced Roni Tewksbury from the West Georgia Regional Library System and stated that Mrs. Tewksbury will be presenting some awards on behalf of the West Georgia Regional Library System.

Roni. Tewksbury stated that the West Georgia Regional Library Excellence award for Community Organization category is awarded to the Bremen Junior Women's Club. Aletha Smith and Linda Bulifant of the Bremen Junior Women's Club were both present to accept the award. Mrs. Tewksbury stated that the Bremen Junior Women's Club has always done so much for the community and she thanked the ladies for their hard work.

Mrs. Tewksbury stated that the West Georgia Regional Library Excellence award for Small Business category is awarded to Connor's Corner. She stated that Connor's Corner was nominated for this award because they provided gift certificates to the winners of the reading programs. Although no one was present to accept the award, she stated that we are very happy to see small businesses getting involved with the library programs.

The next award given by the West Georgia Regional Library was for the Customer Service Star of the Quarter award which was awarded to Pat Johnson who is with the Warren Sewell Library. She stated that Pat was chosen for this award due to her friendly customer service that goes above and beyond what is expected of her. Pat Johnson was present to accept her award for the Customer Service Star of the Quarter.

### **Zoning Map Update Adoption**

City Manager, Perry Hicks stated that the last zoning map update was done back in 2014 and now we have this update which includes all of the annexation and zoning changes that we have made since the 2014 update.

City Attorney, Sam Price stated that Mayor Sewell will need to sign off on all of the changes made on the new zoning map.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the updated zoning map as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Crawford seconded by Council Member Otwell to approve the updated zoning map as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Verizon Lease Agreement - Amendment**

Perry Hicks stated that this amendment is being made for the purpose of changing equipment. There are no other changes to the agreement with this amendment.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the Verizon lease agreement amendment.

A motion was made by Council Member Otwell seconded by Council Member Harris to approve the Verizon lease agreement amendment as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Mutual & Automatic Aid Response, Fire & Emergency Services; Haralson County**

Mutual aid response was discussed during the work session. Fire Chief, Jay Hurley presented an agreement of mutual aid and automatic response for fire and emergency services to have approved by the mayor and council so it can then be presented to Haralson County to see if they will accept the agreement we have.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the agreement for mutual aid and automatic aid response for fire and emergency services as presented by Fire Chief Jay Hurley.

A motion was made by Council member Crawford seconded by Council Member Thomason to approve the mutual & automatic aid agreement as presented by Fire Chief Jay Hurley. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Downtown Development Authority Appointment**

Mayor Sewell stated that she has spoken to Bobby Mehan who is willing to serve on the Downtown Development Authority and she asked for a motion to appoint Bobby to that board.

A motion was made by Council Member Crawford seconded by Council Member Otwell to appoint Bobby Mehan to the Downtown Development Authority. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Open to the Public**

Mayor Sewell introduced Phoebe Ericson and stated that we are glad to have her on board working with the downtown development.

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

### **Adjourn**

Council Member Crawford made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:25 p.m. and the meeting adjourned.