

# City of Bremen Council Meeting

November 13, 2017

Bremen Public Safety Complex  
191 Georgia Avenue North  
Bremen, Georgia 30110

**City Officials in Attendance:** Mayor Sharon Sewell and Council Members: Dobby Harris, Jai Otwell, Sally Thomason and Lin Clayton

**Administration in Attendance:** City Manager Perry Hicks, Operations Manager Mike Thompson, City Clerk Amy Ridley, Police Chief Keith Pesnell, Librarian Lisa Walton-Cagle, Library Clerk Pat Johnson, City Attorney Sam Price, Downtown Coordinator Phoebe Ericson, Recreation Director Matt Cody

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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 6:00 pm and the following items were the topics of discussion.

*New Council Member Sworn in by Judge Hulsey*  
*Department Head Updates*  
*Agenda Items*

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: October 16, 2017 Regular Council Meeting*
6. *Approval of Election Results*
7. *Appoint Lin Clayton to City Council to fill the Vacant & Unexpired Term of Post 4*
8. *Quit Claims for the Abandonment of a portion of Fairview Avenue*
9. *Approval of Holiday Pay*
10. *Open to the Public*
11. *Executive Session*
12. *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.

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

Mayor Sewell stated that we are removing item # 7 from the agenda because our new Council Member was sworn in during the work session by Judge Hulsey.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2017 regular council meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Otwell seconded by Council Member Harris to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2017 regular council meeting. Council Member Lin Clayton abstained from the vote. Council Member Salli Thomason abstained because she was not present during the October 16, 2017 meeting. The motion carried.

## **Approval of Election Results**

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the November 7, 2017 election results.

A motion was made by Council Member Thomason seconded by Council Member Harris to approve the November 7, 2017 election results. Council Member Clayton abstained from the vote. The motion carried.

**Quit Claims for the Abandonment of a Portion of Fairview Avenue**

City Attorney Sam Price stated that this is for a portion of Fairview Avenue that was never opened up and we are quit claiming it to the adjoining property owners including Kenneth Jones, Sam Ogden, Kelley Pollard and Jerald Wilson. The quit claim deeds are made subject to the fact that the City of Bremen retains the rights to the sewer line on the property.

A motion was made by Council Member Thomason seconded by Council Member Otwell to approve the quit claim deeds to Kenneth Jones, Sam Ogden, Kelley Pollard and Jerald Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Holiday Pay**

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the holiday pay of \$400 for each full time employee and \$200 for each regular part time employee.

A motion was made by council Member Thomason seconded by Council Member Otwell to approve the holiday pay as stated by Mayor Sewell. The motion carried unanimously.

**Open to the Public**

There was no further business to come before the Mayor and Council.

**Executive Session**

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss real estate.

A motion was made by Council Member Harris seconded by Council Member Otwell to enter into executive session to discuss real estate. The motion carried.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to end executive session and reconvene the regular council meeting.

Council Member Harris made a motion, seconded by Council Member Clayton to end executive session and reconvene the regular council meeting. The motion carried.

Council Member Harris made a motion seconded by Council Member Otwell to authorize Mayor Sewell to sign the Affidavit for Executive Session for the purposes of discussing real estate. The motion carried.

Council Member Harris made a motion to authorize City Attorney Sam Price and Mayor Sewell to further investigate the real estate matter that was discussed in executive session. Council Member Otwell seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn**

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

Council Member Thomason made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. and the meeting adjourned.

**AFFIDAVIT  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths, **Sharon Sewell**, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and under oath states the following:

I was the Presiding Officer of a meeting of the Bremen City Council held on **November 13, 2017**.

That it is my understanding that O.C.G.A. 50-14-4(b) provides as follows: When any meeting of any agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a) of this code section, the chairperson or other person presiding over such meeting shall execute and file with the Official Minutes of the meeting, a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion hereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions providing by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.

The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting which was held on **November 13, 2017**, by the Bremen City Council and was closed for the purpose(s) of **Discussing Real Estate** as allowed by O.C.G.A. Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to the matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

This Affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. 50-14-4(b) and is to be filed with the Official Minutes for the aforementioned meeting.

This \_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Sharon Sewell, Mayor/Presiding Officer

Sworn to and Subscribed before me  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_