

**OCTOBER 17, 2022**

**CITY OF BREMEN COUNCIL MEETING**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX 191 N GEORGIA AVE. BREMEN, GA 30110**

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**CITY OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Sharon Sewell and Council Members: Salli Thomason, Dobby Harris, Jai Otwell, Lin Clayton

**ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE:** Perry Hicks, Mike Thompson, Keith Pesnell, Amy Ridley, Pat Johnson, Lisa Walton-Cagle, Jay Hurley, Phoebe Ericson, Matt Cody, Roy Andrews

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**6:00 PM / WORK SESSION / MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS**

The work session consists of informal discussions among the mayor, council members, city administration, and any other attendees. There are no actions taken during informal work sessions. Mayor Sewell called the work session to order at 6:00 pm. and the following topics were discussed during this session.

Laurel Street  
Agenda Items  
Department Head Updates

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session to begin the Regular City Council Meeting.

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**7:00 PM / REGULAR MEETING / MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

- Call Meeting to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation
- Review & Modification of the Agenda
- Approval of the Minutes:     Regular Meeting held on September 19, 2022  
  Called Meeting held on September 26, 2022  
  Called Work Session held on October 11, 2022
- Annexation Request for Buncombe Waco Rd. Property Haralson County Tax Parcel 0081-0020 (4 Acres) and Carroll County Tax Parcel 036-0008 (30.98 Acres)
- Alcohol License Violations
- Technology Fee Add-On Ordinance
- Open to the Public
- Adjourn

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Sewell called the regular scheduled council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

**REVIEW & MODIFICATION OF THE AGENDA**

There were no changes made to the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on September 19, 2022.

Council Member Otwell made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on September 19, 2022. Council Member Clayton seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the called meeting that was held on September 26, 2022.

Council Member Thomason made a motion that was seconded by Council Member Harris to approve the minutes from the called meeting on September 26, 2022. Council Member Clayton abstained due to being absent. The motion carried.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the called work session on October 11, 2022.

A motion was made by Council Member Otwell and seconded by Council Member Clayton to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2022 called work session. The motion carried unanimously.

**ANNEXATION REQUEST FOR BUNCOMBE WACO RD PROPERTY / HARALSON COUNTY TAX PARCEL 0081-0020 (4 ACRES) AND CARROLL COUNTY TAX PARCEL 036-0008 (30.98 ACRES)**

City Manager, Perry Hicks stated that the zoning requested is M-1 zoning.

Mayor Sewell opened the floor for a public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the requested M-1 zoning.

Joe Guion with Panattoni Development Company was present and stated that he is the applicant requesting the annexation and M-1 zoning. He had plans available to show the building that will go on the property. He stated that either the potential business will be a long-term lease or they will purchase the property once it is developed.

There was no one to speak in opposition of the M-1 zoning request.

Council Member Harris made a motion to accept the M-1 zoning for the property. Council Member Otwell made a second to the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sewell asked if anyone is present to speak in favor or in opposition of the annexation request.

Joe Guion stated that the building that is planned for that property is about one million square feet and he said he will answer any questions that anyone has.

There was no one to speak in opposition of the annexation.

Council Member Otwell asked both the Police Chief and the Fire Chief if they have any concerns regarding police and fire protection for a building that size.

Chief Jay Hurley stated that he would like to look at the plans to be sure there is adequate fire precautions and Chief Pesnell stated that a building of that nature will usually have its own security guards and his guys would work well with that.

Council Member Clayton made a motion to approve the annexation for Buncombe Waco Rd Property being Haralson County Parcel 0081-0020 consisting of 4 acres and Carroll County Parcel 036-0008 consisting of 30.98 acres. Council Member Harris made a second to the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**ALCOHOL LICENSE VIOLATIONS**

City Manager, Perry Hicks stated that there are four alcohol license violations.

Cracker Barrel was one of the four and they had their attorney and two other representatives available. They stated that they have terminated the employee that sold the alcohol to the underage person and they have taken the case very seriously and put extra precautions in play to avoid this situation from happening again.

Council Member Harris made a motion to place Cracker Barrel on a 90-day probation period for the violation. Council Member Otwell seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

There was no one present to represent Ingles who was another violator of the alcohol ordinance. However, they did respond to the request for information that was sent to them from the city. They stated that they too, had terminated the employee who sold alcohol to the underage person.

Council Member Harris made a motion seconded by Council Member Thomason to place Ingles on a 90—day probation period for the violation. The motion carried unanimously.

The third violation was made by Thriftown Grocery and the owner Chad Smith was present and stated that he may have failed in adequate training for his employees. He stated that his daughter is the one who made the sale to the underage person. He also had questions regarding the underage person and whether or not they left the store with the alcohol.

Chief Pesnell stated that the underage purchaser left the store and gave the alcohol to Lieutenant Blane Cochran.

Council Member Harris made a motion that was seconded by Council Member Thomason to place Thriftown Grocery on a 90-day probation period for the violation of the alcohol ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

The last location that made the alcohol sale to the undercover minor was the Valero located at 102 Atlantic Avenue. There was no one present to address the mayor and council from the Valero.

Perry Hicks stated that they have not responded to the city's request for information but they did go before the judge and was found guilty of the charge.

A motion was made by Council Member Harris to suspend the alcohol license for the Valero for a period of 60 days beginning October 18, 2022. Council Member Thomason seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**TECHNOLOGY FEE ADD-ON ORDINANCE**

City Manager, Perry Hicks stated that this is the ordinance so that we can enact the technology add on fees to the law enforcement fines.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the Technology Fee Add-On Ordinance.

A motion was made by Council Member Otwell and seconded by Council Member Clayton to approve the ordinance and the motion carried unanimously.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Richard Wagner was present and expressed gratitude to the mayor and council and to Rec Director, Matt Cody for the upgrade of the tennis courts to make them compatible for pickle ball.

There was no further business to come before the council.

**MEETING ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Council Member Clayton to adjourn the regular meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.