

SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

CITY OF BREMEN COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

CITY OFFICIALS ABSENT: Council Member Dobby Harris

ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE: Perry Hicks, Mike Thompson, Keith Pesnell, Amy Ridley, Pat Johnson, Jay Hurley, Phoebe Ericson, Steve Muse

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.

Agenda Items
Department Head Updates
Downtown Business District Boundary Map
DDA Appointments

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

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 Council Meeting held on August 15, 2022
- Request to Appoint Heath Meadows to the Planning & Zoning Board
- 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)
- 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

Item No. 6 was removed from tonight's agenda at the request of the annexation applicant. There was an addition to the agenda for approval of an updated boundary map for the central downtown business district. There was another addition to the agenda to make appointments 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 August 15, 2022.

Council Member Otwell made a motion that was seconded by Council Member Clayton to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on August 15, 2022. The motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to appoint Heath Meadows to the Planning & Zoning Board.

A motion was made by Council Member Thomason and seconded by Council Member Otwell to appoint Heath Meadows to the Planning & Zoning Board. The motion carried.

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT MAP UPDATE

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve an updated boundary map for the Downtown Business District that extends south to Field Street, east to Florida Avenue, and north on Gordon Street to the triangle.

A motion was made by Council Member Clayton and seconded by Council Member Thomason to approve an updated map for the Downtown Business District. The motion carried.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to appoint Sam Ogden to the Downtown Development Authority.

A motion was made by Council Member Otwell to appoint Sam Ogden to the DDA. Council Member Clayton seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to appoint Wendy Chapman to the Downtown Development Authority.

Council Member Otwell made a motion that was seconded by Council Member Clayton to appoint Wendy Chapman to the DDA and the motion carried.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to appoint Joanie Lowe to the Downtown Development Authority.

Council Member Otwell made a motion that was seconded by Council Member Thomason to appoint Joanie Lowe to the Downtown Development Authority. The motion carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Police Chief Pesnell stated that he had asked Tom Bullifant to come to the meeting tonight. Chief Pesnell said that Tom has been handling the code compliance division for the city and he just wanted to introduce him to the mayor and council and let them know that he is doing an excellent job.

Mayor Sewell and the Council Members thanked Mr. Bullifant for doing a good job and let him know that we are glad to have him.

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 7:20 pm.

CITY OF BREMEN CALLED MEETING

SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 6:00 PM
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX

City Officials in Attendance: Mayor Sewell, Council Members: Dobby Harris & Salli Thomason
City Officials Absent: Council Members: Jai Otwell & Lin Clayton
Administration in Attendance: Perry Hicks, Amy Ridley, Phoebe Ericson, Roy Andrews

THE PURPOSE OF THIS CALLED MEETING IS TO SET THE 2022 PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sewell called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE ORDINANCES

City Manager Perry Hicks stated that we have advertised the mill rate for both Haralson County Portion and the Carroll County Portion of Bremen. He stated that both rates are lower than last year.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the City of Bremen Haralson County Mill Rate at 5.470 for Tax Year 2022.

Council Member Harris made a motion to approve the 2022 Tax Year Mill Rate for Haralson County at 5.470. Council Member Thomason seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the City of Bremen Carroll County Mill Rate at 8.552 for Tax Year 2022.

Council Member Thomason made a motion to approve the 2022 Tax Year Mill Rate for Carroll County at 8.552. Council Member Harris made a second to the motion and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Phoebe Ericson and Roy Andrews briefly discussed the new City of Bremen logo and showed what it could look like.

Mayor Sewell asked Council if they felt comfortable giving a go ahead on the logo so that Roy can move forward with the website design.

Council Member Harris made a motion that was seconded by Council Member Thomason to approve the logo as presented by Mrs. Ericson in order for Roy to move forward with his work on the website. The motion carried.

ADJOURN

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

Council Member Harris made a motion to adjourn the called meeting at 6:30 and the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF BREMEN

CALLED WORK SESSION

OCTOBER 11, 2022

PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX

City Officials in Attendance: Mayor Sewell, Council Members: Dobby Harris, Salli Thomason, Jai Otwell & Lin Clayton

Administration in Attendance: Perry Hicks, Amy Ridley, Mike Thompson, Keith Pesnell, Jay Hurley

THE PURPOSE OF THIS CALLED WORK SESSION IS TO DISCUSS A REQUEST TO CLOSE LAUREL STREET

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sewell called the work session to order at 6:00 pm.

LAUREL STREET DISCUSSION

Mayor Sewell and Council Members discussed a request made by the Bremen City School to close the section of Laurel Street that runs in front of the high school.

Fire Chief Jay Hurley addressed the street closing and stated to the mayor and council, his fears with closing the street and not being able to get a fire truck into the area needed in the event of a fire.

Police Chief Pesnell was also present and has concerns regarding emergencies if the street were to be closed.

After much discussion, Mayor Sewell and Council Members all agreed that Laurel Street should remain open and Mayor Sewell will notify the school to let them know that it will remain an open street.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further discussions during the work session.

ADJOURN

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session at 7:15 pm.