

JULY 18, 2022

CITY OF BREMEN COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX 191 N GEORGIA AVE. BREMEN, GA 30110

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

ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE: Mike Thompson, Lisa Walton-Cagle, Amy Ridley, Keith Pesnell, Matt Cody, Phoebe Ericson, Roy Andrews, Steve Muse, Sam Price

6:00 P.M. / WORK SESSION / MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL / INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS SESSION

Mayor Sewell called the work session to order at 6:00 pm and the below listed items were the topics of discussion. This session is a period of informal comments and questioning among the Mayor and Council Members as well as the Department Heads and the City Attorney. There are no actions taken during the work session.

Agenda Items

Department Head Updates

Haralson County LOST

Schedule a Called Workshop Meeting for July 25th

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session at 6:55 pm to begin the Regular City Council Meeting.

7:00 PM / CITY COUNCIL MEETING / MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL / REGULAR COUNCIL 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 June 20, 2022

Matt Cody, Rec Director: Recognition of 7/8 Softball State Champs

Recognition of 7/8 Baseball State Champs

Recognition of Recreation Staff Members

Keith Pesnell, Police Chief: Recognition of Seth Hudgins

Annexation Request for 20 Harper Lane

Rezoning Request for Raw Land on Price Creek Rd from C-2 to R-3 Tax Parcels Z52-0003 & Z52-0004

Local Option Sales Tax / Carroll County

Local Option Sales Tax / Haralson County

Special Service District for Bremen Carroll County

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

Mayor Sewell stated that are removing item numbers 9 and 11 from the agenda. She also stated that we will reverse item numbers 5 and 6.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on June 20, 2022.

A motion was made by Council Member Clayton and seconded by Council Member Otwell to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting that was held on June 20, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

POLICE CHIEF PESNELL / RECOGNITION OF SETH HUDGINS

Chief Pesnell recognized and presented Seth Hudgins with a certificate for his outstanding effort during the morning of May 25, 2022 when he saved Mrs. Lilly from a multi dog attack.

Mayor Sewell took a photo with Mr. Hudgins and told him that the City of Bremen is very proud of him for his heroic actions.

RECREATION RECOGNITIONS

Matt Cody, Recreation Director stated that the 7/8 girls and the 7/8 boys both won the state championships and we could not be any more proud of these children. He and Mayor Sewell presented each of the players as well as the coaches with a certificate and goody bag.

Mayor Sewell stood for photos with each of the state champion teams.

Matt Cody present a plaque to 3 of his staff members for their quick response and heroic actions that each of them had taken when a fellow staff member had a heart attack. They were very quick in performing CPR and getting paramedics on the way. Without their quick response, the outcome could have been tragic. Ashley Williams, Adrienne Smith and Kora Thomas each received a plaque.

ANNEXATION REQUEST FOR 20 HARPER LANE

Mayor Sewell opened the floor for a public hearing but there was no one to speak in favor nor in opposition of the annexation request for 20 Harper Lane.

Council Member Otwell made a motion seconded by Council Member Clayton to annex 20 Harper Lane into the City of Bremen. Council Member Thomason is in Favor of the annexation. Council Member Harris opposed the annexation for 20 Harper Lane. The motion carried 3 to 1 and the annexation request for 20 Harper Lane was approved.

Council Member Otwell made a motion to approve the requested R-20 zoning for 20 Harper Lane. The motion was seconded by Council Member Clayton with Council Member Thomas being in Favor of the R-20 zoning request. Council Member Harris opposed the R-20 zoning request. The motion to approve R-20 zoning for 20 Harper Lane carried 3 to 1.

REZONING REQUEST FOR RAW LAND ON PRICE CREEK RD (Z52-0003 & Z52-0004)

Mayor Sewell opened the floor for a public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or in opposition of the rezoning request for Price Creek Road.

Justo Lardinois stated that he is requesting the rezoning so that he can build apartments on the property.

No one from the public was available to speak in opposition but Operations Manager Mike Thompson stated concerns with the sewer capacity at this time.

Council Member Thomason made a motion to deny the rezoning request for Price Creek Road. Council Member Otwell seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX / HARALSON COUNTY

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the 50% split between the cities and the county for the next LOST.

A motion was made by Council Member Thomason, seconded by Council Member Clayton to approve the 50% split between the cities and the county. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to authorize her to sign for either Option A or Option B on the LOST agreement with Haralson County. She stated that both options give us the same amount of money but Option A is up front and Option B will be later in the cycle.

Council Member Thomason made a motion to authorize Mayor Sewell to sign either Option A and Option B on the LOST agreement with Haralson County. Council Member Clayton seconded the motion and Council Member Otwell was in Favor of the motion. Council Member Harris opposed and the motion carried 3 to 1.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

MEETING ADJOURN

A motion was made by Council Member Thomason to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm. and the meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF BREMEN
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
JULY 25, 2022 6:00 PM CITY HALL

City Officials in Attendance: Mayor Sewell and Council Members: Dobby Harris, Salli Thomason, Jai Otwell & Lin Clayton
Administration in Attendance: Mike Thompson, Amy Ridley, Sam Price

THE PURPOSE OF THIS CALLED MEETING IS TO DISCUSS HARALSON COUNTY LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX AND A SPECIAL SERVICE TAXING DISTRICT FOR BREMEN CARROLL COUNTY.

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

LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX / HARALSON COUNTY

City Attorney, Sam Price has prepared a Resolution Regarding Local Option Sales Tax Certificate of Distribution 2022. It states that the City of Bremen agrees with a split that gives Haralson County 50% of the sales tax collections and the other 50% would go to the municipalities and based on population share. This would give Bremen 29.96%, Buchanan would receive 3.95%, Tallapoosa 13.57%, Waco's portion would be 2.25% and Temple would receive .27%.

Sam Price also prepared a letter to the Haralson County Commission Chair stating that Bremen City Council approves the Certificate of Distribution based on these percentages.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the Resolution Regarding Local Option Sales Tax Certificate of Distribution.

A motion was made by Council Member Harris and seconded by Council Member Clayton to approve and sign the Sales Tax Distribution Resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL SERVICE TAX DISTRICT FOR BREMEN CARROLL COUNTY

Mayor Sewell and Council Members discussed further into a special service taxing district for the Carroll County portion of Bremen that would include only the commercial area at I-20.

City Attorney, Sam Price stated that we will need to compose a schedule of projects that we plan to do in that area of the city and we will also need to decide on a tax millage rate depending upon the cost of the projects.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

ADJOURN

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

A motion was made by Council Member Thomason to adjourn the special called meeting and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.