

MAY 15, 2023

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, Dobby Harris, Jai Otwell, Lin Clayton

ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE: Perry Hicks, Mike Thompson, Keith Pesnell, Jay Hurley, Matt Cody, Roy Andrews, Pat Johnson, City Attorney John Hawkins

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.

Informal Discussions:

Department Head Updates

Joe Guion / Re-Zoning Request for 1170 Hwy 27 N

Agenda Item Discussions

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

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 April 17, 2023
- Annexation Request for 135 Reid Rd with ER (Estate Residential) Zoning
- Re-Zoning Request for 1170 Hwy 27 N (Tabled at the April Meeting)
- Request to Re-Appoint Victor Smith to the Housing Authority for a 5-Year Term Ending February 2, 2028
- 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 to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2023 regular council meeting.

Council Member Otwell made a motion that was seconded by Council Member Clayton to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2023 regular council meeting. Council Member Thomason Abstained due to being absent from the April 17th meeting. The minutes were approved.

ANNEXATION REQUEST FOR 135 REID RD W/ ER ZONING

Mayor Sewell opened the floor for a public hearing regarding the annexation request at 135 Reid Rd. and asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or in opposition of the annexation request.

Troy Waxler spoke in favor of the request and stated that he is requesting the annexation so that his children can attend Bremen City Schools.

There was no one else to speak in favor.

Caroline Duncan of 117 Reid Rd stated that she opposes the annexation as her property adjoins the property in question and she fears that her property taxes will increase.

Peggy Johnson of 108 Reid Circle stated that she has the same concerns as Ms. Duncan regarding property tax increase to her property.

Operations Manager, Mike Thompson stated that 135 Reid Rd is on Haralson County Water and Bremen City does not currently supply any property on Reid Rd. If annexed, the city will have to provide police, fire, trash and public works to the property. He stated that Mr. Waxler did say that he would wave trash service but that is not an option to residents inside the city limits.

After discussions regarding the services, Mayor Sewell asked council members if there is a motion to annex the property at 135 Reid Rd.

Council Member Otwell made a motion to approve the annexation at 135 Reid Rd. There was no second. Council Members Harris, Clayton & Thomason all voted to deny the annexation. The request to annex the property at 135 Reid Rd was denied.

RE-ZONING REQUEST FOR 1170 HWY 27 N (TABLED AT THE APRIL MEETING)

Joe Guion requested that the re-zoning for 1170 Hwy 27 N be tabled.

A motion was made by Council Member Harris and seconded by Council Member Thomason to table re-zoning request for 1170 Hwy 27 N. The motion carried unanimously.

HOUSING AUTHORITY RE-APPOINTMENT

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to re-appoint Victor Smith to the Housing Authority for a 5-Year Term ending February 2, 2028.

Council Member Clayton made a motion and Council Member Thomason seconded the motion to re-appoint Victor Smith to the Housing Authority for a 5-Year Term ending February 2, 2028. The motion carried unanimously.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Sewell asked if there was any further business to come before the council.

Brooke Fegley stated that she lives at 114 Church Street and she has chickens and a pet pig and asked if she is allowed to keep the animals.

Mayor Sewell stated that there is an ordinance against the possession of chickens in the city on less than 3 acres. She asked Ms. Fegley how much property she has at which Ms. Fegley stated that she has half an acre. Mayor Sewell stated that Council Members can re-visit the ordinance at a future date but keeping the chickens and/or other farm animals is against the current ordinance. Mayor further stated to Ms. Fegley that her Facebook post was degrading to her (Mayor Sewell's) family as well as the City of Bremen because the post contains false information. Ms. Fegley apologized for the Facebook post and stated that she had been given false information prior to posting. Mayor Sewell asked Ms. Fegley to remove the Facebook post containing the false information and follow up with a post to include an apology as well as the correct information. Ms. Fegley stated that she would comply with the request.

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

MEETING ADJOURN

Council Member Harris made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.